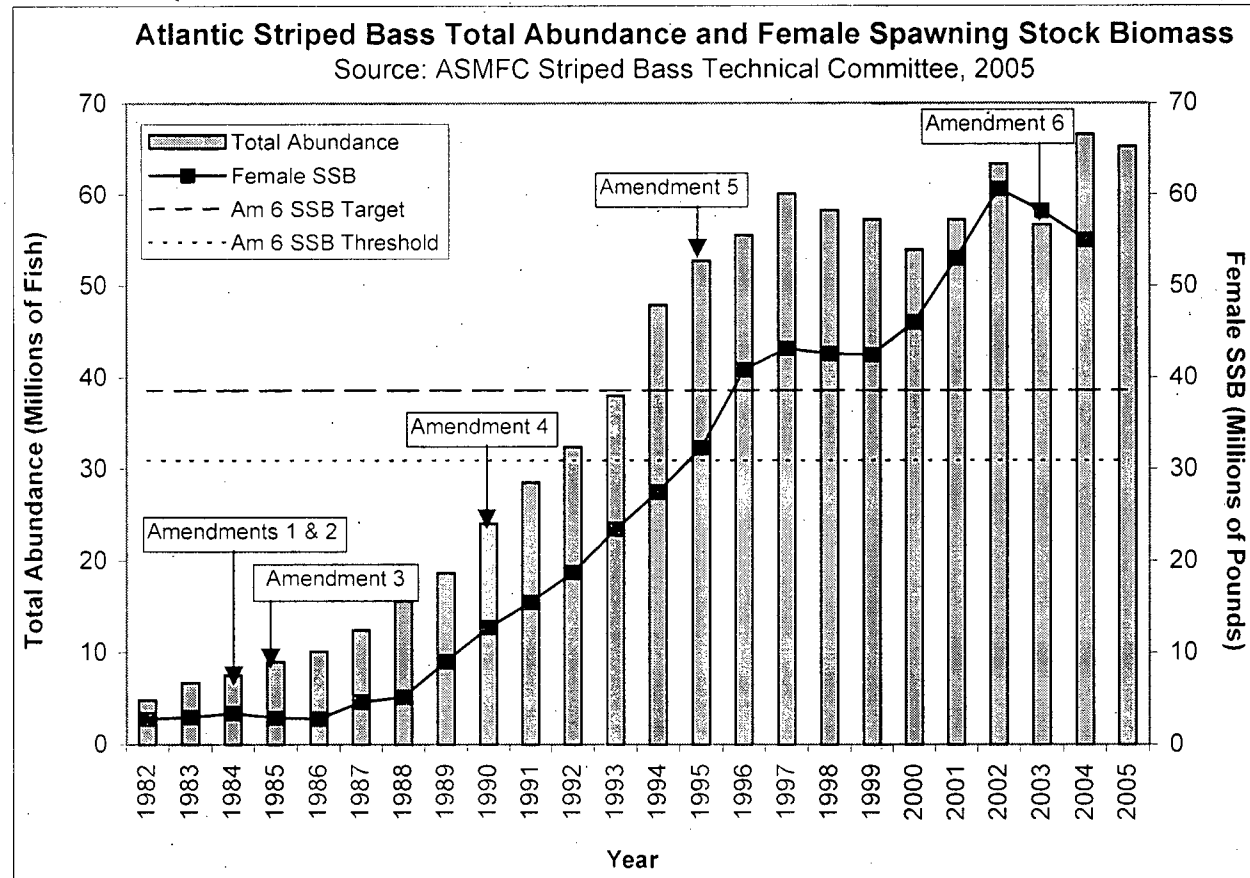


Overview of Stock Status Atlantic Striped Bass, *Morone saxatilis*



Management Considerations:

Condition: Not overfished and overfishing is not occurring

FMP Stock Rebuilding Goals:

Fishing Mortality Target = 0.30

Fishing Mortality Threshold = 0.41

Female SSB Target = 38.6 million pounds (17,510 mt)

Female SSB Threshold = 30.9 million pounds (14,016 mt)

FMP Status: Amendment 6, approved February 2003, established new biological reference points and includes triggers for Board action. In October 2006, the Board postponed final approval of Draft Addendum I, which proposes the establishment of a data collection program to assess the accuracy of current fishery discard estimates and their overall impact on the striped bass population. The Board will review a revised Draft Addendum II, which may include an angler education program and state incentives, in August 2007.

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.