

# Snapshot of New England Fisheries



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# NEFMC Fishery Management Plans

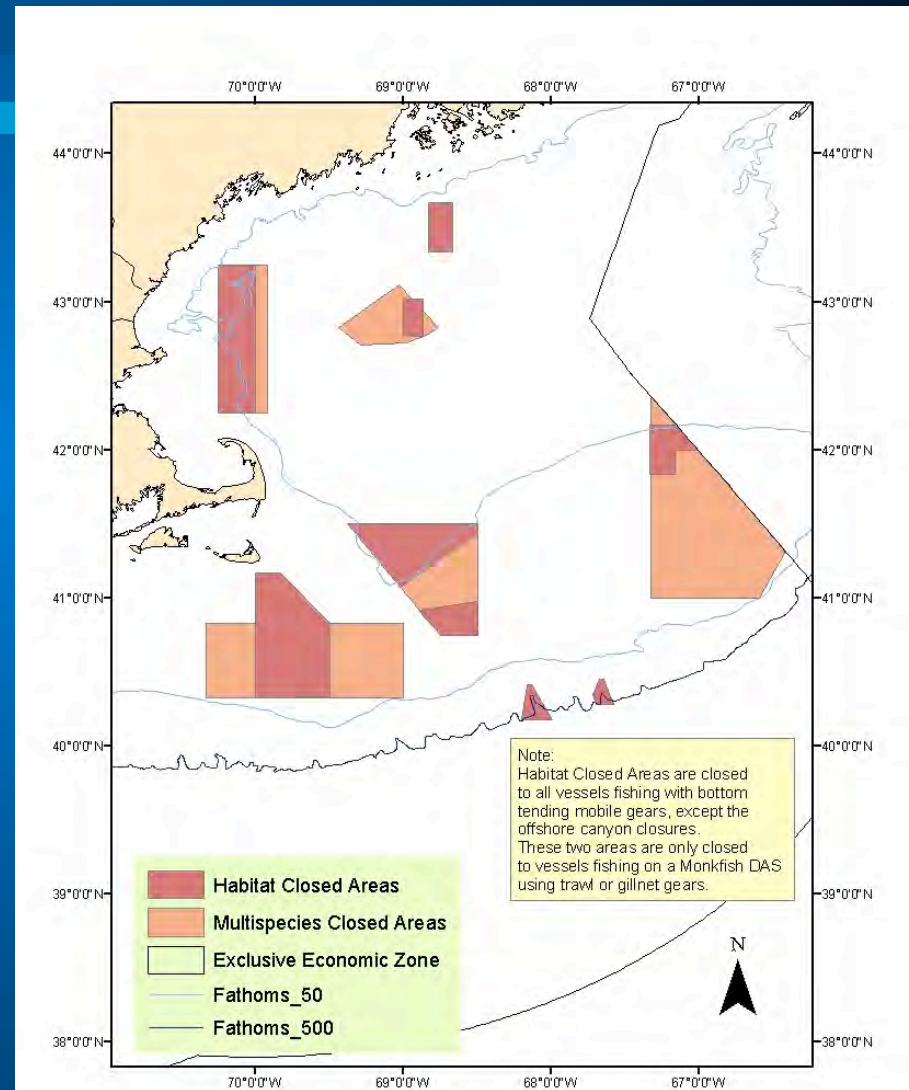
1. Multispecies (Groundfish) - 19 stocks
2. Sea scallops
3. Atlantic herring
4. Monkfish (joint FMP – NEFMC lead)
5. Whiting, red hake, offshore hake (Small Mesh Multispecies FMP)
6. Skates (6 species)
7. Deep sea red crab
8. Dogfish (joint FMP –MAFMC lead)
9. Atlantic salmon

# Reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Requirements

- Annual catch limits (ACLs) that may not exceed the fishing level recommendations of its scientific and statistical committee
- Accountability Measures (AMs)
- Acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendation from SSC
- ABC control rules (NS1 Guidelines)

