

# **Status, Assessment and Management Information for NEFMC Managed Fisheries**

**September 14, 2018**

## **Fishery Management Plan: Northeast Multispecies**

<b>Stock</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Rebuilding Status</b>	<b>Last / Next Planned Assessment or Update<sup>1,B</sup></b>	<b>Acceptable Biological Catch Annual Catch Limit (ABC/ACL) Default Management Uncertainty Buffer<sup>2</sup> for components of the fishery with sub-ACLs</b>	<b>Accountability Measures (AMs)</b>
Cod, GB	Overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2026	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC	<p><b>Proactive:</b>  <u>Common pool:</u>                      Trimester TAC, DAS, and stock area closures  <u>Sectors:</u> In-season ACL, stock area closures                      Recreational – 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><b>Reactive:</b>  <u>Sectors</u> – Overages deducted from a sector's allocation in next fishing year  <u>Common pool</u> – Overages deducted from sub-ACL  <u>Non-allocated stocks</u>- gear restrictions in year 2 or 3 following the overage, depending on timing of information  <u>Other fisheries</u> – sub-ACLs with associated AMs for certain groundfish stocks caught by the scallop fishery (windowpane flounder stocks, GB and SNE/MA 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 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC comm.; 93% of sub-ABC rec.	
Haddock, GB	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC 93% of sub-ABC MWT	
Haddock, GOM	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC comm.; 93% of sub-ABC rec. 93% of sub-ABC MWT	
YTF, GB	Overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2032	JUL 2017/ JUL 2018	97% of sub-ABC 93% of sub-ABC small-mesh 97% of sub-ABC scallops	
YTF, SNE/MA	Overfishing Overfished	No longer rebuilt	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC 100% of sub-ABC scallops	
YTF, CC/GOM	Overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2023	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC	
American Plaice	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuild by 2024	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC	
Witch Fl.	Unknown Overfished	Rebuild by 2017	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC	
Winter Fl., GB	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuild by 2017	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	97% of sub-ABC	
Winter Fl., GOM	No overfishing Unknown	Stock status unknown	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC	
Winter Fl., SNE/MA	No overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2023	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC	
GB/GOM Acadian Redfish	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC	
Pollock	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC	
White Hake	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuild by 2014	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of sub-ABC	
Ocean Pout	No overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2014	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	93% of sub-ABC	
SNE/MAB Windowpane	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	93% of sub-ABC	

<sup>1</sup> Terminal year for data used in assessments typically is the year before the assessment.

<sup>B</sup> Indicates a benchmark assessment.

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<sup>2</sup> 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**

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Atlantic Halibut	No overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2055	DEC 2017/ TBD 2019	95% of ABC	Same as above
Atlantic Wolffish	No overfishing Overfished	Unable to determine rebuilding period	SEP 2017/ TBD 2019	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: (data update) 2018	ABC=ACL ACT = 75% ACL determined for catch of all skate species combined	<b>Proactive:</b> In-season possession limit triggers  <b>Reactive:</b> Adjustments to TAL triggers and ACL- ACT buffer
Clearnose	Unknown <sup>A</sup>	NA			
Little	No overfishing Not overfished	NA			
Smooth <sup>B</sup>	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuild by 2020			
Thorny	No overfishing Overfished	Rebuild by 2028			
Winter	No overfishing Not overfished	NA			
Rosette	Unknown <sup>B</sup>	NA			

*A – 2018 stock status memo could not update stock status because of incomplete trawl survey; last known stock status was no overfishing and not overfished.*

*B – 2018 stock status memo determined smooth skate to be rebuilt.*

**Fishery Management Plan: Herring**

Stock	Status	Rebuilding Year	Last / Next Assessment	ABC/ACL Buffer	Accountability Measures (AMs)
Herring	No overfishing Not overfished	NA	Last: (benchmark) June 2018  Next: (TBD)	Total of management area ACLs = 94.1% ABC	<b>Proactive:</b> Closure of stock-wide directed fishery at 95% of ACL; sub-ACL triggers for specific management areas are 92% of each sub-ACL; closure of directed fishery for haddock incidental catch sub-ACL in appropriate area;

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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	Last: (benchmark) June 2018  Next: TBD	ABC=ACL sub-ACLs for limited access (LA) & limited access general category (LAGC) fleets	<b>Reactive:</b> 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: (update) 2016  Next: (benchmark) TBD	ACL=ABC ACLs for northern (NMA) & southern management areas (SMA)	<b>Proactive:</b> SMA ACT = 97% of ABC NMA ACT = 97% of ABC  <b>Reactive:</b> ACL overages to be deducted from ACT by adjusting mgt. measures in 2 <sup>nd</sup> year after overages or Regional Administrator may adjust DAS and trip limits by
Southern Management Area	No overfishing Not overfished	Rebuilt			

**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 Data Poor Work Group)	NA	Last: DEC 2008**  Next: TBD	ACL=ABC (ABC is defined in terms of landings)	<b>Proactive</b> (options): A) NMFS will close fishery when it is projected to reach the ACL B) ACT  <b>Reactive</b> (option): Payback excess catch over the ACL in the

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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 2011  Last (update assessment): July 2017  Next: Red hake - TBD Silver hake TBD	ACL = 95% of ABC	<b>Proactive:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incidental possession limits when 90% of TALs reached. 37.5% for northern red hake due to prior overages.</li> </ul> <b>Reactive:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-season triggers are reduced by the proportion of prior overages, when the overages exceed 5% of the ACL.</li> </ul>
Silver hake, Southern	No overfishing Not overfished	NA			
Red hake, Northern	Not overfished Not overfished	NA			
Red hake, Southern	Overfishing in 2016 Overfished	NA			
Offshore hake	Status unknown	NA			