**IDENTIFICATION**

**SCIENTIFIC NAME**
Melanogrammus aeglefinus

**SPECIES NAME(S)**
Haddock

**STOCK IDENTIFICATION**

**RELATED LINKS:**
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC)
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**ASSESSMENT**

**Strengths**
The current biomass estimates are near a time series high. Managers have recently instituted hard quotas to limit catch. Harvest has been below set quotas for a number of years. Managers have recently instituted bycatch quotas, but their effectiveness has not been measured. Managers in both countries are working on bycatch and protected species management measures.

**Weaknesses**
Model suffers from a retrospective pattern. SSB is overestimated and F underestimated in the terminal year. There is considerable uncertainty surrounding the strength of the most recent year classes. Other trawls, the main gear used to harvest haddock, can cause serious damage to bottom habitat; while other gear types can impact PET species. This fishery tends to close early due to catches of other non-targeted stocks which are retained or discarded, such as yellowtail flounder and cod. This prevents the full utilization of the quota.

**SCORES**

**Management Quality:**

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**FIPS**
No related FIPs

**MSC**
No related MSC fisheries

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN**

- This profile is not currently high on our priority list for update, and we can't at this time provide an accurate prediction of when it will be updated. To speed up an evaluation of the sustainability status of lower priority fisheries, we have initiated a program whereby industry can directly contact SFP-approved analysts to develop a FishSource profile on a fishery. More information on this External Contributor Program is available at [https://www.sustainablefish.org/Programs/Science/External-Contributor-Program](https://www.sustainablefish.org/Programs/Science/External-Contributor-Program).