# NEFMC Year-Round EFH and GF Mortality Closures

Dark areas closed indefinitely to bottom-tending mobile gears to protect sensitive and vulnerable EFH



# Groundfish (Multispecies)

## PERMITS

1,480 total; 1030 with DAS;  
789 active in 2008

## LANDINGS:

2004-2007 average

31,849 metric tons  
(70.2 million pounds)

## EX-VESSEL VALUE:

2004-2007 average

\$98.0 million

## STATE WATERS LANDINGS

Significant for GOM cod,  
haddock, 1-2% SNE/MA Winter  
flounder

## REC FISHERY

Significant for GOM & GB cod,  
GOM haddock. Some SNE/MA  
winter flounder, GOM winter  
flounder & pollock

Groundfish Stock Status	2007 (GARM III)
Overfished and Overfishing	<p> <b>GB Cod</b>  <b>GB Yellowtail</b>  <b>SNE/MA Yellowtail</b>  <b>GOM/CC Yellowtail</b>  <b>SNE/MA Winter Flounder</b>  <b>White Hake</b>  <b>Pollock</b>  <b>Witch</b>  <b>GB Winter Flounder</b>  <b>No. Windowpane</b> </p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p>
Overfished but no Overfishing	<p> <b>Ocean Pout</b>  <b>Halibut (overfishing unknown)</b> </p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>
Not Overfished but Overfishing	<p> <b>GOM Cod</b>  <b>So. Windowpane</b> </p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>
Not Overfished and no Overfishing	<p> <b>Redfish`</b>  <b>Plaice</b>  <b>GB Haddock</b>  <b>GOM Haddock</b> </p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p>
Unknown	<p><b>GOM Winter Flounder</b></p>

# Groundfish (Multispecies)

## PRIMARY MANAGEMENT

- Common pool DAS, possession limits, rolling closures, etc.
- Sectors Catch shares, no DAS, no rolling area closures
- US/CAN area TACs (quotas)

## LAST MAJOR ACTION

Biannual adjustment to address overfishing & rebuilding (Framework 42 - 2006)

## NEXT MAJOR ACTION

ACLs and AMs, overfishing, rebuilding, sectors (Amendment 16 - 2010)

# Scallops

## NUMBER OF PERMITS

- Limited access 375 / 348 active
- General category when fully implemented in 2011
  - ITQ 294 / 50 CPH
  - NGOM 107/ 6 CPH
  - Incidental – 50 lb limit 286/ 6 CPH

## LANDINGS:

2004-2008 average

26,148 metric tons  
(57.6 million pounds)

## EX-VESSEL VALUE:

\$372.8 million

## STATE WATERS LANDINGS

160,000 lbs. (estimated)

## REC FISHERY

Not in EEZ / insignificant



# Scallops

## STATUS

- Overfished?
- Overfishing?

SAW 2007

No/Rebuilt

No

## PRIMARY MANAGEMENT

- Limited Access  
(90-95% of landings)
- General Category  
(5-10% of landings)

Area catch allocations - 60%

DAS – 40% of landings

ITQ with 400-lb. trip limit

## LAST MAJOR ACTION

ITQs for General Category  
(Amendment 11 - 2008)

## NEXT MAJOR ACTION (2010)

ACLs & AMs. Consider limited  
access permit stacking of up to  
2 permits/boat (Amendment 15)

# Herring

## NUMBER OF PERMITS

- Limited access 45 - 27 active in 2008
- Limited access incidental 54 - 12 active in 2008
- Open access (3mt) 2,272 - 72 active in 2008

## LANDINGS:

2004-2008 average

87,186 metric tons  
(192.2 million pounds)

## EX-VESSEL VALUE:

2004-2008 average

\$18.9 million

## STATE WATERS LANDINGS

2006

less than 300 mts  
(by state-only permits)

## REC FISHERY

None

# Herring

## STATUS

- Overfished?
- Overfishing?

