A photograph of a fishing boat on the water. The boat is white with blue stripes and has a large net being hoisted by a crane. The net is dark and has a grid pattern. The boat is on the water, and the sky is overcast.

# **NOAA FISHERIES**

## **2003 Constituent Sessions**

### **South Atlantic**

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# **The State of US Marine Fisheries**

**I am pleased to tell you**

**is**

**IMPROVING**

# Let me tell you why:

- In the last five years, we have reduced the number of stocks from both the overfished and overfishing categories:

*Overfished - 20 removed 7 added = + 13*

*Overfishing - 26 removed 12 added = + 14*

- 70 rebuilding plans have been adopted

# **My presentation will focus on:**

- **Value of US Marine Fisheries:**
  - Recreational Statistics**
  - Commercial Statistics**
  - Import/Export Statistics**
- **How the Southeast Region is Doing**
- **Challenges and Goals**

# **US Marine Fisheries Are Big Business**

- Recreational Fishing**
- Commercial Fishing**

# U. S. Recreational Fishery Statistics

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- **Over 17 million participants**
- **Over 65 million fishing trips per year**
- **Over 135 thousand metric tons landed per year**
- **Economic impact of more than \$30 billion**
- **More than 349,000 jobs supported**



# Commercial Fisheries

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**U.S. Domestic PLUS U.S. Flag Vessel landing imports outside of U.S. Internal Water Processing, Joint Ventures and Canadian Boat Transfers**

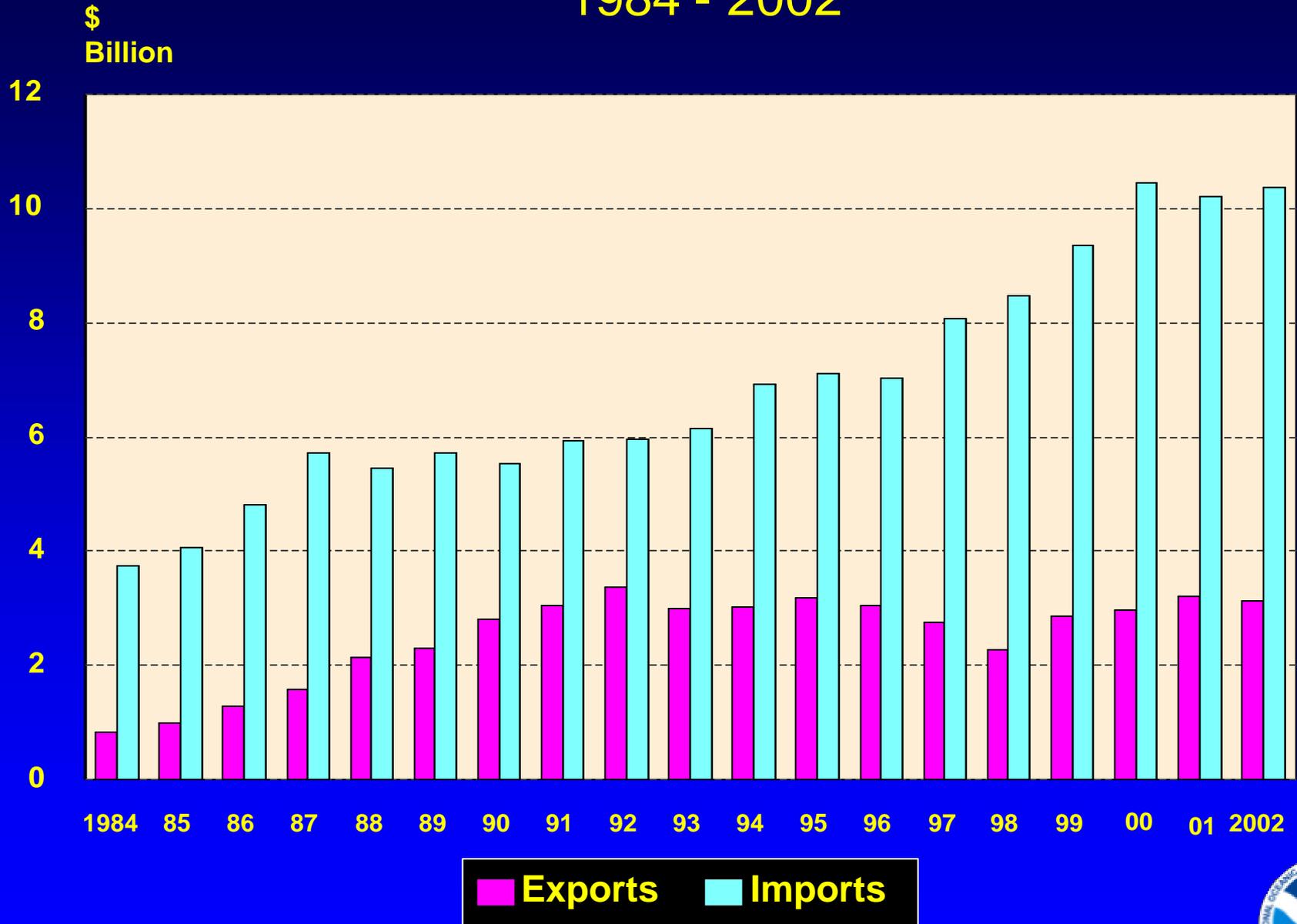
<u>Year</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
<b>2002</b>	<b>9.8 billion</b>	<b>3.2 billion</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>9.8 billion</b>	<b>3.3 billion</b>

