Overview of Stock Status
Atlantic Striped Bass, *Morone saxatilis*

Atlantic Striped Bass Female Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB) & Recruitment (Age-1)
Source: ASMFC Atlantic Striped Bass Benchmark Assessment, 2013

Timeline of Management Actions: Amendment 1 & 2 (1984); Amendment 3 (1985); Amendment 4 (1990); Amendment 5 (1995); Amendment 6 (2003); Addendum I (2007); Addendum II (2010); Addendum III (2012)

Management Considerations

**Condition:** Not overfished and overfishing is not occurring.

**FMP Stock Control Rules:**
- SSB target = 159 million pounds
- SSB threshold = 127 million pounds
- New Proposed F target = 0.18 (or 0.27 in Chesapeake Bay and Albemarle/Roanoke)
- New Proposed F threshold = 0.219

**FMP Status:** Amendment 6 (2003) established new biological reference points and includes triggers for Board action. Addendum I (2007) establishes a data collection program to increase the accuracy of discard and discard mortality estimates and recommends an angler education program to reduce discard mortality. In August 2008, the Board approved new estimates of the Amendment 6 biological reference points and improved estimates of female SSB for 1982-2006. Addendum III (2012) establishes a mandatory commercial tagging program for all states and jurisdictions with commercial striped bass fisheries and recommends increasing penalties for illegally harvested fish. Based on the findings of the 2013 benchmark, the Board has initiated development of Draft Addendum IV to adopt new fishing mortality reference points and consider measures to address declining SSB. Draft Addendum to be considered at the February 2014 Board meeting

**Primary Management Measures:** The commercial fishery is controlled through state-by-state quotas (for coastal and bay fisheries), minimum size limits, and seasons. The recreational fishery is managed through bag and size limits.