

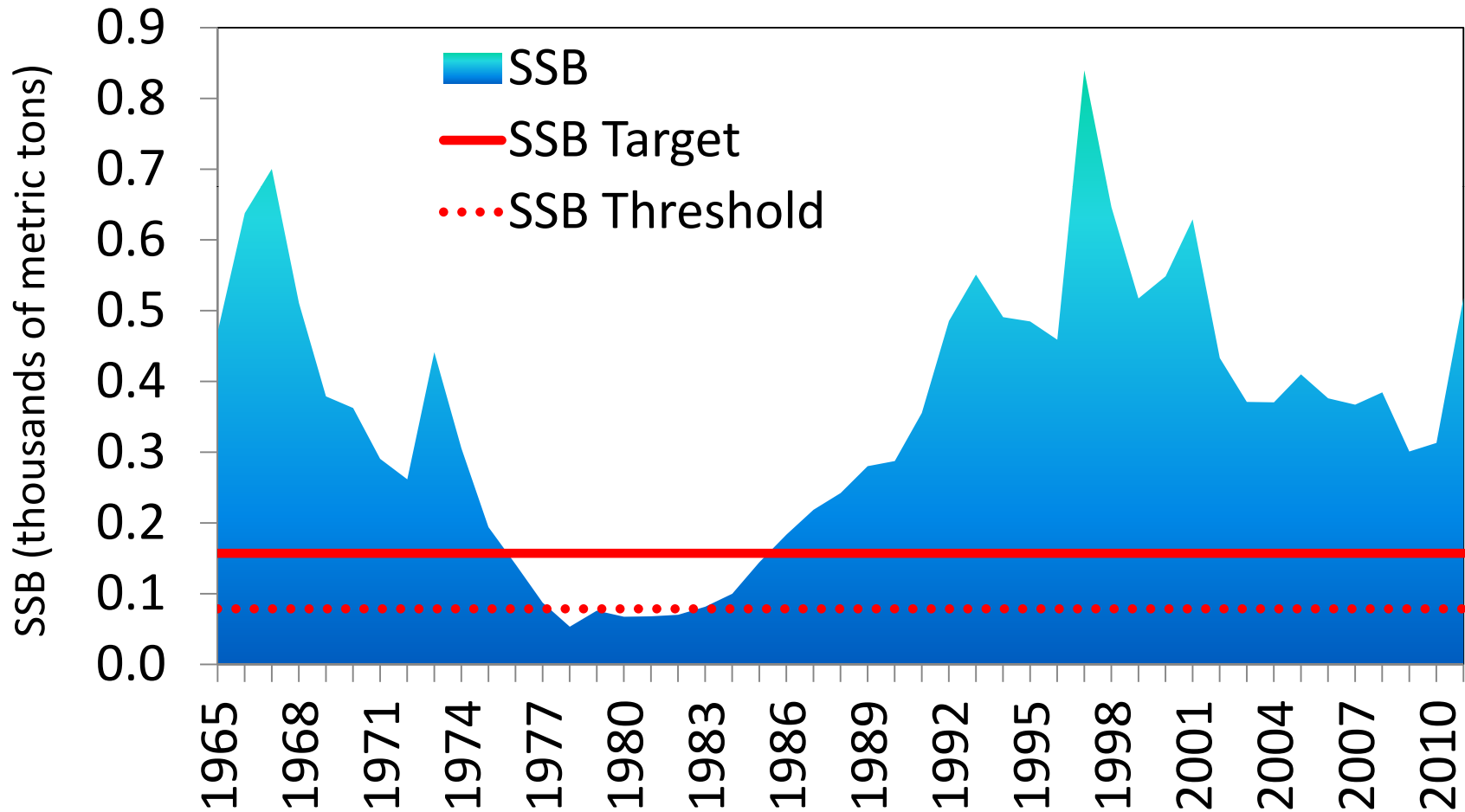
Review of the Atlantic Herring FMP and State Compliance for the 2012 Fishing Year