✓ **World's 4th largest fishing nation**

- **Imports valued at \$19.7 billion (2002)**
- **Exports valued at \$11.7 billion (2002)**
- **Fish consumption 14.8 lb per person (2001)**

# U.S. SEAFOOD EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

1984 - 2002



**How is your region doing?**  
**Southeast Region**  
**Statistics and Issues**

# 2002 Commercial Landings

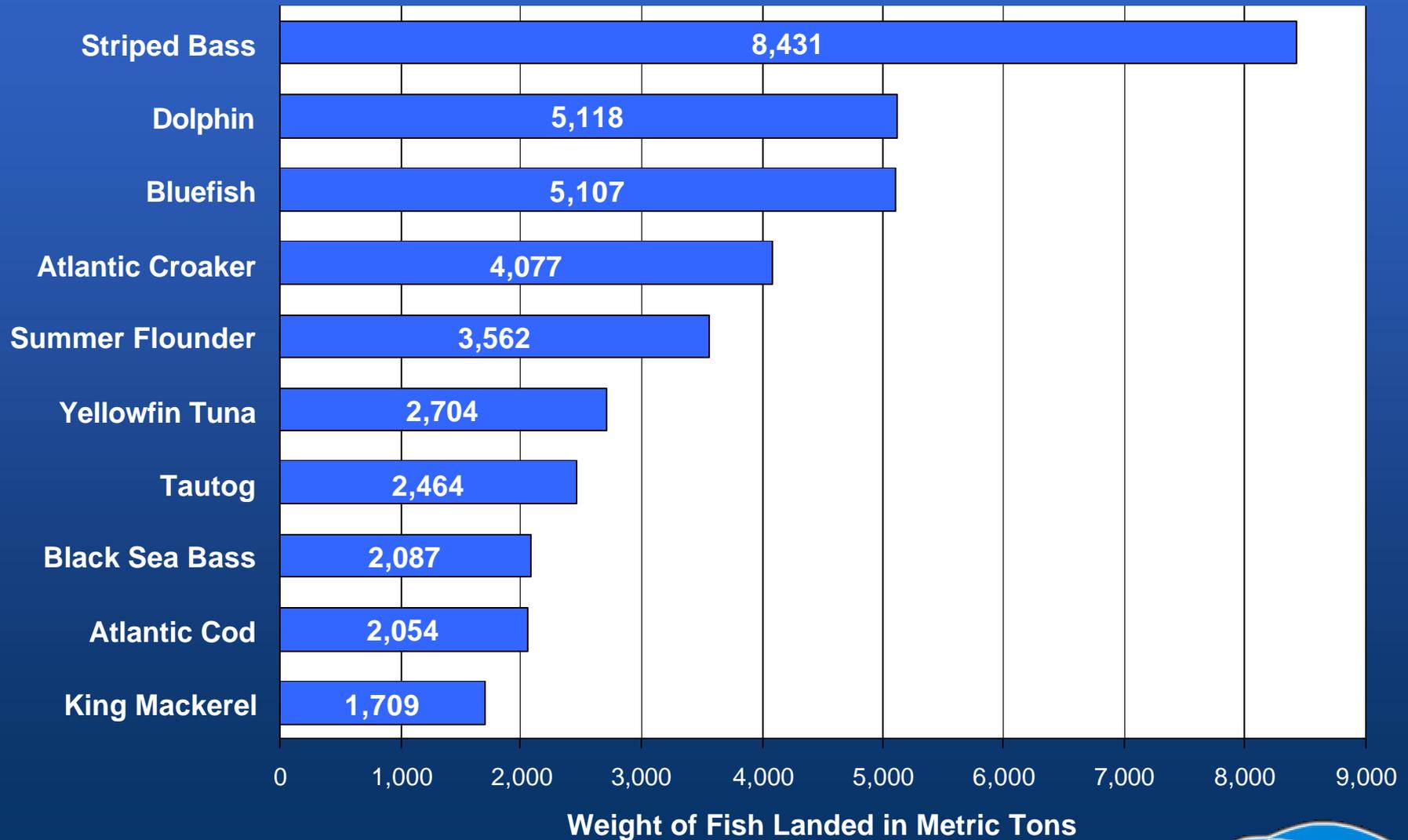
## Top Five Species for South Atlantic

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<u>Species</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Value</u>
Menhaden	69,316,691	Shrimp	56,403,621
Crabs	46,939,608	Crabs	44,656,126
Shrimp	26,418,320	Flounders	12,352,943
Croaker	10,047,499	Hard Clams	6,099,873
Flounders	7,647,486	King Mackerel	3,865,171

