

**Status, Assessment and Management Information for NEFMC Managed Fisheries
November 20, 2015**

Fishery Management Plan: Northeast Multispecies

Stock	Status	Rebuilding Status	Last / Next Planned Assessment or Update^{1,B}	Acceptable Biological Catch Annual Catch Limit (ABC/ACL) Default Management Uncertainty Buffer² for components of the fishery with sub-ACLs	Accountability Measures (AMs)
Cod, GB	Unknown Overfished	Rebuild by 2026	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC	<p>Proactive:</p> <p><u>Common pool:</u> Trimester TAC and DAS</p> <p><u>Sectors:</u> In-season ACL</p> <p><u>Recreational</u> – GOM cod and haddock - NMFS, in consultation with the Council, will implement measures to prevent recreational fishery from exceeding applicable sub-ACL in following years, AMs may include adjustments to fishing season, minimum fish size, and possession limits.</p> <p>Reactive:</p> <p><u>Sectors</u> - Overages deducted from a sector's allocation in next fishing year</p> <p><u>Common pool</u> –Overages deducted from sub-ACL</p> <p><u>Non-allocated stocks-</u> gear restrictions in year 2 or 3 following the overage, depending on timing of information</p> <p><u>Other fisheries</u> – sub-ACLs with associated AMs for certain groundfish stocks caught by the scallop fishery (SNE/MAB windowpane flounder, yellowtail flounder stocks), small mesh fisheries (GB yellowtail flounder); and mid-water trawl herring fishery (haddock stocks).</p>
Cod, GOM	Overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2024	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC comm.; 93% of ABC rec	
Haddock, GB	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC 93% of ABC MWT	
Haddock, GOM	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC comm.; 93% of ABC rec 93% of ABC MWT	
YTF, GB	Unknown Unknown	Rebuild by 2032	JUL 2015/ JUL 2016	97% of ABC 93% of ABC Small-mesh	
YTF, SNE/MA	Overfishing Overfished	No longer rebuilt	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC 93% of ABC scallops	
YTF, CC/GOM	Overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2023	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC 97% of ABC scallops	
American Plaice	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuild by 2024	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC	
Witch Fl.	Overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2017	SEP 2015/ TBD 2016 ^B	95% of ABC	
Winter Fl., GB	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuild by 2017	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	97% of ABC	
Winter Fl., GOM	No overfishing Unknown	Stock status unknown	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC	
Winter Fl., SNE/MA	No overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2023	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC	
GB/GOM Acadian Redfish	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC	
Pollock	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC	
White Hake	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuild by 2014	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC	
Ocean Pout	No overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2014	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	93% of ABC	
SNE/MAB Windowpane	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	93% of ABC	
GOM/GB Windowpane	No overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2017	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	93% of ABC	

¹ Terminal year for data used in assessments typically is the year before the assessment.

^B Indicates a benchmark assessment.

² The following default management uncertainty buffers are used for groundfish stocks: 3% for stocks with no state waters catch; 7% for zero possession stocks; 7% for recreational allocations; and 5% for all other stocks/components of the fishery.

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Northeast Multispecies - continued

Stock	Status	Rebuilding Status	Last / Next Planned Assessment	Acceptable Biological Catch Annual Catch Limit (ABC/ACL) Buffer	Accountability Measures (AMs)
Atlantic Halibut	Unknown Overfished	Rebuild by 2055	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	95% of ABC	Same as above
Atlantic Wolffish	No overfishing Overfished	Unable to determine rebuilding period	SEP 2015/ TBD 2017	93% of ABC	

Fishery Management Plan: Skates

Stock	Status**	Rebuilding Year	Last / Next Assessment	ABC/ACL Buffer	Accountability Measures (AMs)
Barndoor	No overfishing Not overfished	NA	Last: DEC 2008* Next: 2016	ABC=ACL ACT = 75% ACL determined for catch of all skate species combined	Proactive: In-season possession limit triggers Reactive: Adjustments to TAL triggers and ACL-ACT buffer
Clearnose	No overfishing Not overfished	NA			
Little	No overfishing Not overfished	NA			
Smooth	No overfishing Not overfished	NA			
Thorny	Overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2014			
Winter	Overfishing Not overfished	NA			
Rosette	No overfishing Not overfished	NA			

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Fishery Management Plan: Herring

Stock	Status	Rebuilding Year	Last / Next Assessment	ABC/ACL Buffer	Accountability Measures (AMs)
Herring	No overfishing Not overfished	NA	Operational Assessment, APR 2015	Total of management area ACLs = 94.1% ABC	Proactive: Closure of stock-wide directed fishery at 95% of ACL; sub-ACL triggers for specific management area are 92% of ACL; closure of directed for haddock incidental catch sub-ACL in appropriate area Reactive: ACL overage payback

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Fishery Management Plan: **Sea Scallops**

Stock	Status	Rebuilding Year	Last / Next Assessment	ABC/ACL Buffer	Accountability Measures (AMs)
Scallops	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	Benchmark: July 2014 Update: 2015	ABC=ACL sub-ACLs for limited access (LA) & limited access general category (LAGC) fleets	Reactive: 1) LA – DAS reduced in next year; 2) LAGC – IFQs reduced in next year

Fishery Management Plan: **Monkfish**

Stock	Status	Rebuilding Year	Last / Next Assessment	ABC/ACL Buffer	Accountability Measures (AMs)
Northern Management Area	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	Last assessment (update): February 2013	ACL=ABC ACLs for northern (NMA) & southern management areas (SMA)	Proactive: SMA ACT = 93% of ABC NMA ACT = 86.5% of ABC Reactive: ACL overages to be deducted from ACT by adjusting mgt. measures in 2 nd year after overages or Regional Administrator may adjust DAS and trip limits by notice action.
Southern Management Area	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	Next assessment (benchmark with limited TORs): 2016		

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Fishery Management Plan: **Red crab**

Stock	Status	Rebuilding Year	Last / Next Assessment	ABC/ACL Buffer	Accountability Measures (AMs)
Red crab	No overfishing Not overfished (2009 DPWG)	NA	Last: DEC 2008** Next: TBD	ACL=ABC (ABC is defined in terms of landings)	Proactive (options): A) NMFS will close fishery when it is projected to reach the ACL B) ACT Reactive (option): Payback excess catch over the ACL in the next period

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Fishery Management Plan: **Small Mesh Multispecies** (Whiting, Red hake, Offshore hake)

Stock	Status	Rebuilding Year	Last / Next Assessment	ABC/ACL Buffer	Accountability Measures (AMs)
Silver hake, Northern	No overfishing Not overfished	NA	Last (operational assessment): July 2014 ¹ . Next (operational assessment): 2017	ACL = 95% of ABC	Proactive: • Incidental possession limits when 90% of TALs reached Reactive: • ACL overages deducted from ACLs in the second year following the overages
Silver hake, Southern	No overfishing Not overfished	NA			
Red hake, Northern	Overfishing unknown Not overfished	NA			
Red hake, Southern	Overfishing unknown Not overfished	NA			
Offshore hake	Overfishing undefined Not overfished	NA			

1. An assessment update for northern red hake was completed in 2015.