Northern prawn
Gulf of Maine

ASSESSMENT

Strengths
1. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) followed scientific advice in declaring a harvest moratorium for the 2014 season. 2. A recent (2011) amendment to the Fishery Management Plan includes a new suite of management tools to control catch rates, as well as a more timely and comprehensive reporting system. 3. Use of the Nordmore grate finfish excluder device is required throughout the fleet.

Weaknesses
1. Recruitment failure has occurred in every year since 2010. 2. The results of the 2013 Assessment Report for Gulf of Maine Northern Shrimp indicate the northern shrimp stock is overfished and overfishing (F>Flim) occurred for three consecutive years in 2010-2012. 3. Northern shrimp abundance in the western Gulf of Maine has declined steadily since 2006. Current biomass (1.1 million pounds) is the lowest value in recent history. 4. Detailed data for estimating potential discards are lacking.

SCORES

Management Quality:

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FIPS

No related FIPs

MSC

No related MSC fisheries

RECOMMENDATIONS

CATCHERS & REGULATORS
1. Management measures should follow scientific advice. 2. The ongoing (initiated in 2014) fishery moratorium should be kept in place until the Northern Shrimp Technical Committee advises that the fishery can be opened.

RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN
1. Contact (and/or ask your supply chain) the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) in support of the ongoing (initiated in 2014) fishery moratorium.