

Status of U.S. Fisheries 2006

New England Regional Fact Sheet

New England Fishery Council Made No Progress in Protecting Fish Populations

The New England Council made no progress in reducing the number of fish stocks that are experiencing overfishing, are overfished, or both, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) 2006 Report to Congress on the Status of U.S. Fisheries. The data from this year's report follows a consistent trend of making no long-term improvements in the number of fish stocks that need better management plans.

- **Overfishing:** In 2006, 31 percent of fish stocks or stock complexes assessed by scientists was classified as experiencing overfishing (10 out of 32 stocks or stock complexes).
- **Overfished:** 44 percent of stocks or stock complexes assessed by scientists were classified as overfished (15 out of 34 stocks or stock complexes).
- **Total:** 47 percent of fish stocks that have been assessed by scientists are categorized as overfished, experiencing overfishing, or both (17 out of 36 stocks or stock complexes).
- **Unknown:** The status of some fish stocks remains unknown. In 2006, 4 stock complexes have not been assessed as experiencing overfishing, and 2 stocks have not been assessed as to whether they are overfished.

New England Region Stocks Experiencing Overfishing and/or Overfished

