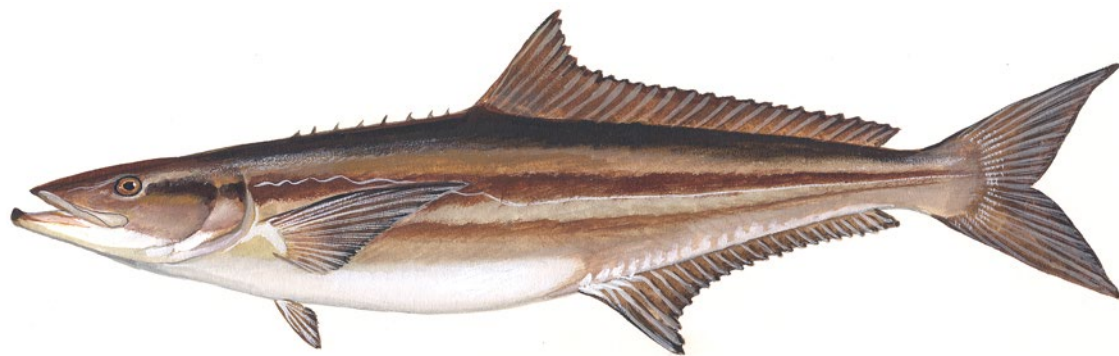




Progress Update and Additional Guidance for Cobia Draft Amendment 1



February 2019

SEDAR 58 Assessment Update



- SEDAR 58 Data Workshop, previously scheduled for Jan. 14-18, 2019, was postponed due to the federal government shutdown
- SEDAR Steering Committee will have a conf. call to reschedule dates for this and other affected assessments

Amendment Background



- ASMFC Draft Amendment 1 initiated in May 2018
 - Needed to replace language dependent on CMP FMP
 - Board desire to consider different management strategies
- PID Public Comment reviewed, Board Guidance provided in October 2018
 - 2 main issues: Recommended Management for Federal Waters, Establishment of Harvest Specification Process

Amendment Timeline



<u>Step</u>	<u>Date</u>
Board Approval of Draft PID	Aug 2018
Public Comment on PID	Aug – Oct 2018
Board review of PID public comment & direction for Draft Amendment 1	Oct 2018
Development of Draft Amd 1 <i>Current step</i>	Oct 2018 – May 2019
Board review of Draft Amd 1 for public comment	May 2019
Public review and comment on Draft Amd 1	May – Aug 2019
Board review of public comment, review, and approval of the final Amd 1 by the Board, Policy Board, and Commission	Aug 2019

Amendment Development Progress



- 2 PDT conf. calls developed preliminary options for:
 - Fed. Management Recommendation
 - Measures for inclusion and periodicity of specification process
 - Recreational landings evaluation
 - Commercial and recreational vessel limits
 - Commercial minimum size limits
- PDT seeking additional guidance on options for accountability measures
 - Guidance could impact options for other issues as well

Accountability Options



- Being considered because:
 - Part of status quo
 - Some states expressed concern about inequitable access (led to Commission involvement)
 - Questions about stock status due to recent ACL overages (both sectors)
- Accountability measures not required by ASMFC Guiding Documents
 - No accountability measures does divert from status quo

Accountability Options



- Status Quo:
 - Recreational – State reductions to achieve harvest targets
 - If state's average harvest over a 3-year period exceeds annual target, that state must reduce season &/or vessel limit such that the target may be achieved in the next 3-year period
 - Commercial – Coastwide federal fishing closures
 - Fed waters close when ACL is/will be met – State monitoring?
 - All state waters close when fed waters close – State closure?
- *CMP FMP: Annual payback if total ACL overage & overfished (not in ISFMP)*
- Can adapt terminology (e.g. ACL) & address specification/evaluation time period or overfished measures separately, if needed
- Recent ACL Overages – R: 2015 & 2016; C: 2015-2017, 2018 (prelim.)

Does the Board want the PDT to include accountability options other than status quo in Draft Amendment 1 for the recreational, commercial, or both fisheries?

