



# NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

## 2017 Quarter 4 Update through December 31, 2017

2017 Quarter 3 Score = 760 (October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

### Overview

The Fish Stock Sustainability Index (FSSI) is a performance measure for the sustainability of 199 U.S. fish stocks<sup>1</sup> 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 December 31, 2017

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
<b>Known Status</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>Known Status</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>Not Subject to Overfishing</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>Not Overfished (includes 2 stocks approaching an overfished condition)</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>Subject to Overfishing</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Overfished</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Unknown Status</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Unknown Status</b>	<b>28</b>

### Summary of Changes for FSSI stocks from October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Shortfin mako - North Atlantic	HMS	Not subject to overfishing Not overfished	Subject to overfishing Overfished
Red hake - Southern Georges Bank / Mid-Atlantic	NEFMC	Not subject to overfishing Not overfished	Subject to overfishing Overfished
Winter flounder – Georges Bank	NEFMC	Subject to overfishing Overfished	Not subject to overfishing Not overfished
Gray triggerfish – Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	Not subject to overfishing Overfished	Subject to overfishing Not overfished-rebuilding
Red snapper – Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	Overfished	Not overfished-rebuilding
Golden king crab – Aleutian Islands	NPFMC	Overfished – unknown	Not overfished B/B <sub>MSY</sub> >80%
Pacific ocean perch - Pacific Coast	PFMC	Overfished	Rebuilt

<sup>1</sup> 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 December 31, 2017

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
<b>Known Status</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>Known Status</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Not Subject to Overfishing</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>Not Overfished (includes 2 stocks approaching an overfished condition)</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Subject to Overfishing</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Overfished</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Unknown Status</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>Unknown Status</b>	<b>211</b>

Summary of Changes for non-FSSI stocks from October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Bluefin tuna – Western Atlantic	HMS	Overfished	Overfished - unknown

FSSI stock status updates are posted quarterly at:  
[http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/fisheries\\_eco/status\\_of\\_fisheries/](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/fisheries_eco/status_of_fisheries/)