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Annual Report to Congress 2018 Status of U.S. Fisheries

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Sustainable U.S. Fisheries = A Strong Economy

- Sustainable management of U.S. fisheries is critically important to the economy
- U.S. commercial & recreational saltwater fishing generated:
 - \$212 billion in sales
 - 1.7 million jobs

Status of U.S. Fisheries – 2018 Overview

479 managed stocks or stock complexes

Overfishing

- Harvest rate directly resulting from fishing activities

Overfished

- Population size too low
- Could result from overfishing or other factors (habitat degradation, pollution, climate change)

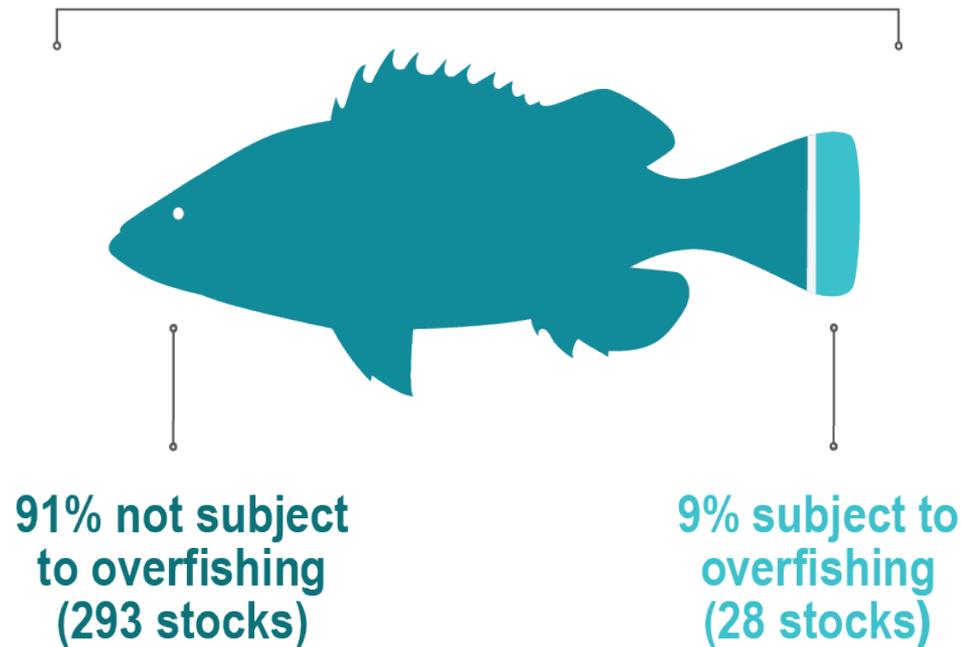
Rebuilt

- A previously overfished stock has increased in abundance to the target population size

