



NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

2015 Quarter 3 Update through September 30, 2015

2015 Quarter 3 Score = 761.5 (July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015)

Overview

The Fish Stock Sustainability Index (FSSI) is a performance measure for the sustainability of 199 U.S. fish stocks¹ selected for their importance to commercial and recreational fisheries. The FSSI will increase as stock status becomes known, overfishing is ended, and stocks increase to the level that provides maximum sustainable yield.

Overview of FSSI stocks through September 30, 2015

| Overfishing Status | Number of Stocks | Overfished Status | Number of Stocks |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| Known Status | 179 | Known Status | 170 |
| Not Subject to Overfishing | 162 | Not Overfished (includes 2 stock approaching an overfished condition) | 143 |
| Subject to Overfishing | 17 | Overfished | 27 |
| Unknown Status | 20 | Unknown Status | 29 |

Summary of Changes for FSSI stocks from July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015

| Stock | Jurisdiction | Previous Status | Current Status |
|---|--------------|--|--|
| Summer flounder | MAFMC | Not subject to overfishing B/B _{MSY} > 80% | Subject to overfishing B/B _{MSY} < 80% |
| Red hake - Gulf of Maine / Northern Georges Bank | NEFMC | Subject to overfishing | Not subject to overfishing |
| Thorny skate - Gulf of Maine | NEFMC | Subject to overfishing | Not subject to overfishing |
| Winter skate - Georges Bank / Southern New England | NEFMC | Subject to overfishing | Not subject to overfishing |
| Canary rockfish - Pacific Coast | PFMC | Overfished | Not overfished Rebuilt |
| Petrale sole - Pacific Coast | PFMC | Not overfished – rebuilding | Rebuilt |
| Red hake - Southern Georges Bank / Mid-Atlantic | NEFMC | B/B _{MSY} > 80% | B/B _{MSY} < 80% |

¹ The majority of species are assessed as a single stock; however, there are a few that are assessed as a stock complex, which contain a group of species with similar geographic distribution, co-occurrence in fisheries, and life history.

Overview of non-FSSI stocks through September 30, 2015

| Overfishing Status | Number of Stocks | Overfished Status | Number of Stocks |
|----------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| Known Status | 133 | Known Status | 63 |
| Not Subject to Overfishing | 122 | Not Overfished (includes 1 stock approaching an overfished condition) | 54 |
| Subject to Overfishing | 11 | Overfished | 9 |
| Unknown Status | 141 | Unknown Status | 211 |

Summary of Changes for non-FSSI stocks from July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015

There are no changes this quarter

FSSI stock status updates are posted quarterly at:
http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/fisheries_eco/status_of_fisheries/