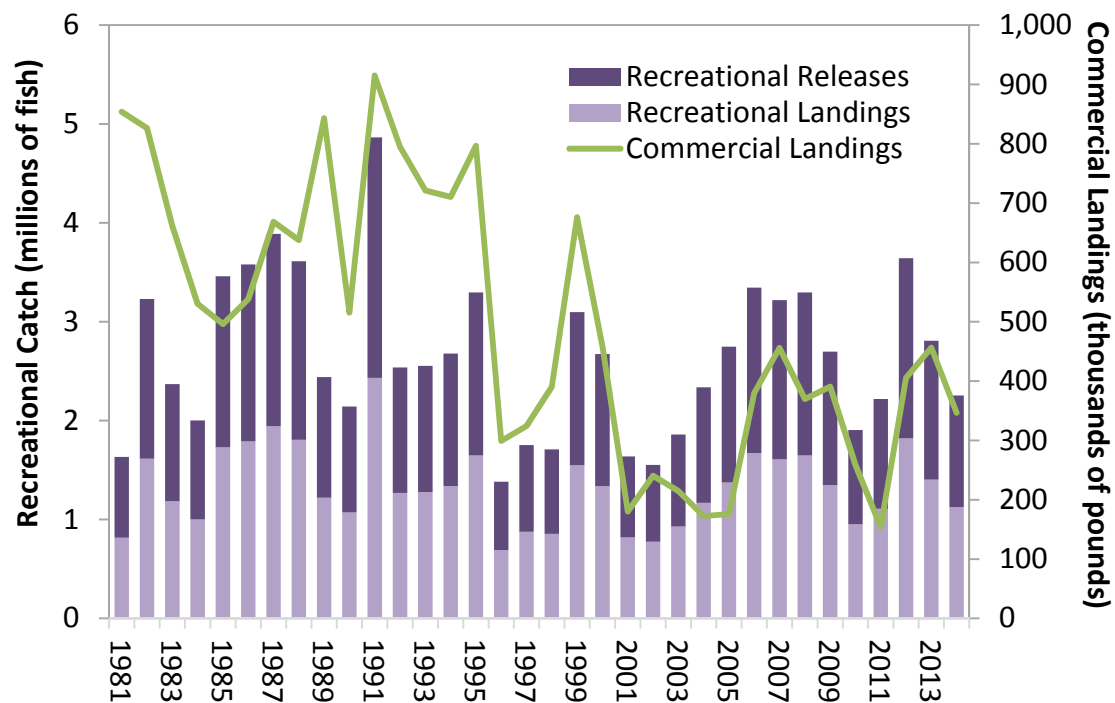


Overview of Stock Status Spotted Seatrout, *Cynoscion nebulosus*

Spotted Seatrout Commercial Landings & Recreational Catch

Source: NMFS Fisheries Statistics Division, 2015



Timeline of Management Actions: FMP (1985); Amendment 1 (1991); Omnibus Amendment (2011)

Management Considerations

Condition: Unknown

FMP Stock Rebuilding Goals: Maintaining Spawning Potential Ratio (SPR) of at least 20%

FMP Rebuilding Schedule: None

FMP Status: FMP approved in 1984; Amendment 1 approved in 1991. The Omnibus Amendment to the Interstate Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) for Spanish Mackerel, Spot, and Spotted Seatrout, approved in August 2011, updates the Spotted Seatrout FMP with compliance measures and Commission standards that were developed in response to the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (e.g., adaptive management, *de minimis* criteria).

Primary Management Measures: Coastwide management measures, adopted in the Omnibus Amendment and implemented in July 2012, include a coastwide minimum size of 12 inches total length and comparable mesh size requirements. The Omnibus Amendment retained the goal of a 20% SPR. Florida's Spotted Seatrout

FMP has a goal of 35% SPR, while North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia have adopted the ASMFC's recommended goal of 20% SPR.