Overview of Stock Status

American Lobster, *Homarus americanus*

Management Considerations:

**Primary Management Measures:** Lobster is managed through 7 specific management areas. Each area has unique regulations that could include:

- **Addendum XXII:** establishes a 10% reduction in lobster harvest to improve fish stocks.
- **Addendum XIX:** establishes a new lobster fishing zone.
- **Addendum XVIII:** addresses the second phase of rebuilding efforts by proposing area-specific measures to scale the scope of the Southern New England fishery.

**FMP Status:** Amendment 3 and Addenda I–XIV established 7 management areas and specific management measures to meet the rebuilding schedule by 2022.

**Stock Rebuilding Goals:**

- **Rebuild Stock:** Rebuild stock to a level that is above the 30% reference level.
- **Stock Condition:** Stock condition is above the 30% reference level.
- **Exploitation:** Exploitation is below the 30% reference level.

**Timeline of Management Actions:**

- Amendment 3 (1997)
- Addendum I (1999)
- Addendum II (2001)
- Addendum III (2002)
- Addenda VI & VII (2005)
- Addenda X & XI (2007)
- Addendum XIII (2008)
- Addendum XIV (2009)
- Addendum XV (2009)
- Addendum XVI (2010)
- Addendum XVII (2011)
- Addendum XVIII (2012)
- Addenda XIX – XXIII (2013)
- Addendum XXIII (2014)

**Landings by Stock Unit**

- **Gulf of Maine**
- **Georges Bank**
- **Southern New England**

Source: ACCSP Data Warehouse, 2014