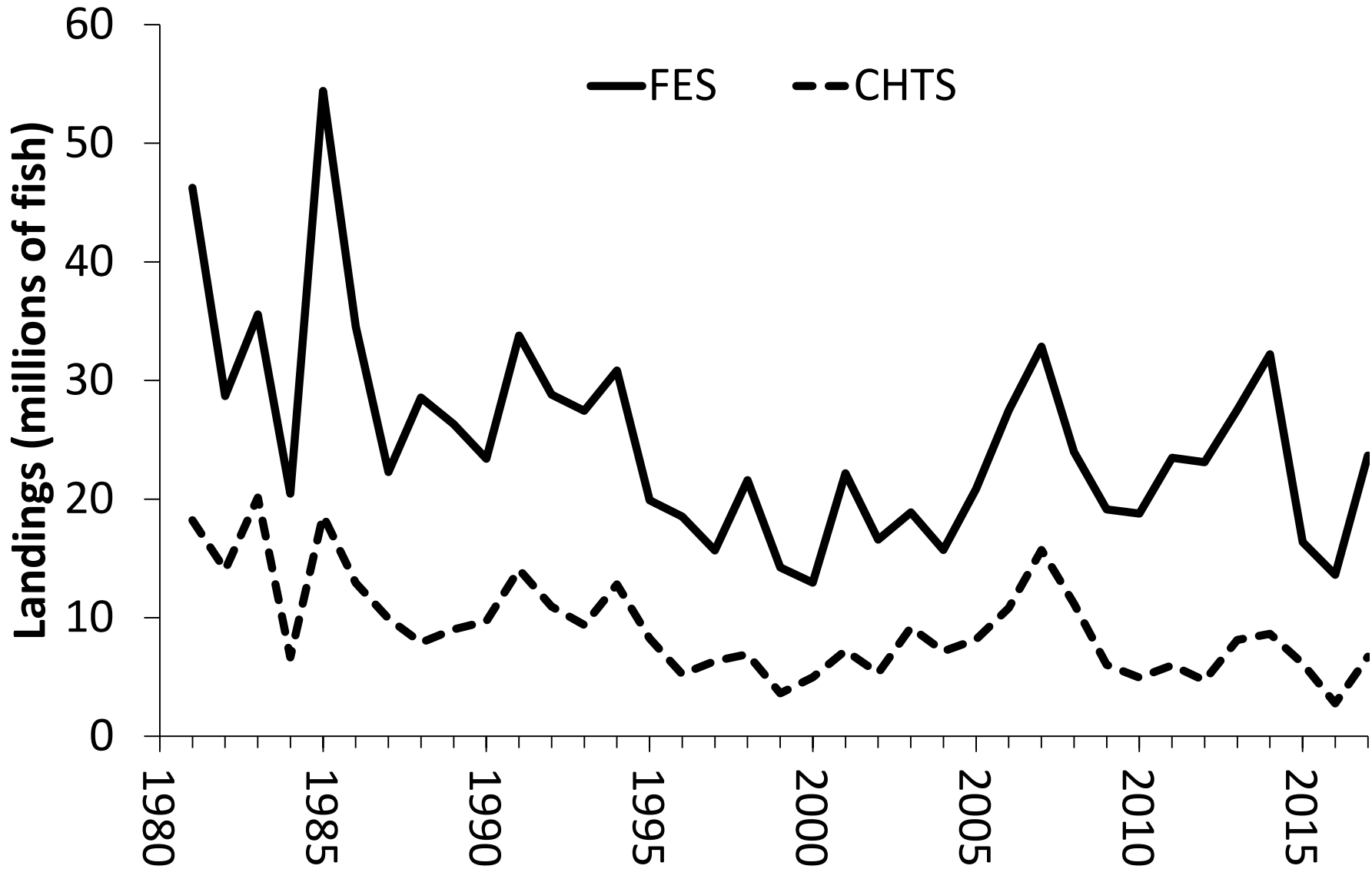
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2018 FMP Review

