**Atlantic cod**

**Newfoundland**

**Fishery**
- Newfoundland Canada/NAFO 2J3KL
- Canada
- Mechanized lines

**ASSESSMENT**

**Strengthen**
- Stock appears to be increasing due to low natural mortality, good recruitment, and low exploitation.
- Off-shore fishery is under a moratorium.
- Exploitation appears to be low.
- A new model providing projections and uncertainty is currently in place and updated regularly.
- The impact of the fishery on the seabed ecosystem and on protected species is not considered to be an issue due to current fishing effort.

**Weaknesses**
- Stock is well below its LRP.
- Catch have more than doubled in the last year.
- Recreational catches are not incorporated into the assessment and are not estimated.
- The Stewardship fishery, while controlled by individual quotas, have no overall TAC.
- Managers have not defined rebuilding time frames or upper biomass reference points.
- Fishing mortality reference points are not in use.

**SCORES**

**Management Quality**
- Managers Compliance: < 6
- Fishers Compliance: < 6

**Stock Health**
- Current Health: 2.7
- Future Health: < 6

**FIPS**
- Canada Atlantic cod (2J3KL) - longline/trawl/gillnet/hook & line:
  - Stage 5, Progress Rating A, Type: Fip, Evaluation Start Date: 18 Apr 2015
- Canada Northern cod (2J3K) - handline/gillnet/longline:
  - Stage 4, Progress Rating A, Type: Fip, Evaluation Start Date: 7 Dec 2016

**MSC**
- No related MSC fisheries.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN**
- Work with managers to develop and implement a time-bound recovery plan for this stock. This should include, biological reference points based on robust data and stock analysis and controls to constrain total catch to enable stock rebuilding.
- Ask managers to improve collection of recreational catch data to enable robust estimation of recreational catches and associated uncertainty.