Overview of Stock Status
Scup, Stenotomus chrysops

Updated August 2015

Timeline of Management Actions:
- FMP (1996);
- Amendment 13 (2002);
- Addendum IX (2003);
- Addenda XI & XIII (2004);
- Addendum XVI (2005);
- Amendment 14 (2007);
- Addendum XX (2009)

Management Considerations:
Condition: Rebuilt; overfishing not occurring.

Biological Reference Points from SAW/SARC 60 (2015):
- Spawning Stock Biomass threshold \(\frac{1}{2} SSB_{MSY,PROXY} = 96.23 \text{ million pounds} \)
- Spawning Stock Biomass target = \(SSB_{MSY} = SSB_{40\%} = 192.47 \text{ million pounds} \)
- Spawning Stock Biomass\(_{2014}\) = 403.6 million pounds

Fishing Mortality Threshold \(F_{MSY,PROXY} = F_{40\%} = 0.22\) - 
Fishing Mortality\(_{2014} = 0.040\)

FMP Status:

Primary Management Measures:
Total annual quotas are divided between the recreational fishery (22%) and the commercial fishery (78%). Recreational fishery management measures are developed annually and include a combination of minimum size limits, bag limits and fishing seasons. A coastwide quota regulates the winter period (November-April), while state-by-state quotas regulate the summer period (May-October). Specific management measures for the commercial fishery include minimum size limits, minimum mesh requirements for trawls and closed seasons.