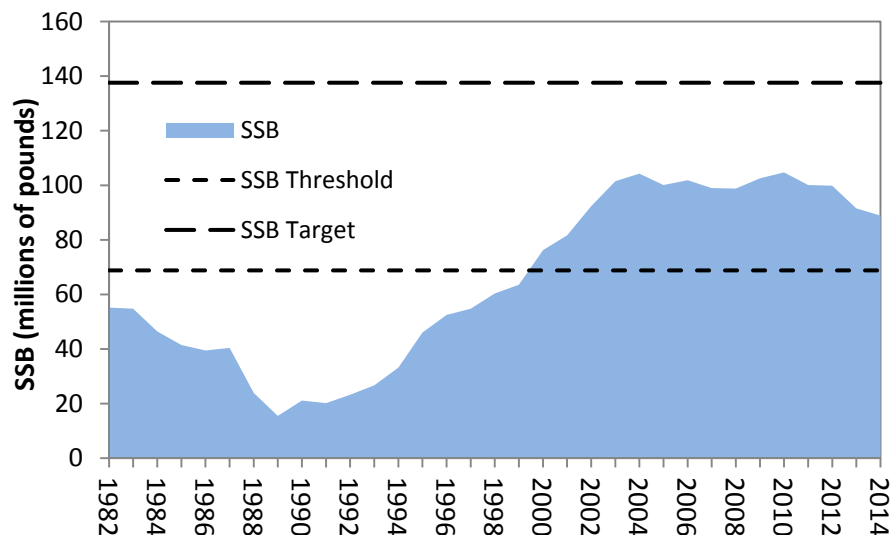


Overview of Stock Status Summer Flounder, *Paralichthys dentatus*

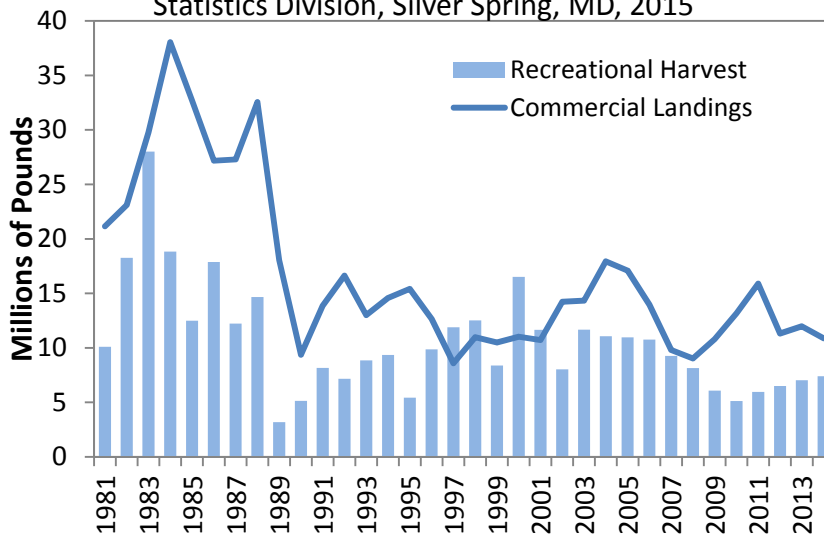
Summer Flounder Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB)

Source: Northeast Fisheries Science Center Stock Assessment Update, 2015



Summer Flounder Commercial Landings and Recreational Harvest

Source: Personal communication NMFS Fisheries Statistics Division, Silver Spring, MD, 2015



Timeline of Management Actions: FMP ('88); Amendment 1 ('91); Amendments 2-5 ('93); Amendment 6 ('94); Amendment 7 ('95); Amendment 8 & 9 ('96); Amendment 10 ('97); Amendment 11 ('98); Amendment 12 ('99); Amendment 13 ('03); Addenda VIII & XV ('04); Addenda XVI & XVII ('05); Addendum XVIII ('06); Addendum XIX ('07); Addendum XXV (2014); Addendum XXVI (2015)

Management Considerations:

Condition: Rebuilt; not overfished but overfishing is occurring. Current fishing mortality is $F=0.359$ and SSB is equal to 88.9 million pounds (2014)

FMP Stock Rebuilding Goals:

SSB Target = 137.555 million pounds Fishing Mortality Threshold = 0.309

SSB Threshold = 68.8 million pounds

FMP Rebuilding Schedule: Rebuilt in 2010

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 2015, in accordance with Addendum XXVI, the Board approved a continuation of regional management measures for the 2015 summer flounder fishery. The Board and MAFMC have initiated the development of a Comprehensive Summer Flounder Amendment in August 2014 to reconsider all aspects of summer flounder management.

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.