



NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

2018 Quarter 1 Update through March 31, 2018

2018 Quarter 1 Score = 760 (January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018)

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, 2018

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	179	Known Status	171
Not Subject to Overfishing	157	Not Overfished (includes 2 stocks approaching an overfished condition)	144
Subject to Overfishing	22	Overfished	27
Unknown Status	20	Unknown Status	28

Summary of Changes for FSSI stocks from January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018

- There are no changes to FSSI stocks this quarter

Overview of non-FSSI stocks through March 31, 2018

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	138	Known Status	64
Not Subject to Overfishing	130	Not Overfished (includes 2 stocks approaching an overfished condition)	56
Subject to Overfishing	8	Overfished	8
Unknown Status	137	Unknown Status	211

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.

Summary of Changes for non-FSSI stocks from January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018

- There are no changes to non-FSSI stocks this quarter

FSSI stock status updates are posted quarterly at:

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/fisheries_eco/status_of_fisheries/