



NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

2017 Quarter 3 Update through September 30, 2017

2017 Quarter 3 Score = 756.5 (July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017)

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, 2017

| Overfishing Status | Number of Stocks | Overfished Status | Number of Stocks |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| Known Status | 179 | Known Status | 170 |
| Not Subject to Overfishing | 159 | Not Overfished (includes 3 stocks approaching an overfished condition) | 141 |
| Subject to Overfishing | 20 | Overfished | 29 |
| Unknown Status | 20 | Unknown Status | 29 |

Summary of Changes for FSSI stocks from July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017

| Stock | Jurisdiction | Previous Status | Current Status |
|--|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Yelloweye rockfish – Pacific coast | PFMC | Overfished | Not overfished-rebuilding |
| Blackgill rockfish – Southern California | PFMC | B/B _{MSY} <80% | B/B _{MSY} >80% |
| Spiny dogfish – Pacific coast | PFMC | Overfishing – unknown | Not subject to overfishing |
| Blue king crab – Pribilof Islands | PFMC | Subject to overfishing | Not subject to overfishing |
| Snow crab – Bering Sea | NPFMC | B/B _{MSY} >80% | B/B _{MSY} <80% |
| Chinook salmon - Northern California Coast: Klamath River Fall | PFMC | Not approaching an overfished condition | Approaching an overfished condition |

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, 2017

| Overfishing Status | Number of Stocks | Overfished Status | Number of Stocks |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| Known Status | 138 | Known Status | 65 |
| Not Subject to Overfishing | 130 | Not Overfished (includes 2 stocks approaching an overfished condition) | 56 |
| Subject to Overfishing | 8 | Overfished | 9 |
| Unknown Status | 137 | Unknown Status | 210 |

Summary of Changes for non-FSSI stocks from July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017

- St. Croix Wrasses complex – not subject to overfishing (previously unknown)
- Puerto Rico Wrasses Complex – no longer subject to overfishing
- Coho salmon - Puget Sound: Stillaguamish – now subject to overfishing
- Coho salmon - Washington Coast: Queets and Coho salmon - Puget Sound: Skagit – now approaching an overfished condition
- Coho salmon - Puget Sound: Hood Canal – no longer subject to overfishing
- Coho salmon - Washington Coast: Quillayute Fall and Coho salmon - Puget Sound: Snohomish – no longer approaching an overfished condition

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