**Table 3.** Management options (not an exhaustive list) estimated to achieve at least a 15.9% reduction in harvest for the Northern Region. Each option includes three components: size limit, vessel limit, and season. This table lists options that were closest (but not below) 15.9%. Each season option includes two possibilities: shortening the beginning of the season or shortening the end of the season. Note: The 2-fish vessel limit options assume the upper bound increase of RI-DE harvest due to increasing their vessel limit (2.5% increase to regional harvest).

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| **Size Limit for RI-VA (TL)** | **Vessel Limit for RI-VA** | **Season for MD-VA\*** | **Total Estimated Cumulative Reduction** |
| 40” minimum | 1-fish | June 8 – September 15, OR  June 15 – September 22 | -16.6% |
| 40” minimum | 2-fish | June 15 – August 25\*\*, OR  June 30 – September 15 | -16.7%  -24.4% |
| 41” minimum | 2-fish | June 15 – August 31, OR  June 27 – September 15 | -17.5%  -17.1% |
| 42” minimum | 2-fish | June 15 – August 31, OR  June 27 – September 15 | -20.4%  -20.1% |
| 43” minimum | 2-fish | June 15 – September 15 | -20.5% |
| 40” – 51” slot | 2-fish | June 15 – September 15 | -16.4% |
| 40” – 52” slot | 2-fish | June 15 – August 31, OR  June 20 – September 15 | -23.4%  -17.3% |
| 40” – 54” slot | 2-fish | June 15 – August 31 OR  June 27 – September 15 | -19.3%  -18.9% |
| 40” – 55” slot | 2-fish | June 15 – August 27, OR  June 30 – September 15\*\*\* | -18.3%  -27.4% |
| 41” – 52” slot | 2-fish | June 15 – September 15 | -19.1% |
| 42” – 54” slot | 2-fish | June 15 – September 15 | -17.8% |

\*Seasons implemented for RI, NY, NJ, DE would not be credited toward reduction due to lack of data for analysis.

\*\*All options in the table, including this end date of August 25 were calculated assuming the upper bound of RI-DE increasing their vessel limit (2.5%). If the average 1.3% increase for RI-DE increasing their vessel limit was applied, this season end date could be August 27 with a cumulative estimated reduction of 16.0%.

\*\*\*All options in the table, including this start date of June 30 were calculated assuming the upper bound of RI-DE increasing their vessel limit (2.5%). If the average 1.3% increase for RI-DE increasing their vessel limit was applied, the season start date would be one day earlier on June 29 with a cumulative estimated reduction of 16.1%.