Presented to the
ASMFC Atlantic Herring Section
October 28, 2013

Status of the Stock: Rebuilt

Atlantic Herring Spawning Stock Biomass

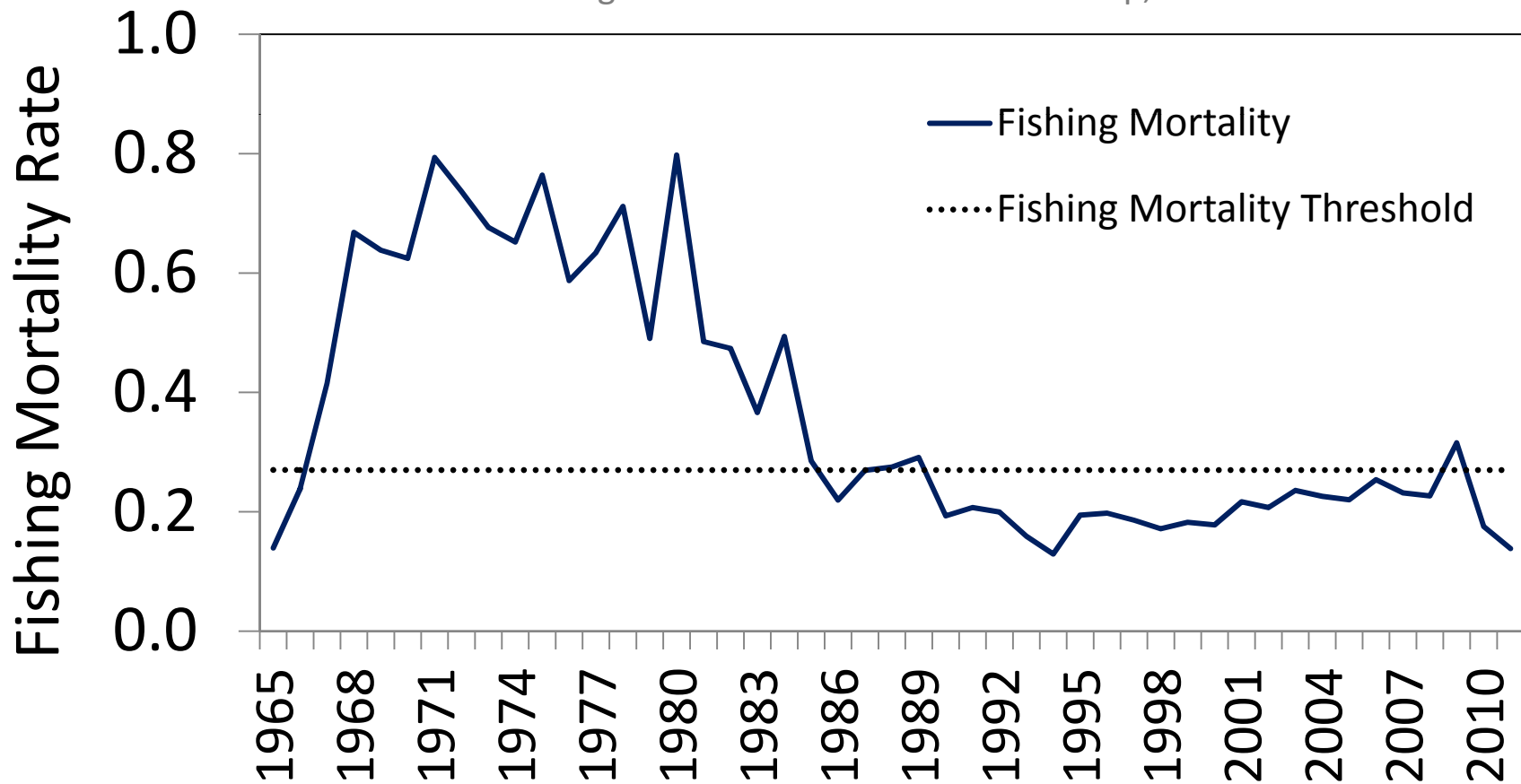
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Status of the Stock: Not Experiencing Overfishing

