



NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

2019 Quarter 1 Update through March 31, 2019

2019 Quarter 1 Score = 758.5 (January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019)

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, 2019

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	180	Known Status	172
Not Subject to Overfishing	163	Not Overfished (includes 3 stock approaching an overfished condition)	141
Subject to Overfishing	17	Overfished	31
Unknown Status	19	Unknown Status	27

Summary of Changes for FSSI stocks from January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Summer flounder – Mid-Atlantic coast	MAFMC	Overfishing: Yes	Overfishing: No

Overview of non-FSSI stocks through March 31, 2019

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	141	Known Status	72
Not Subject to Overfishing	131	Not Overfished	60
Subject to Overfishing	10	Overfished	12
Unknown Status	113	Unknown Status	182

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, 2019 through March 31, 2019

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
American Samoa Black Precious Coral Complex, American Samoa Coral Reef Ecosystem Multi-species Complex, American Samoa Exploratory Area Precious Coral Complex, Deepwater shrimps (<i>Heterocarpus</i> spp.) - American Samoa, Slipper lobsters (<i>Scyllaridae</i>) - American Samoa, Spanner crab - American Samoa, Spiny lobsters (<i>Panulirus</i> spp.) - American Samoa, Bigeye scad - Hawaiian Archipelago, Hawaiian Archipelago Coral Reef Ecosystem Multi-species Complex, Mackerel scad - Hawaiian Archipelago, Slipper lobsters (<i>Scyllaridae</i>) - Main Hawaiian Islands, Spiny lobsters (<i>Panulirus</i> spp.) - Main Hawaiian Islands, Deepwater shrimps (<i>Heterocarpus</i> spp.) – Guam, Deepwater shrimps (<i>Heterocarpus</i> spp.) - Northern Mariana Islands, Guam Black Precious Coral Complex, Guam Coral Reef Ecosystem Multi-species Complex, Guam Exploratory Area Precious Coral Complex, Northern Mariana Islands Black Precious Coral Complex, Northern Mariana Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Multi-species Complex, Northern Mariana Islands Exploratory Area Precious Coral Complex, Pronghorn spiny lobster – Guam, Pronghorn spiny lobster - Northern Mariana Islands, Slipper lobsters (<i>Scyllaridae</i>) – Guam, Slipper lobsters (<i>Scyllaridae</i>) - Northern Mariana Islands, Spanner crab – Guam, and Spanner crab - Northern Mariana Islands	WPFMC	Overfishing: Unknown Overfished: Unknown	These stocks and stock complexes are no longer managed under their Fishery Ecosystem Plans, but are retained as ecosystem component species only.

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