

Summary of Stock Status Determination Changes – Update through March 31, 2006

Overview of overfishing status of FSSI stocks through March 31, 2006

- 175 stocks or stock complexes are known with respect to their overfishing status. Of these:
 - 129 stocks or stock complexes are not subject to overfishing.
 - 46 stocks or stock complexes have a fishing mortality rate that exceeds the overfishing threshold (i.e., is subject to overfishing).
- 55 stocks or stock complexes have overfishing thresholds not defined or applicable, or are unknown with respect to their overfishing status.

Changes in overfishing status and/or score of FSSI stocks

- In the Northeast Region –
 - *Silver Hake – Southern Georges Bank / Middle Atlantic* is not subject to overfishing (was previously unknown) – score increased from 1.5 to 3.
- In the Southeast Region –
 - *South Atlantic Goliath Grouper* is unknown with respect to overfishing (was previously listed as overfishing not occurring, but 2004 stock assessment determined that status was unknown) – score decreased from 2 to 0.5.
 - *Gulf of Mexico Goliath Grouper* is unknown with respect to overfishing (was previously listed as overfishing not occurring, but 2004 stock assessment determined that status was unknown) – score decreased from 2 to 0.5.
 - *Caribbean Snapper Unit 1* is undergoing overfishing (was previously unknown and listed as a single stock, *Silk Snapper*) – overfishing score increased from 0 to 0.5 (overfished score also changed).
 - *Caribbean Grouper Unit 1* is undergoing overfishing (was previously not undergoing overfishing and listed as a single stock, *Nassau grouper*) – score decreased from 2 to 1.
 - *Caribbean Grouper Unit 4* is undergoing overfishing (was previously unknown and listed as a single stock, *Yellowfin Grouper*) – overfishing score increased from 0 to 0.5 (overfished score also changed).
- There are no changes to the other regions.

Overview of overfished status of FSSI stocks through March 31, 2006

- 176 stocks or stock complexes are known with respect to their overfished status. Of these:
 - 123 stocks or stock complexes are not overfished.
 - 53 stocks or stock complexes are overfished.
- 54 stocks or stock complexes have overfished thresholds not defined or applicable, or are unknown with respect to their overfished status.

Changes in overfished status and/or score of FSSI stocks

- In the Northeast Region –
 - *Monkfish – North* is now overfished – score decreased from 2 to 1.
 - *Monkfish – South* is now overfished – score decreased from 2 to 1.
- In the Southeast Region –
 - *Caribbean Snapper Unit 1* is not overfished (was previously unknown and listed as a single stock, silk snapper) – overfished score increased from 0 to 1.5 (overfishing score also changed).
 - *Caribbean Grouper Unit 4* is overfished (was previously unknown and listed as a single stock, *Yellowfin Grouper*) – overfished score increased from 0 to 0.5 (overfishing score also changed).
- In the Highly Migratory Species Division –
 - The biomass of *Yellowfin Tuna – Atlantic* is now below 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score decreased from 4 to 3.
- In the Alaska Region –
 - *Snow Crab – Bering Sea* is no longer overfished, but is still rebuilding (biomass is below 100% of maximum sustainable yield) – score increased from 2 to 3.
 - *Tanner Crab – Eastern Bering Sea* is no longer overfished, but is still rebuilding (biomass is below 100% of maximum sustainable yield) – score increased from 2 to 3.
- There are no changes to the other regions.

Overview of overfishing status of non-FSSI stocks through March 31, 2006

- 63 stocks or stock complexes are known with respect to their overfishing status. Of these:
 - 61 stocks or stock complexes are not subject to overfishing.
 - 2 stocks have a fishing mortality rate that exceeds the overfishing threshold (i.e., is subject to overfishing).
- 237 stocks or stock complexes have overfishing thresholds not defined or applicable, or are unknown with respect to their overfishing status.

Changes in overfishing status of non-FSSI stocks

- In the Southeast Region –
 - The *Parrotfishes* group is subject to overfishing (was previously unknown and listed as blue, midnight, princess, queen, rainbow, striped, redband, redtail, redfin, and stoplight parrotfishes).
- There are no changes to the other regions.

Overview of overfished status of non-FSSI stocks through March 31, 2006

- 30 stocks or stock complexes are known with respect to their overfished status. Of these:
 - 27 stocks or stock complexes are not overfished.
 - 3 stocks are overfished.
- 270 stocks or stock complexes have overfishing thresholds not defined or applicable, or are unknown with respect to their overfished status.

Changes in overfished status of non-FSSI stocks

- In the Southeast Region –
 - The *Parrotfishes* group is not overfished, but approaching an overfished condition (was previously unknown and listed as blue, midnight, princess, queen, rainbow, striped, redband, redtail, redfin, and stoplight parrotfishes).
- There are no changes to the other regions.