



NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

2016 Quarter 1 Update through March 31, 2016

2016 Quarter 1 Score = 758 (January 1, 2016 to March 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 March 31, 2016

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	179	Known Status	170
Not Subject to Overfishing	163	Not Overfished (includes 2 stock approaching an overfished condition)	141
Subject to Overfishing	16	Overfished	29
Unknown Status	20	Unknown Status	29

Summary of Changes for FSSI stocks from January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016

- **There are no changes to FSSI stocks**

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, 2016

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	135	Known Status	63
Not Subject to Overfishing	123	Not Overfished (includes 1 stock approaching an overfished condition)	54
Subject to Overfishing	12	Overfished	9
Unknown Status	139	Unknown Status	211

Summary of Changes for non-FSSI stocks from January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016

- **Pacific cod - Aleutian Islands is not subject to overfishing (was previously unknown)**

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