



NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

2015 Quarter 4 Update through December 31, 2015

2015 Quarter 4 Score = 758 (October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015)

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, 2015

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 October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Windowpane - Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank	NEFMC	Subject to overfishing	Not subject to overfishing
Yellowtail Flounder - Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic	NEFMC	Not subject to overfishing Not overfished	Subject to overfishing Overfished
Winter Flounder - Georges Bank	NEFMC	Not subject to overfishing Not overfished - rebuilding	Subject to overfishing Overfished
Greater amberjack - Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	Subject to overfishing	Not subject to overfishing
Gray triggerfish - Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	Subject to overfishing	Not subject to overfishing
Bluefish - Atlantic Coast	MAFMC	B/B _{MSY} > 80%	B/B _{MSY} < 80%
Pacific sardine - Pacific Coast	PFMC	B/B _{MSY} > 80%	B/B _{MSY} < 80%
Pink shrimp - Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	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, 2015

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	134	Known Status	63
Not Subject to Overfishing	122	Not Overfished (includes 1 stock approaching an overfished condition)	54
Subject to Overfishing	12	Overfished	9
Unknown Status	140	Unknown Status	211

Summary of Changes for non-FSSI stocks from October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

- **Chinook salmon - Oregon Coast: Central and Northern Oregon is not subject to overfishing (was previously unknown)**
- **Bigeye Tuna – Atlantic is now subject to overfishing**

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