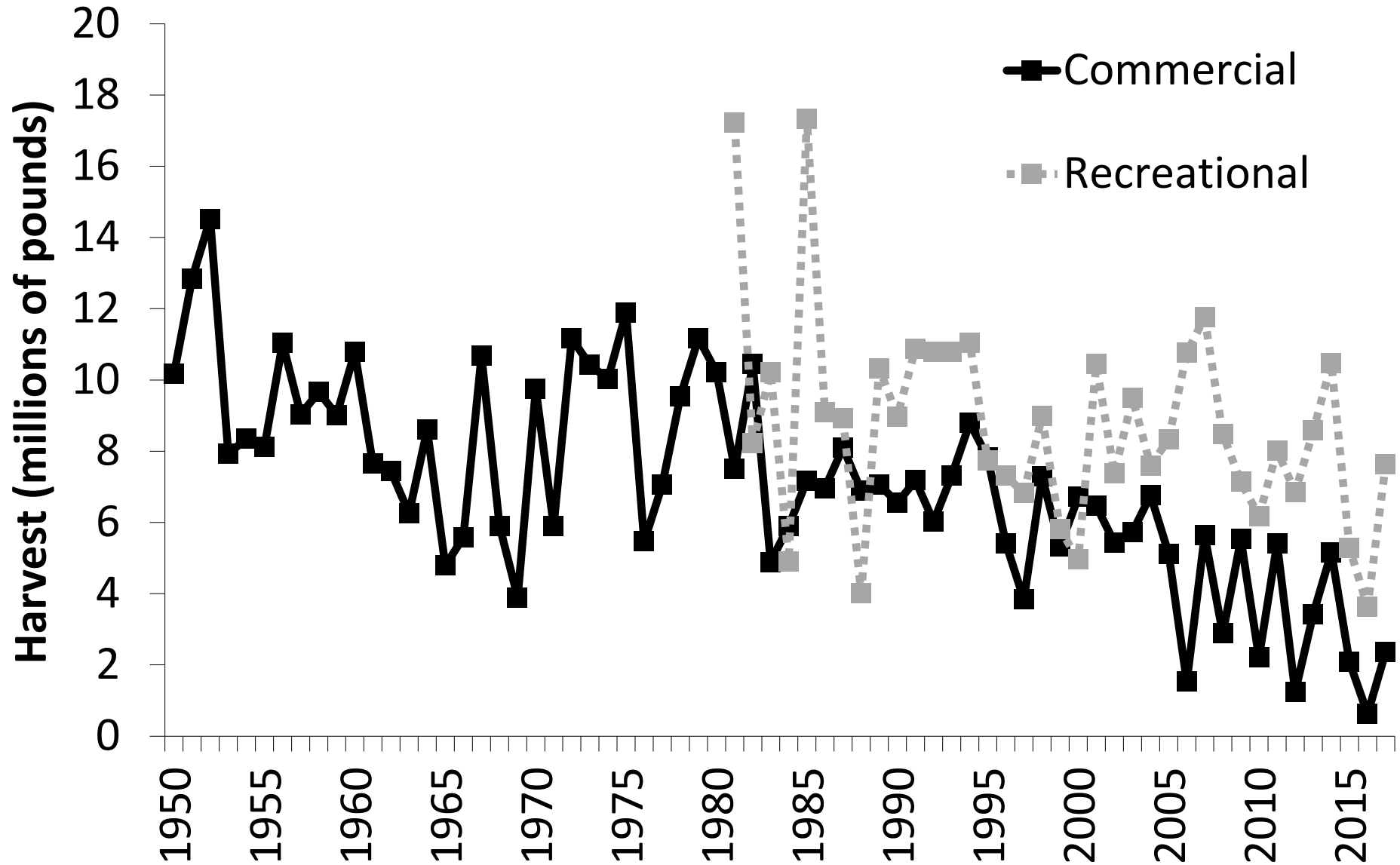


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