



NOAA FISHERIES

Sustainable Fisheries

2019 Quarter 3 Update through September 30, 2019

2019 Quarter 3 Score = 758.5 (July 1, 2019 to September 30, 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 September 30, 2019

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	180	Known Status	172
Not Subject to Overfishing	164	Not Overfished (includes 3 stock approaching an overfished condition)	139
Subject to Overfishing	16	Overfished	33
Unknown Status	19	Unknown Status	27

Summary of Changes for FSSI stocks from July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Bluefish - Atlantic Coast	MAFMC	Not overfished	Overfished
Little skate - Georges Bank / Southern New England	NEFMC	B/B _{MSY} <80%	B/B _{MSY} >80%
Cowcod - Southern California	PFMC	Not overfished-rebuilding	Rebuilt
Blueline tilefish - Southern Atlantic Coast	SAFMC	Subject to overfishing	Not subject to overfishing

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, 2019

Overfishing Status	Number of Stocks	Overfished Status	Number of Stocks
Known Status	142	Known Status	73
Not Subject to Overfishing	132	Not Overfished	61
Subject to Overfishing	10	Overfished	12
Unknown Status	113	Unknown Status	182

Summary of Changes for Non-FSSI stocks from July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019

Stock	Jurisdiction	Previous Status	Current Status
Cabazon – Oregon	PFMC	Not subject to overfishing	Subject to overfishing
Big skate – Pacific coast	PFMC	Previously contained in the Other Fish Complex	Not subject to overfishing Not overfished
Chinook salmon - Columbia River Basin: Upper River Summer	PFMC	Subject to overfishing	Not subject to overfishing

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