Overfishing Status at a Glance

321 stocks with known status

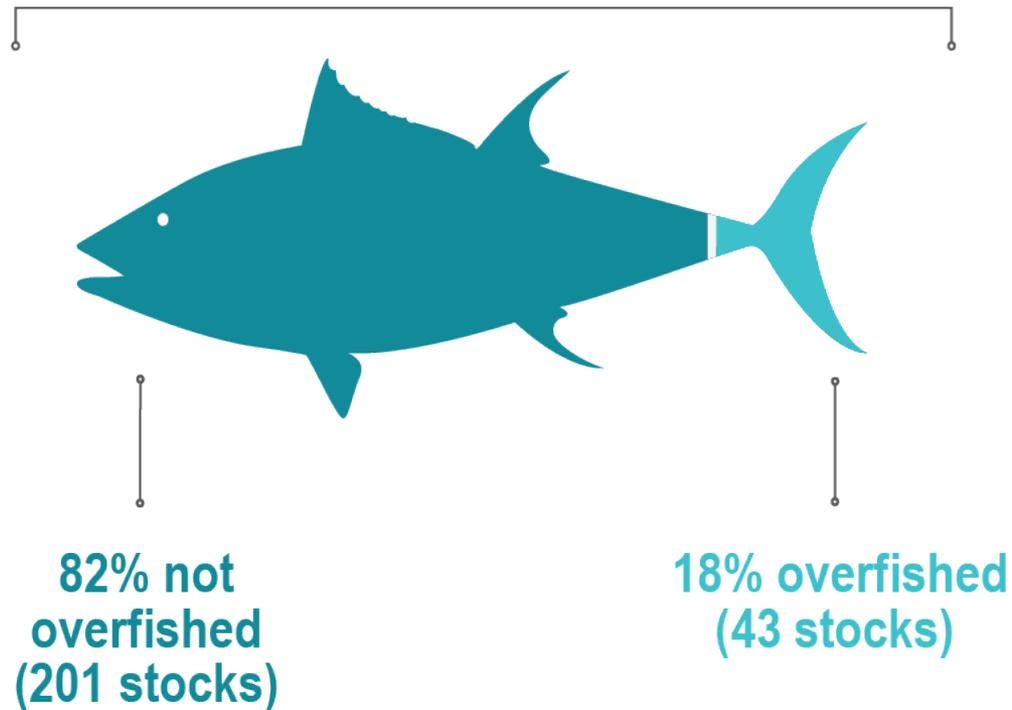
Overfishing



Overfished Status at a Glance

244 stocks with known status

Overfished



Overfishing and Overfished Stocks as of December 31, 2018

■ 43 On Overfished List • 28 On Overfishing List

North Pacific

- Blue king crab – Pribilof Islands
- Blue king crab – St. Matthew Island

Pacific

- Chinook Salmon – Upper Columbia River Summer¹
- Chinook salmon – Sacramento River fall
- Chinook salmon – Klamath River fall
- Coho salmon – Queets¹
- Coho salmon – Juan de Fuca¹
- Coho salmon – Snohomish¹

Pacific and Western Pacific

- Pacific bluefin tuna – Pacific¹
- Swordfish – Eastern Pacific²
- Yellowfin tuna – Eastern Pacific¹

Western Pacific

- Striped marlin – Western/Central Pacific¹
- Seamount Groundfish Complex – Hancock Seamount¹

Gulf of Mexico

- Greater amberjack
- Gray snapper
- Lane snapper

Caribbean

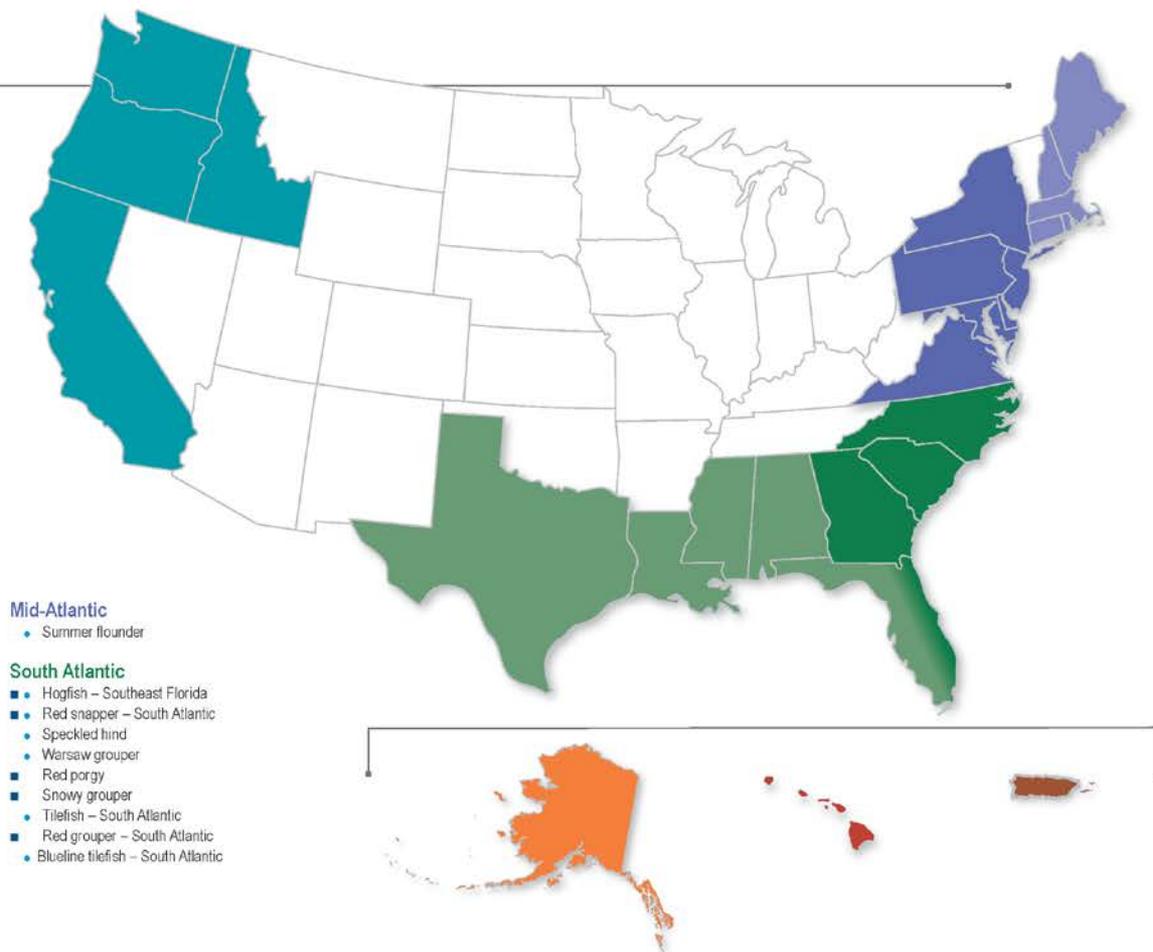
- Goliath grouper
- Nassau grouper
- Queen conch