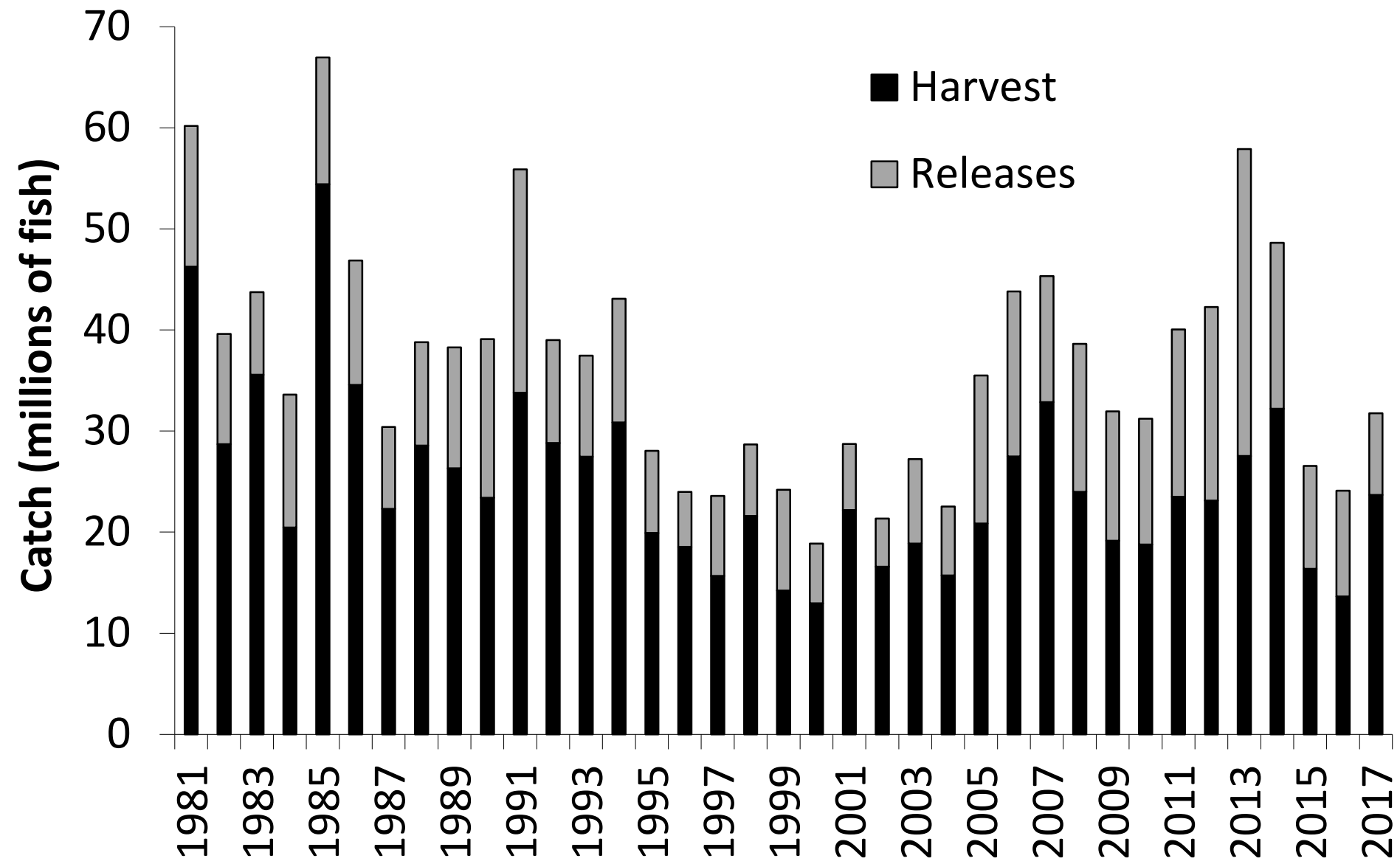
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Status of Fishery