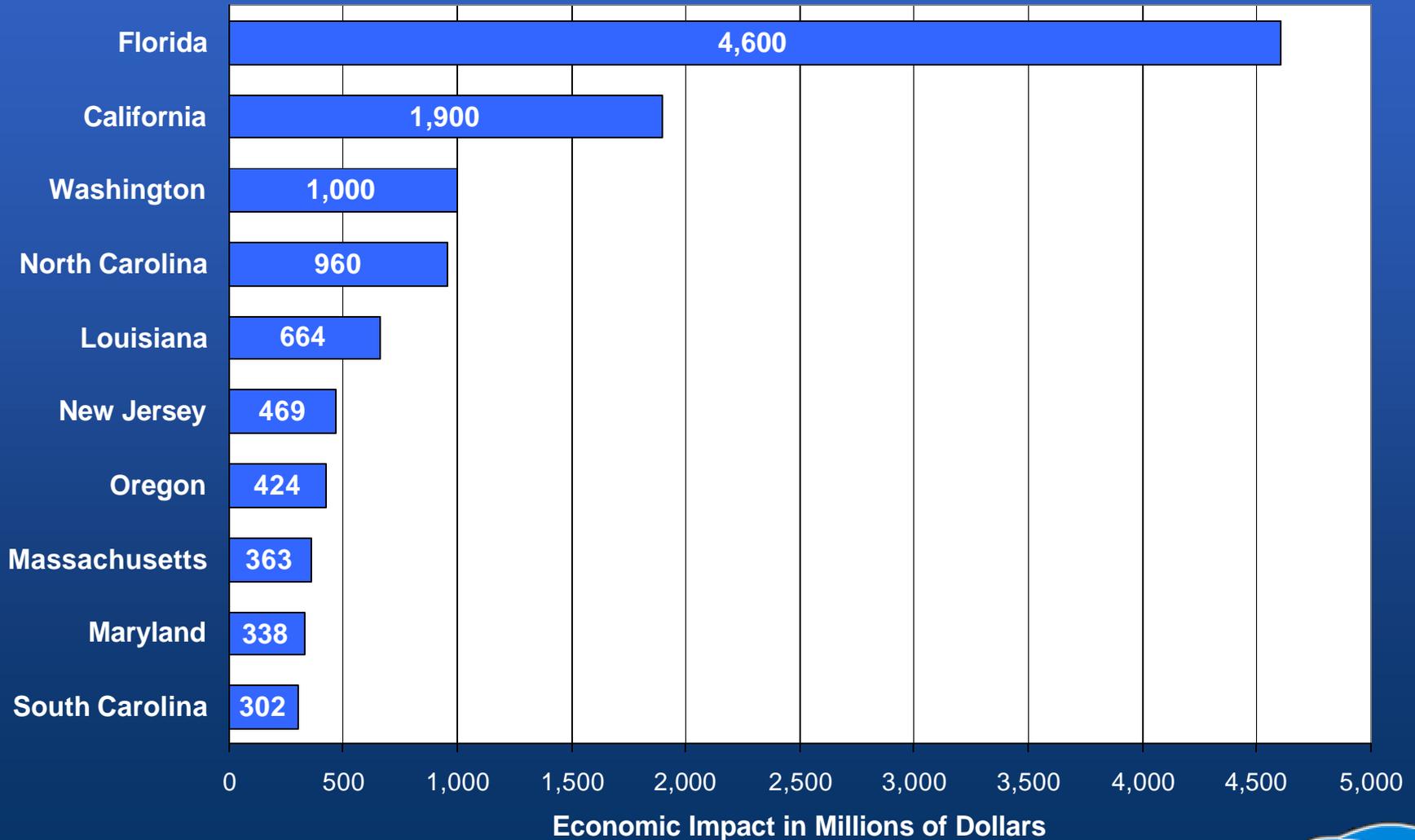


# U.S. Marine Recreational Fishery Landings Top Ten Species on Atlantic Coast



# U.S. Marine Recreational Fishery Economic Impacts Top Ten States

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# South Atlantic Coast Highlights

- **Stocks: 24 overfished, 14 not overfished, 232 unknown; 17 overfishing, 50 no overfishing, 20 no definition**
- **15 species listed under ESA**
- **Major Fisheries: Shrimp, Snapper-Grouper, Reef Fish, Coastal Migratory Pelagics**
- **85,000 commercial fishermen on 46,000 vessels**
- **commercial landings: 2 billion pounds, worth \$1.1 billion**
- **5.8 million recreational anglers on 50 million trips; caught 250 million fish**
- **2 EFH EIS under development**

# **Challenges Facing NOAA Fisheries And Its Constituents**

- **Reauthorization of Magnuson-Stevens Act and MMPA**
- **Refining Essential Fish Habitat**

# Challenges Continued

- **Regulatory Streamlining Process**
- **The Impact of MPAs on Fishing Activities**
- **Sanctuaries – What is the role of the Fishery Councils?**