Atlantic Herring Fishing Mortality

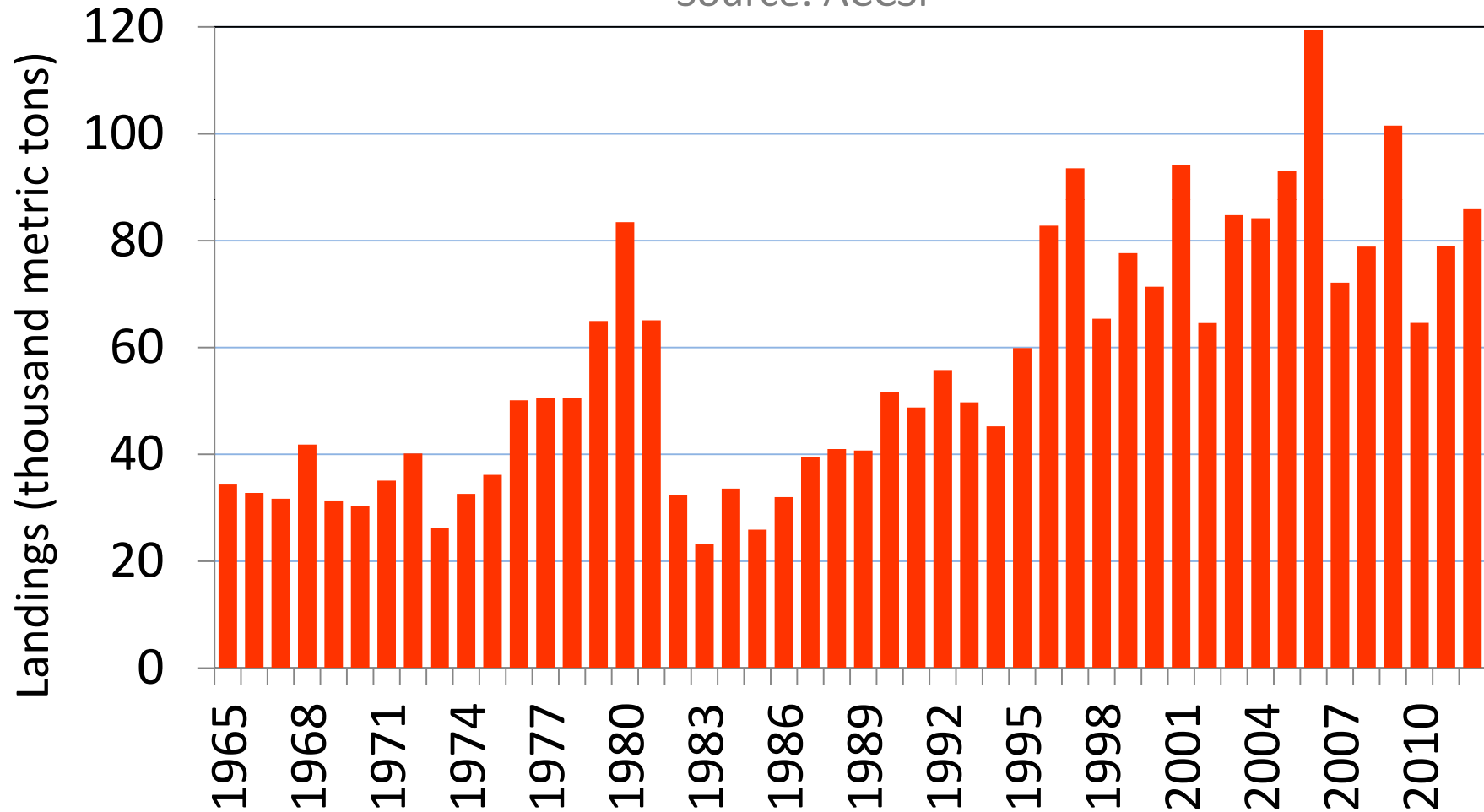
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Status of the Fishery

