



NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

2018 Quarter 3 Update through September 30, 2018

2018 Quarter 3 Score = 757.5 (July 1, 2018 to September 30, 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 September 30, 2018

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	180	Known Status	172
Not Subject to Overfishing	158	Not Overfished (includes 1 stock approaching an overfished condition)	142
Subject to Overfishing	22	Overfished	30
Unknown Status	19	Unknown Status	27

Summary of Changes for FSSI stocks from July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
California Blue and Deacon Rockfish Complex	PFMC	B/B _{MSY} <80%	B/B _{MSY} >80%
Black sea bass – South Atlantic	SAFMC	B/B _{MSY} >80%	B/B _{MSY} <80%
Blueline tilefish – South Atlantic	SAFMC	Subject to overfishing	Not subject to overfishing
Smooth skate - Gulf of Maine	NEFMC	Not overfished – rebuilding	Rebuilt

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, 2018

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	139	Known Status	71
Not Subject to Overfishing	131	Not Overfished	60
Subject to Overfishing	8	Overfished	11
Unknown Status	141	Unknown Status	209

Summary of Changes for non-FSSI stocks from July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Blueline tilefish – Mid-Atlantic	MAFMC	N/A (new stock)	Overfishing: Unknown Overfished: Unknown
Gray snapper – Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	Overfishing: No Overfished: Unknown	Overfishing: Yes Overfished: Unknown
Bering Sea / Aleutian Islands Squid Complex	NPFMC	Overfishing: No Overfished: Unknown	Ecosystem Component Species
Gulf of Alaska Squid Complex	NPFMC	Overfishing: No Overfished: Unknown	Ecosystem Component Species

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