# My Top Ten Goals

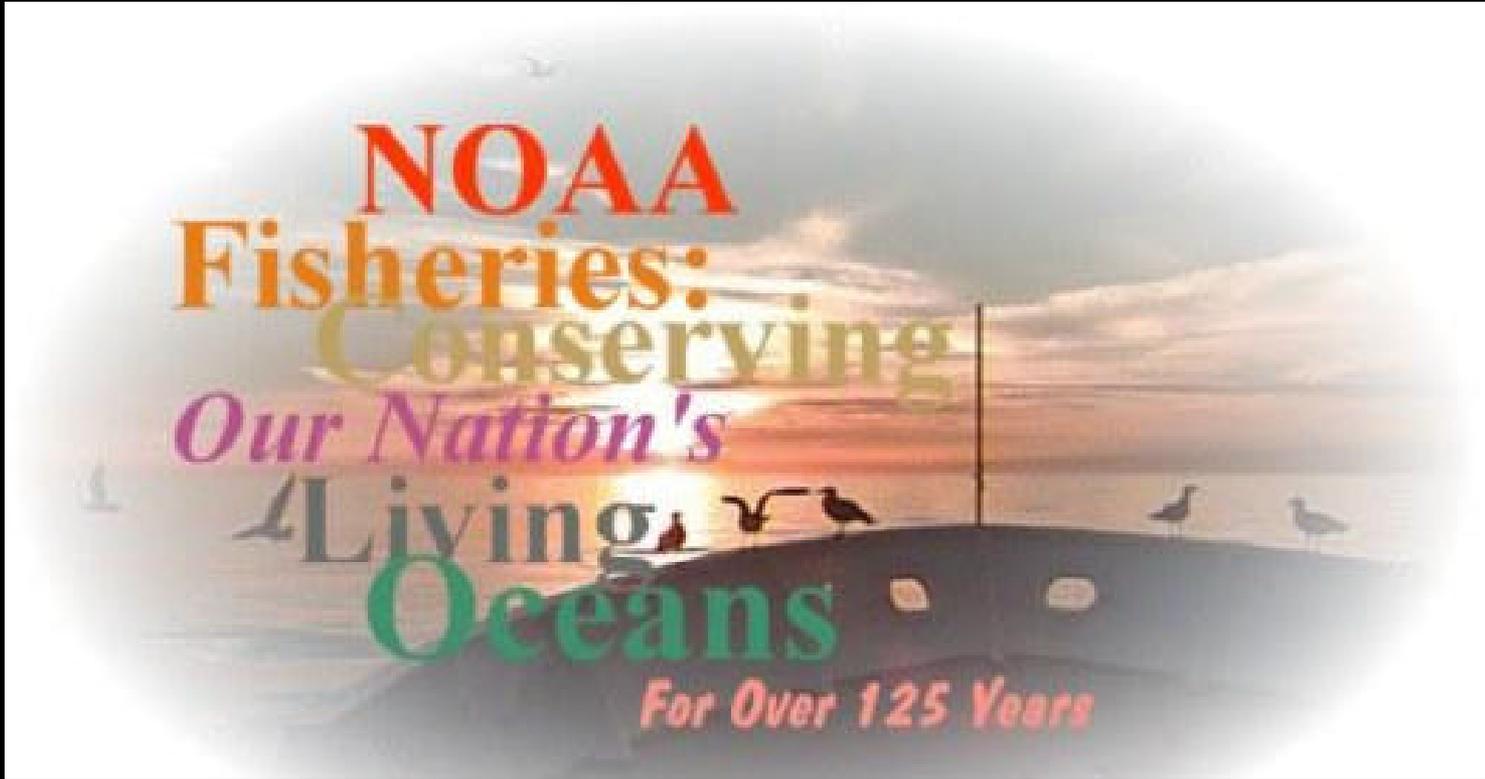
1. Review National Standard 1 Guidelines
2. Explore Ecosystem-based management
3. Stabilize fisheries for maximum economic benefit and improve rebuilding plans
4. Increase communication and cooperative research with industry
5. Promote U.S. seafood



# My Top Ten Goals- cont.

6. Incorporate ocean observing system
7. Minimize bycatch and develop new gear technology
8. Develop pilot projects in aquaculture
9. Improve timeliness and responsiveness in management
10. Export gear technology internationally to help recover endangered species





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