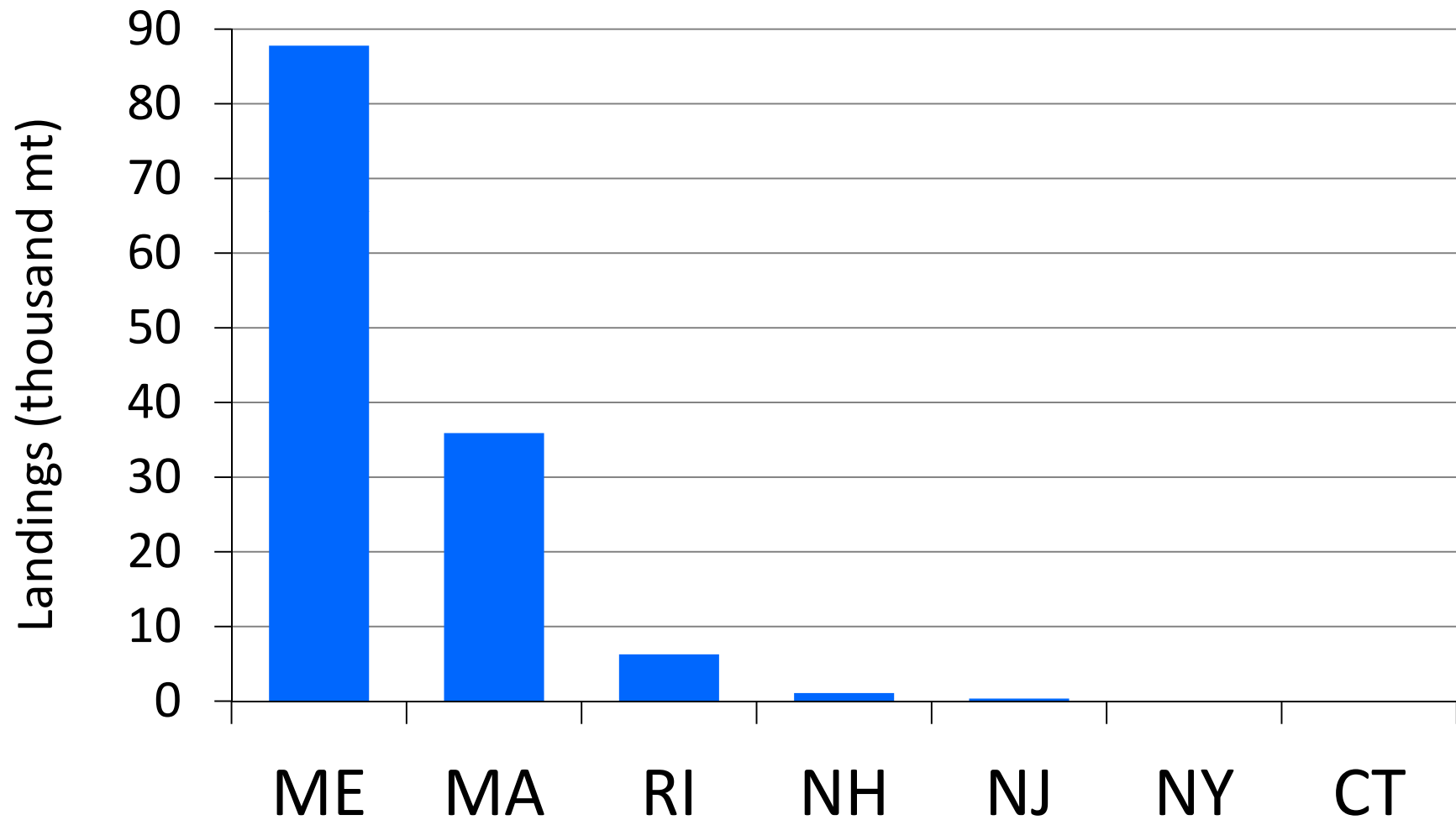
Atlantic Herring Commercial Landings

Source: ACCSP



Status of the Fishery

2012 Atlantic Herring Landings by State



Status of Management As of Fishing Year 2012

1993: FMP

1999: Amendment 1

2006: Amendment 2

2009: Addendum I to Amendment 2

2010: Addendum II

2012: Addendum V

Status of Management As of Fishing Year 2012

Management Measures

- Spawning area restrictions
- Prohibit landings in a management area once sub-quota has been reached
- Prohibit landing of herring to an Internal Waters Processing operation
- Monitoring: Weekly reporting of daily landings in order to manage quota in a timely manner
- Provide annual report on any mealing activity
- Area 1A seasonal splitting, specifications process, triggers, spawning regulations
- Plan Review Team finds that all states had management programs consistent with the FMP.**

Request for *De minimis* Status

- **Amendment 1**
 - **Criteria: commercial landings are less than 1% of coastwide total for the last 2 years.**
- **NY requests *de minimis* status**
 - ✓ **PRT recommends granting *de minimis* status**
 - **NY commercial landings**
 - 30,700 lbs in 2011
 - 85,000 lbs in 2012
 - Averaged 0.04% of coastwide since 1991



Atlantic Herring

Technical Committee Report:

Georges Bank/Nantucket Shoal Spawning Study



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Background

- **February 2012**
 - Section discussed spawning protections for the Georges Bank/Nantucket Shoals (GB/NS) areas, set task.
- **October 2012**
 - TC report
 - Section requested expansion of report.



2012 TC Report

- **Highlighted issues**
 - **Lack of clear goals and objectives**
 - **Potential relocation of fishing effort**
 - **Advised a 3-year study of offshore spawning**
 - **Long-term funding**



Tasks

- **The Section requested**
 - **Specific budget needs**
 - **Alternative offshore sampling measures**
 - **Possible management options for offshore spawning areas (GB/NS)**



Technical Committee Report

- **Tasks**

- ✓ **Specific budget needs**
- Alternative offshore sampling measures**
- Possible management options for offshore spawning areas (GB/NS)**

State Budget Needs for Atlantic Sea Herring Spawning Study

State	Number of New Staff	Current Costs for Inshore Sampling	Additional Costs for Offshore Sampling	TOTAL
ME	1 FTE 1 part-time (seasonal)	\$40,000-50,000	\$50,000-65,000	\$90,000-115,000
NH*		\$0	\$0	\$0
MA		\$4,452	\$5,102	\$9,554
			TOTAL	\$90,000 - \$124,554

* NH samples are included in ME's budget



Additional Comments

- **Clear goals and objectives for offshore study**
- **Concern about using state resources for study in federal waters**
- **Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act funding should not be considered as a source for spawning studies**