New England

- Atlantic cod – Georges Bank
- Atlantic cod – Gulf of Maine
- Windowpane – Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank
- Witch flounder
- Yellowtail flounder – Cape Cod/Gulf of Maine
- Yellowtail flounder – Georges Bank
- Yellowtail flounder – Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic
- Thorny skate – Gulf of Maine
- Atlantic halibut
- Atlantic salmon
- Atlantic wolfish
- Ocean pout
- Winter flounder – Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic
- Red hake – Southern Georges Bank/Mid-Atlantic
- Atlantic mackerel – Gulf of Maine/Cape Hatteras

Highly Migratory Species

- Blacknose shark – Atlantic
- Blue marlin – Atlantic¹
- Dusky shark – Atlantic
- White marlin – Atlantic¹
- Scalloped hammerhead – Atlantic
- Porbeagle shark – Atlantic¹
- Sandbar shark – Atlantic
- Bigeye tuna – Atlantic¹
- Shortfin mako – North Atlantic¹



Mid-Atlantic

- Summer flounder

South Atlantic

- Hogfish – Southeast Florida
- Red snapper – South Atlantic
- Speckled hind
- Warsaw grouper
- Red porgy
- Snowy grouper
- Tilefish – South Atlantic
- Red grouper – South Atlantic
- Bluefin tilefish – South Atlantic

¹ Stock is fished by U.S. and international fleets under a formal international agreement

² The geographic boundary of this stock extends from Mexico south and west to the Palmyra Atoll.

Stocks Added/Removed from the Lists

OVERFISHING LIST

Removed

Bigeye tuna - Western & Central Pacific¹
 Coho salmon - Puget Sound: Stillaguamish¹
 Caribbean spiny lobster - Puerto Rico
 Puerto Rico Triggerfishes and Filefishes Complex
 Greater amberjack - Gulf of Mexico
 Gray triggerfish - Gulf of Mexico
 Red grouper - Southern Atlantic Coast

Added

Chinook salmon - Columbia River Basin: Upper River Summer¹
 Gray snapper - Gulf of Mexico
 Lane snapper - Gulf of Mexico
 Yellowfin tuna - Eastern Pacific¹
 Atlantic mackerel - Gulf of Maine/Cape Hatteras (first-time determination)

OVERFISHED LIST

Removed

None

Added

Chinook salmon - Sacramento River fall run
 Chinook salmon - Klamath River fall run
 Coho salmon - Washington Coast: Queets¹
 Coho salmon - Washington Coast: Straight of Juan de Fuca¹
 Coho salmon - Puget Sound: Snohomish¹
 Blue king crab - Saint Matthew Island
 Bigeye tuna - Atlantic¹
 Atlantic mackerel - Gulf of Maine/Cape Hatteras (first-time determination)

