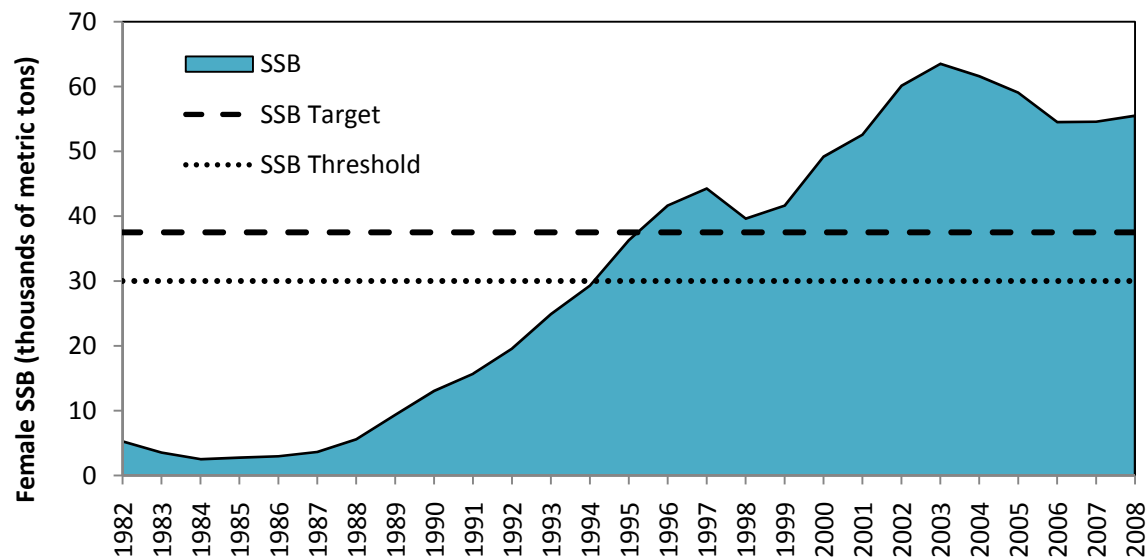


Overview of Stock Status
Atlantic Striped Bass, *Morone saxatilis*
Atlantic Striped Female Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB)

Source: ASMFC Atlantic Striped Bass Stock Assessment Update, 2009



Timeline of Management Actions: Amendment 1 & 2 (1984); Amendment 3 (1985); Amendment 4 (1990); Amendment 5 (1995); Amendment 6 (2003)

Management Considerations

Condition: Not overfished and overfishing is not occurring.

FMP Stock Control Rules: SSB target = 37,500 metric tons F target = 0.30 (or 0.27 in Chesapeake Bay)
 SSB threshold = 30,000 metric tons F threshold = 0.34

FMP Status: Amendment 6, approved February 2003, established new biological reference points and includes triggers for Board action. In November 2007, the Board approved Addendum I, which establishes a data collection program to increase the accuracy of discard and discard mortality estimates and recommends an angler education program to reduce discard mortality. In August 2008, the Board approved new estimates of the Amendment 6 biological reference points and improved estimates of female SSB for 1982-2006.

Primary Management Measures: The commercial fishery is controlled through state-by-state quotas (for coastal and bay fisheries), minimum size limits, and seasons. The recreational fishery is managed through bag and size limits.