Management Considerations:
Condition: Rebuilt; overfishing not occurring. Current fishing mortality is \( F = 0.285 \) and SSB is equal to 112.9 million pounds (2012)

FMP Stock Rebuilding Goals:
SSB Target = 137.555 million pounds  
Fishing Mortality Threshold = 0.309
SSB Threshold = 68.8 million pounds

FMP Status: Joint management with Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Amendment 12 approved in 1998. Addendum XIII (multi-year TALs) was approved in August 2004. Addendum XVII (August 2005) provides additional management strategies in setting recreational regulations. Addendum XVIII (February 2006) allows states to voluntarily maintain their 2005 recreational management measures in order to transfer savings to states facing severe reductions. In March 2014, in accordance with Addendum XXV, the Board approved regional management measures for the 2014 summer flounder fishery. The Board and MAFMC have initiated the development of a Comprehensive Summer Flounder Amendment to reconsider all aspects of summer flounder management. The scoping document is currently out for public comment through the end of October.

Primary Management Measures: Annual total allowable landings (TAL) divided into a state-by-state commercial quota (60% of TAL) and recreational harvest limit (40% of TAL). Coastwide commercial management measures include minimum fish and mesh sizes. Recreational bag/size limits and seasons are determined on a state-by-state basis using conservation equivalency.

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