



# NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

## 2020 Quarter 4 Update through December 31, 2020

**2020 Quarter 4 Score = 787** (October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020)

### Overview

The Fish Stock Sustainability Index (FSSI) is a performance measure for the sustainability of 175 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 December 31, 2020 (175 stocks)

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
<b>Known Status</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>Known Status</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Not Subject to Overfishing</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>Not Overfished</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Subject to Overfishing</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Overfished</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Unknown Status</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Unknown Status</b>	<b>19</b>

### Summary of Changes for FSSI stocks from October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Cobia - Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	Overfishing – No Overfished – No B/B <sub>MSY</sub> >80%	Overfishing – Yes Overfished – No B/B <sub>MSY</sub> <80%
Lane snapper - Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	Overfishing – No Overfished – Unknown	Overfishing – Yes Overfished – Unknown
Tilefish - South Atlantic	SAFMC	Overfishing – No Overfished – No	Overfishing – Yes Overfished – No
Gray triggerfish - Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	Overfishing – Yes Overfished – No-rebuilding	Overfishing – No Overfished – No-rebuilding
Greater amberjack - Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	Overfishing – Yes Overfished – Yes	Overfishing – No Overfished – Yes
Red grouper - South Atlantic	SAFMC	Overfishing – Yes Overfished – Yes	Overfishing – No Overfished – Yes

<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 December 31, 2020 (285 non-FSSI stocks)**

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
<b>Known Status</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>Known Status</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Not Subject to Overfishing</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>Not Overfished (includes 1 stock approaching an overfished condition)</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Subject to Overfishing</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Overfished</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Unknown Status</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>Unknown Status</b>	<b>190</b>

**Summary of Changes for Non-FSSI stocks from October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020**

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Snohomish coho salmon	PFMC	Overfishing – No Overfished – Yes	Overfishing – No Overfished – No-rebuilding
Gulf of Mexico Jacks Complex	GMFMC	Overfishing – No Overfished – Unknown	Overfishing – Yes Overfished – Unknown
Silky shark - Central and Western Pacific	WPFMC	Overfishing – Unknown Overfished – Unknown	Overfishing – Yes Overfished – No

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/)