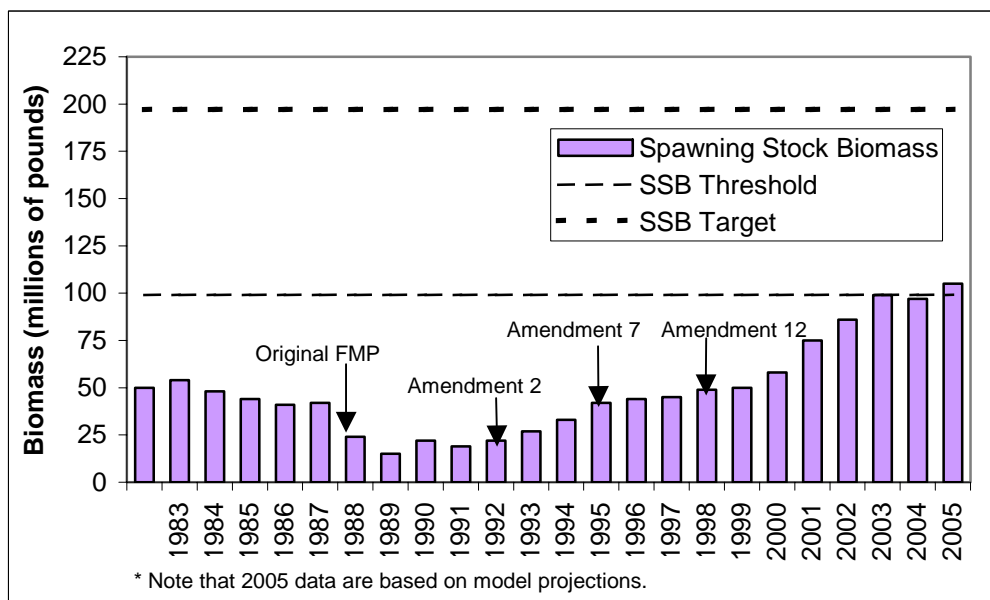


Overview of Stock Status Summer Flounder, *Paralichthys dentatus*

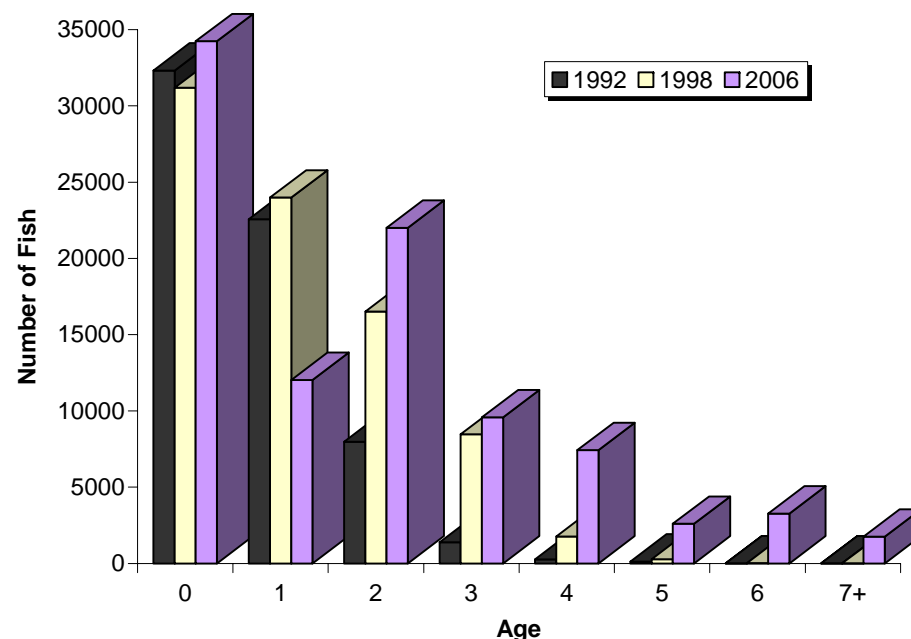
Summer Flounder Spawning Stock Biomass

Source: Summer Flounder Assessment & Biological Reference Point Update, 2006



Summer Flounder Abundance at Age: 1992, 1998, and 2006

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Management Considerations:

Condition: Not overfished and overfishing is occurring. Current fishing mortality is $F=0.407$ and SSB is equal to 104.7 million pounds.

FMP Stock Rebuilding Goals:

Fishing Mortality Target/Threshold = 0.276
 SSB Threshold = 98.559 million pounds
 SSB Target = 197.118 million pounds

FMP Rebuilding Schedule:

Rebuild by 2010* (*this will likely extend to 2013 with reauthorization of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act)

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 2006, the Commission and Council initiated development of Amendment 15 to address a broad range of management issues concerning summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass.

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.