



Fisheries

NOAA report shows 'continued progress' in U.S. fisheries management

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Report highlights successful fisheries management in U.S. waters

NOAA Fisheries late last week released its Annual Report to Congress on the Status of U.S. Fisheries a report that provides a "snapshot" of the status of U.S. fisheries at the end of the year.

The 12-page report shows continued progress in science and management for U.S. fisheries. Key takeaways include:

- 93 percent of stocks are not subject to overfishing and 81 percent are not overfished.
- The overfishing list included 24 stocks and the overfished list included 48 stocks, which are decreases from 2021.
- Two stocks were rebuilt, bringing the total to 49 rebuilt stocks since 2000.

One of this year's rebuilt stocks is considered rebuilt based on changes to its reference points.

"By ending overfishing and rebuilding stocks, we are strengthening the value of U.S. fisheries to the economy, our communities and marine ecosystems," wrote NOAA in a press release.



The report highlights successful fisheries management in the U.S. and the broad economic impact of commercial and recreational fisheries. Photo courtesy of NOAA

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Read the full report here (https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/s3/2023-04/2022-Status-of-Stocks-RtC-041423-0.pdf).

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