



# NOAA FISHERIES

## Sustainable Fisheries

### 2015 Quarter 1 Update through March 31, 2015

**2015 Quarter 1 Score = 756.5** (January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015)

#### Overview

The Fish Stock Sustainability Index (FSSI) is a performance measure for the sustainability of 199 U.S. fish stocks<sup>1</sup> 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, 2015

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
<b>Known Status</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>Known Status</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Not Subject to Overfishing</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>Not Overfished (includes 1 stock approaching an overfished condition)</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Subject to Overfishing</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Overfished</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Unknown Status</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Unknown Status</b>	<b>29</b>

#### Summary of Changes for FSSI stocks from January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Blueline tilefish - South Atlantic	SEFMC	Overfished	Not overfished
Hogfish - Southeast Florida	SEFMC	Overfishing – unknown Overfished - unknown	Subject to overfishing Overfished
Hogfish - Eastern Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	Subject to overfishing Overfished – unknown	Not subject to overfishing Not overfished B/B <sub>MSY</sub> > 80%
Red hake - Gulf of Maine / Northern Georges Bank	NEFMC	Not subject to overfishing	Subject to overfishing
Blue king crab - Saint Matthew Island		B/B <sub>MSY</sub> < 80% of target biomass	B/B <sub>MSY</sub> > 80% of target biomass
Red king crab - Pribilof Islands		B/B <sub>MSY</sub> < 80% of target biomass	B/B <sub>MSY</sub> > 80% of target biomass

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2015

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
<b>Known Status</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>Known Status</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Not Subject to Overfishing</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>Not Overfished (includes 1 stock approaching an overfished condition)</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Subject to Overfishing</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Overfished</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Unknown Status</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>Unknown Status</b>	<b>211</b>

### Summary of Changes for non-FSSI stocks from January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Puerto Rico Scups and Porgies Complex	CFMC	Subject to overfishing	Not subject to overfishing
Puerto Rico Wrasses Complex	CFMC	Subject to overfishing	Not subject to overfishing

### Southeast Region

- After assessing hogfish, it was determined that there is a third stock – hogfish – Carolinas. The overfishing and overfished status of this stock are unknown.

FSSI stock status updates are posted quarterly at:

[http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/fisheries\\_eco/status\\_of\\_fisheries/](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/fisheries_eco/status_of_fisheries/)