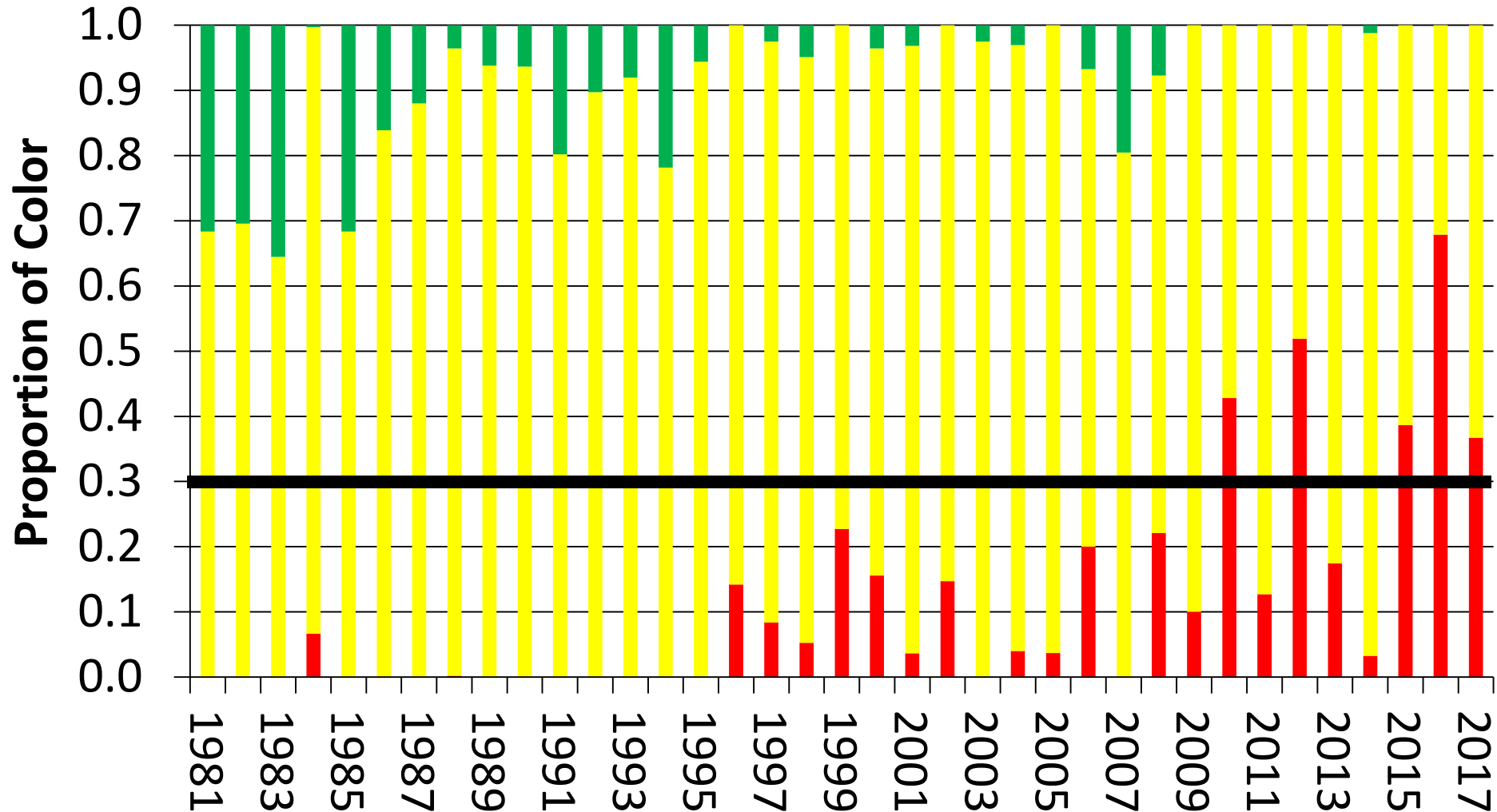
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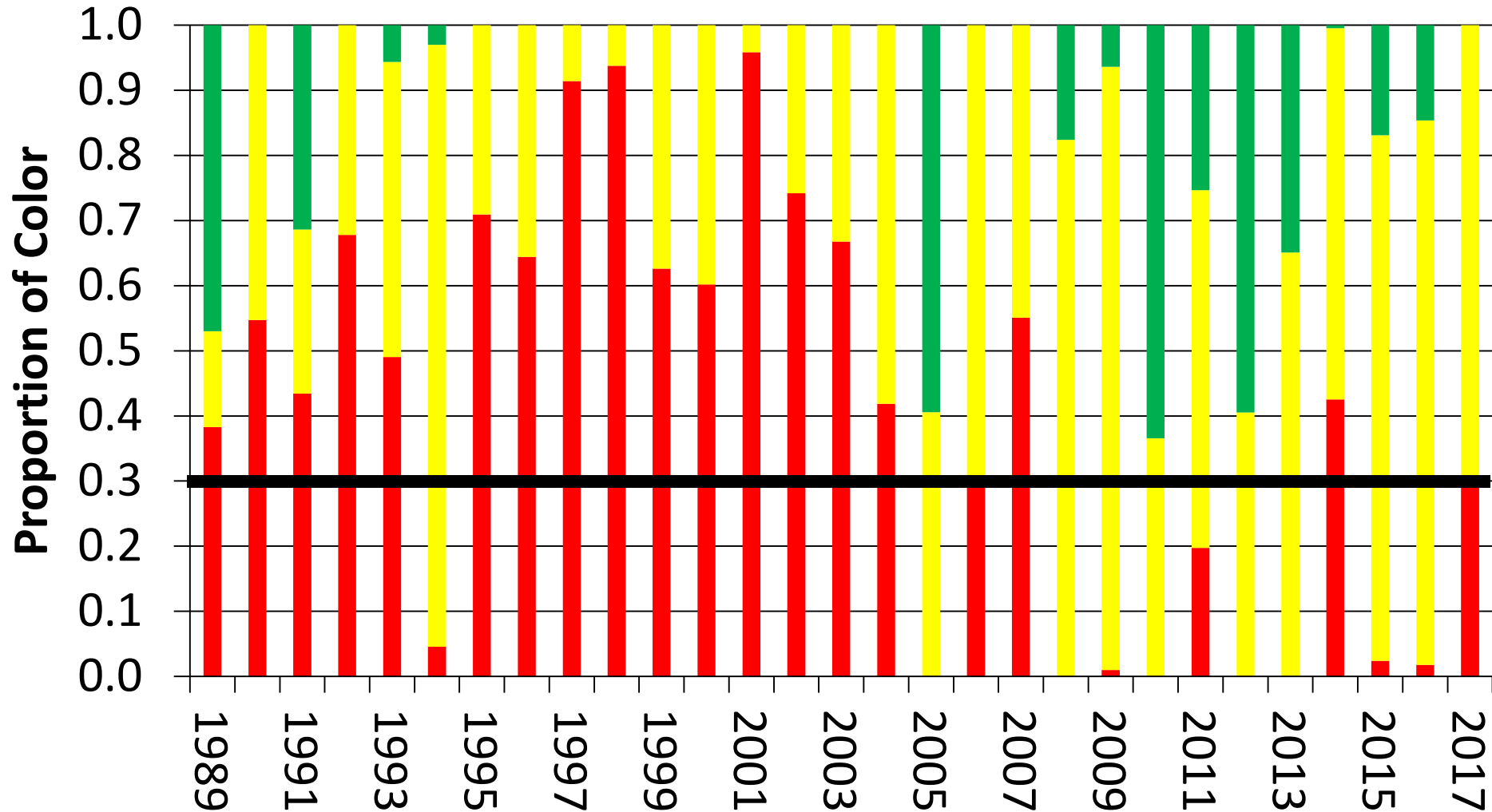
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Status of Stock



2017 Abundance Composite Index



Status of Management



Management

- Omnibus Amendment (2011)
- Addendum I (2014)
 - Traffic Light Approach
- All states found to be in compliance

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- 3 year avg, com and rec, 1%
- NJ & GA requested and qualify

Recommendations



- PRT recommends the Board approve the 2018 Spot FMP Review, state compliance reports, and *de minimis* status for New Jersey and Georgia.
- Management, Research, and Monitoring Recommendations in FMP Review report
 - PRT recommends that the Board consider incorporation of adjustments to the TLA submitted in their collaborative memo with the Atlantic Croaker Technical Committee.

Questions?

