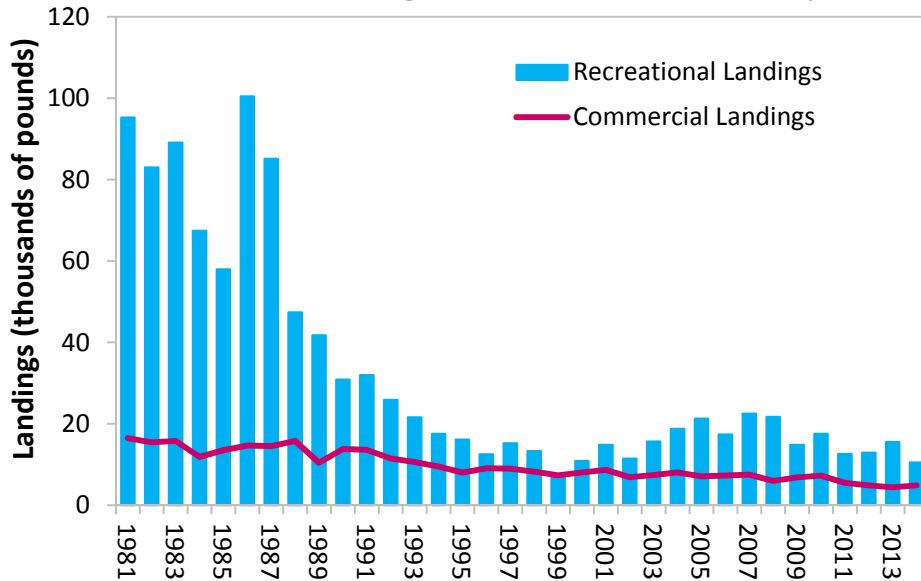


## Overview of Stock Status Bluefish, *Pomatomus saltatrix*

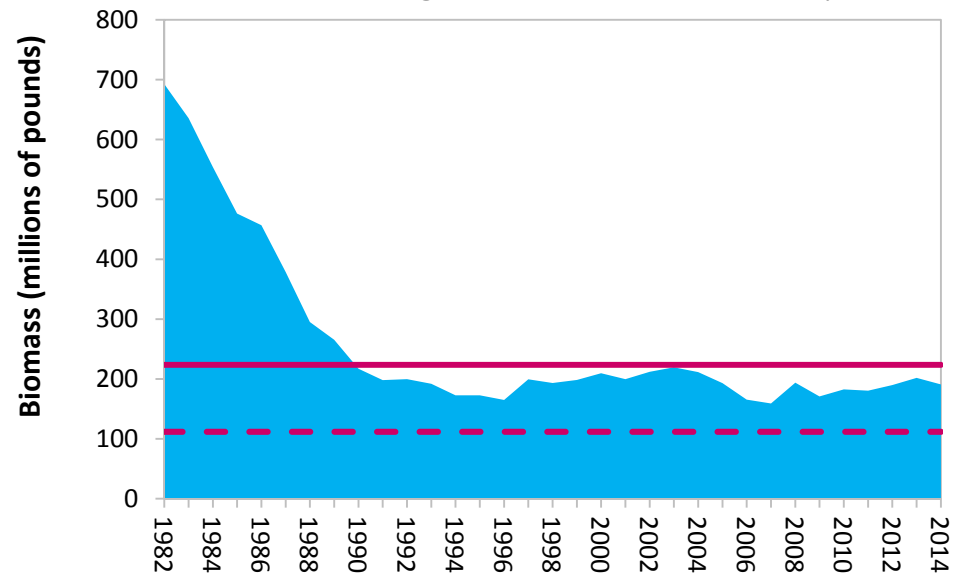
### Bluefish Recreational and Commercial Landings

Source: Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop, 2015



### Bluefish Biomass

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### Management Considerations

Condition: Rebuilt; not overfished and overfishing is not occurring

### **Biological Reference Points from SAW/SARC 60 (2015):**

Spawning Stock Biomass threshold ( $1/2 SSB_{MSY\ PROXY}$ ) = 111,712,637 lbs (50,672 mt)

Spawning Stock Biomass target ( $SSB_{MSY\ PROXY}$ ) = 223,423,070 lbs (101,343 mt)

Spawning Stock Biomass<sub>2014</sub> = 190,774,814 lbs (86,534 mt)

Fishing Mortality Threshold ( $F_{MSY\ PROXY} = F_{35\% SPR}$ ) = 0.19

Fishing Mortality<sub>2014</sub> = 0.157

### **FMP Status:**

Joint management with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Amendment I approved in July 2000 and implemented in August 2000. The last benchmark stock assessment was reviewed and approved by SAW/SARC in June 2015. Addendum I to Amendment I, approved in February 2012, establishes a coastwide sampling program to improve the quantity and quality of information available for use in future bluefish stock assessments.

**Primary Management Measures:** Annual total allowable landings (TAL) are divided into a commercial quota (17% of TAL) and recreational harvest limit (83% of TAL). Commercial trip limits and seasons are determined on a state-by-state basis. The coastwide recreational bag limit is 15 fish.