REBUILT STOCK

Smooth skate - Gulf of Maine

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Rebuilding

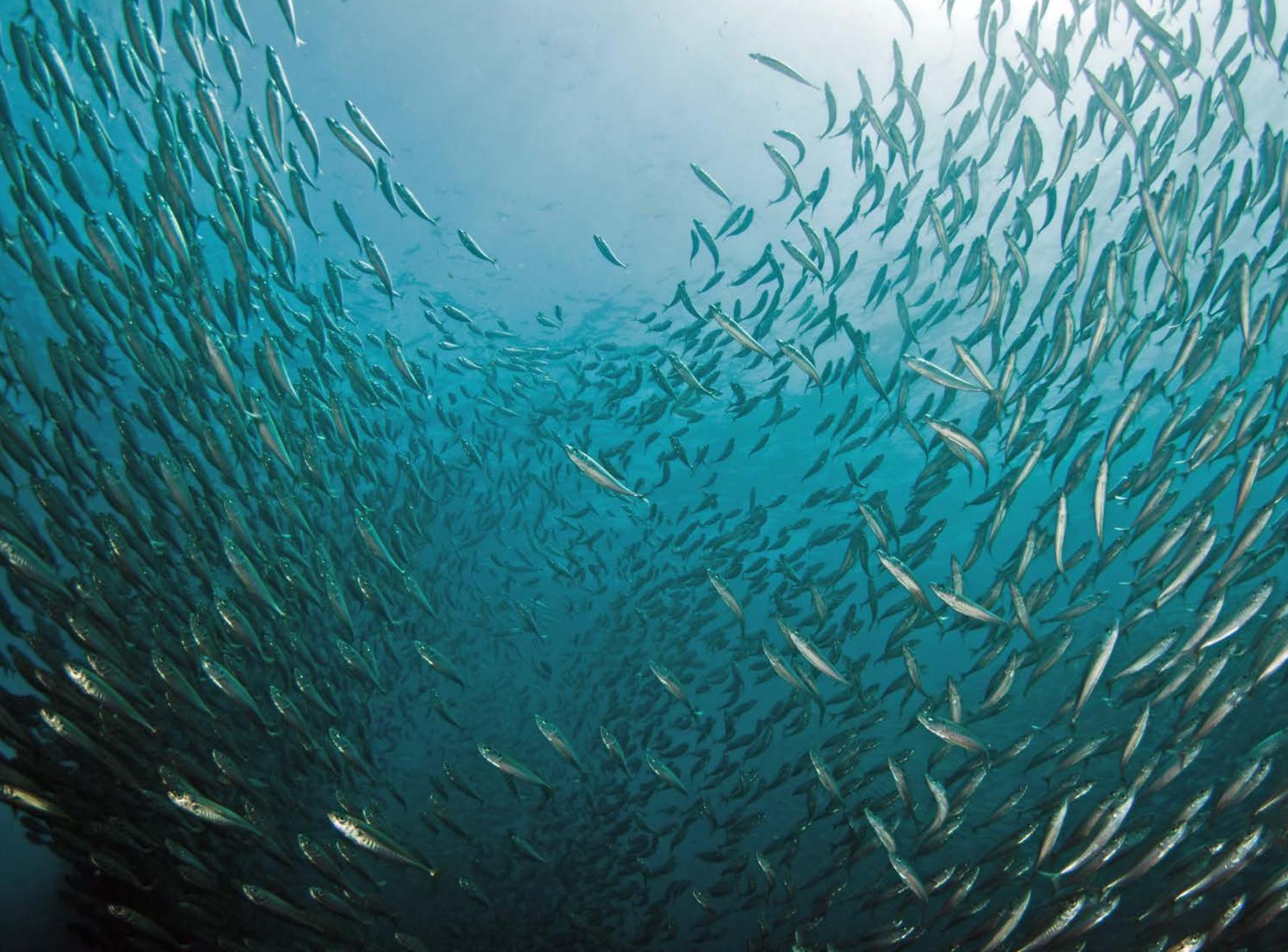
45 stocks rebuilt since 2000.

In 2018, 1 stock was added to the rebuilt list:

Smooth skate - Gulf of Maine



- Declared rebuilt in 2018
- In a rebuilding plan for 9 years
- Under strict management, including a prohibition on landings



Questions?

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