



NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

2015 Quarter 3 Update through September 30, 2015

2015 Quarter 3 Score = 761.5 (July 1, 2015 to September 30, 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 September 30, 2015

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	179	Known Status	170
Not Subject to Overfishing	162	Not Overfished (includes 2 stock approaching an overfished condition)	143
Subject to Overfishing	17	Overfished	27
Unknown Status	20	Unknown Status	29

Summary of Changes for FSSI stocks from July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Summer flounder	MAFMC	Not subject to overfishing B/B _{MSY} > 80%	Subject to overfishing B/B _{MSY} < 80%
Red hake - Gulf of Maine / Northern Georges Bank	NEFMC	Subject to overfishing	Not subject to overfishing
Thorny skate - Gulf of Maine	NEFMC	Subject to overfishing	Not subject to overfishing
Winter skate - Georges Bank / Southern New England	NEFMC	Subject to overfishing	Not subject to overfishing
Canary rockfish - Pacific Coast	PFMC	Overfished	Not overfished Rebuilt
Petrale sole - Pacific Coast	PFMC	Not overfished – rebuilding	Rebuilt
Red hake - Southern Georges Bank / Mid-Atlantic	NEFMC	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 September 30, 2015

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	133	Known Status	63
Not Subject to Overfishing	122	Not Overfished (includes 1 stock approaching an overfished condition)	54
Subject to Overfishing	11	Overfished	9
Unknown Status	141	Unknown Status	211

Summary of Changes for non-FSSI stocks from July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015

There are no changes this quarter

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