US/CAN TRAC 2009

**No**

**No**

Primary management  
(NEFMC)  
(ASMFC)

TAC (by area/season)  
incidental catch limits  
days out of fishery, spawning  
closures

## LAST MAJOR ACTION

Limited access, purse seine  
only area, etc.  
(Amendment 1 – 2007)

## NEXT MAJOR ACTION

ACLs & AMs  
(Amendment 4 - 2010)

# Monkfish

## NUMBER OF PERMITS

- Limited access (Monkfish only permits) 758 / 276 active\*
- Open access 2,200 / 479 active

## LANDINGS

2004-2008 average

13,579 metric tons  
(29.9 million pounds)

## EX-VESSEL VALUE

\$30.2 million

## STATE WATERS LANDINGS

est. 1 million lbs. - about 3%

## REC FISHERY

None

\* Active in terms of using a Monkfish-only DAS.

# Monkfish

## STATUS

- Overfished?
- Overfishing?

## PRIMARY MANAGEMENT

## LAST MAJOR ACTION

## NEXT MAJOR ACTION

DPWG 2007

No – Rebuilt

No

DAS/trip limits,  
incidental catch limits  
on all non-DAS fishing

Removed the backstop  
quota that would have  
closed the fishery  
(Framework 6 – 2008)

ACLs, AMs, etc.  
(Amendment 5 - 2011)



# Whiting, Red Hake, Offshore Hake

**PERMITS**  
(Open Access)

878 / 400 active in 2008

**Landings**  
2004-2008 average

17,727 metric tons  
(8.04 million pounds)

**EX-VESSEL VALUE**  
2004-2008 average

\$9.2 million

**STATE WATERS  
LANDINGS**

Landings uncertain /  
less than 5% - no  
offshore hake

**REC FISHERY**

Landings uncertain – no  
offshore hake

# Whiting, Red Hake, Offshore Hake

<b>STATUS</b>	<b>Overfishing</b>	<b>Overfished</b>
Whiting (2 stocks)	No	No
Red hake (2 stocks)	Unknown	No
Offshore hake	Undefined	No

# Whiting, Red Hake, Offshore Hake

Primary Management  
(open access)

Possession limits, minimum  
mesh size, exempted fishery  
regulations

LAST MAJOR ACTION

Included red & offshore hake,  
overfishing definitions for all  
species, limited access not  
approved (Multispecies  
Amendment 12 - 2000)

NEXT MAJOR ACTION

ACLs and AMs. Consider  
limited access, catch shares  
(Multispecies Amendment 18 –  
2011)



# Skates

**PERMITS**  
(Open Access)

2,561 / 627 active in 2007

**Landings** (live weight)  
2004-2008 average

35,565 metric tons  
(16.1 million pounds)

**EX-VESSEL VALUE**  
2004-2008 average

\$6.6 million

**STATE WATERS  
LANDINGS**

Unknown

**REC FISHERY**

None

# Skates

## STATUS

- Not overfished
- Overfished
- Overfishing

Primary management measures

## LAST MAJOR ACTION

NEXT ACTION  
(under review)

## DPWG 2009

Winter, Barndoor, Rosette,  
Little & Rosette  
Smooth and Thorny  
None

DAS, closed areas, minimum mesh, fishery quotas, incidental catch limits

Limited access, purse seine only area, etc.  
(Amendment 1 – 2007)

ACLs, AMs, MSA requirements  
(Amendment 3 - 2010)

# Red Crab

PERMITS

5 / 4 active in 2008

LANDINGS:

2004-2008 average

1,667 metric tons

(3.7 million pounds)

EX-VESSEL VALUE: \$2.9 million

2004-2008 average

STATE WATERS

LANDINGS

None

REC FISHERY

None

# Red Crab

## STATUS

- Overfished?
- Overfishing?

DPWG 2009

**Unknown**

**No**

## Primary management

DAS, Limited access,  
no retention of females

## LAST MAJOR ACTION

Emergency action to lower  
target TAC and DAS allocations  
(2009)

## NEXT MAJOR ACTION

ACLs and AMs. Consider  
allowing transfer of DAS among  
individual permits  
(Amendment 3 – 2011)

