



NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

2016 Quarter 4 Update through December 31, 2016

2016 Quarter 4 Score = 754 (October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016)

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 December 31, 2016

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 October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Tilefish - Southern Atlantic Coast	SAFMC	Not subject to overfishing	Subject to overfishing
Greenland halibut - Bering Sea / Aleutian Islands	NPFMC	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 December 31, 2016

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	137	Known Status	65
Not Subject to Overfishing	127	Not Overfished (includes 2 stocks approaching an overfished condition)	56
Subject to Overfishing	10	Overfished	9
Unknown Status	138	Unknown Status	210

Summary of Changes for non-FSSI stocks from October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Albacore – North Atlantic	HMS	Not overfished – rebuilding	Rebuilt
Bigeye tuna – Pacific	PFMC/WPFMC	Subject to overfishing	N/A
Split into 2 stocks:			
• Bigeye tuna – Western and Central Pacific	WPFMC	N/A	Subject to overfishing
• Bigeye tuna – Eastern Pacific	PFMC	N/A	Not subject to overfishing

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