Overview of Stock Status
Scup, *Stenotomus chrysops*

Updated April 2015

Timeline of Management Actions:
- FMP (1996);
- Amendment 13 (2002);
- Addendum IX (2003);
- Addenda XI & XIII (2004);
- Addendum XVI (2005);
- Amendment 14 (2007);
- Addendum XX (2009)

Management Considerations:
**Condition:** Rebuilt; overfishing not occurring. Current F is 0.040 and SSB is 410 million pounds. Next benchmark assessment scheduled for 2015.

**FMP Stock Rebuilding Goals:**
- SSB target = SSB<sub>40%</sub> = 202.92 million pounds
- F target = F<sub>40%</sub> = 0.177

**FMP Status:**

**Primary Management Measures:**
Total annual quotas are divided between the recreational fishery (22%) and the commercial fishery (78%). Recreational fishery management measures are developed annually and include a combination of minimum size limits, bag limits and fishing seasons. A coastwide quota regulates the winter period (November-April), while state-by-state quotas regulate the summer period (May-October). Specific management measures for the commercial fishery include minimum size limits, minimum mesh requirements for trawls and closed seasons.

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