



NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

2017 Quarter 1 Update through March 31, 2017

2017 Quarter 1 Score = 754 (January 1, 2017 to March 31, 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 March 31, 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 2 stock approaching an overfished condition)	141
Subject to Overfishing	20	Overfished	29
Unknown Status	20	Unknown Status	29

Summary of Changes for FSSI stocks from January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017

- There are no changes to FSSI stocks this quarter

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 March 31, 2017

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	137	Known Status	65
Not Subject to Overfishing	128	Not Overfished (includes 2 stocks approaching an overfished condition)	56
Subject to Overfishing	9	Overfished	9
Unknown Status	138	Unknown Status	210

Summary of Changes for non-FSSI stocks from January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Sailfish - Western Atlantic	HMS	Subject to overfishing	Not subject to overfishing

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