

WEEKLY UPDATE: 5/25/2018
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HAVE A SAFE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!
And please remember those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom!

The NCFA office will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of the holiday.

THANKS FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL SEAFOOD LOBBY DAY!

Legislators knew that the fishermen who attended Seafood Lobby Day didn't get paid for missing that day. Knowing that makes it even more impressive for those of you that attended. It was a great day and the weather cooperated. It was capped off with a reception that was the best ever! Tiring day, but very productive!

[WNCT coverage of Seafood Lobby Day](#)



Picture of some of those attending Seafood Lobby Day 2018

FROM NMFS

Status of Stocks 2017 Report to Congress--Number of overfished stocks hit all time low - NOAA Fisheries is pleased to release the annual report to congress on the *Status of U.S. Fisheries*, which summarizes the progress the nation has made in ending overfishing, rebuilding historically overfished stocks, and helping our fishing communities succeed. The report and supporting materials are available [online](#) on the NOAA Fisheries' website, along with a [message from Chris Oliver](#), Assistant Administrator for Fisheries.

Briefly, the 2017 Status of U.S. Fisheries reflects the collective and continuing progress in rebuilding stocks. It also finds that the number of stocks on the overfished list is at an all-time low, and stocks on the overfishing list remain near all-time lows. In 2017, 91 percent of stocks were not subject to overfishing and 87 percent of stocks were not overfished. We are also pleased to report that last year, three additional stocks were rebuilt: bocaccio (Southern Pacific Coast), darkblotched rockfish (Pacific Coast), and Pacific ocean perch (Pacific Coast). This brings the total stocks rebuilt since 2000 to 44.

CALENDAR

June 5 – 7; Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Philadelphia

June 11 – 15; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Ft. Lauderdale, FL