



# **ASMFC Response to Benchmark Stock Assessment Results**

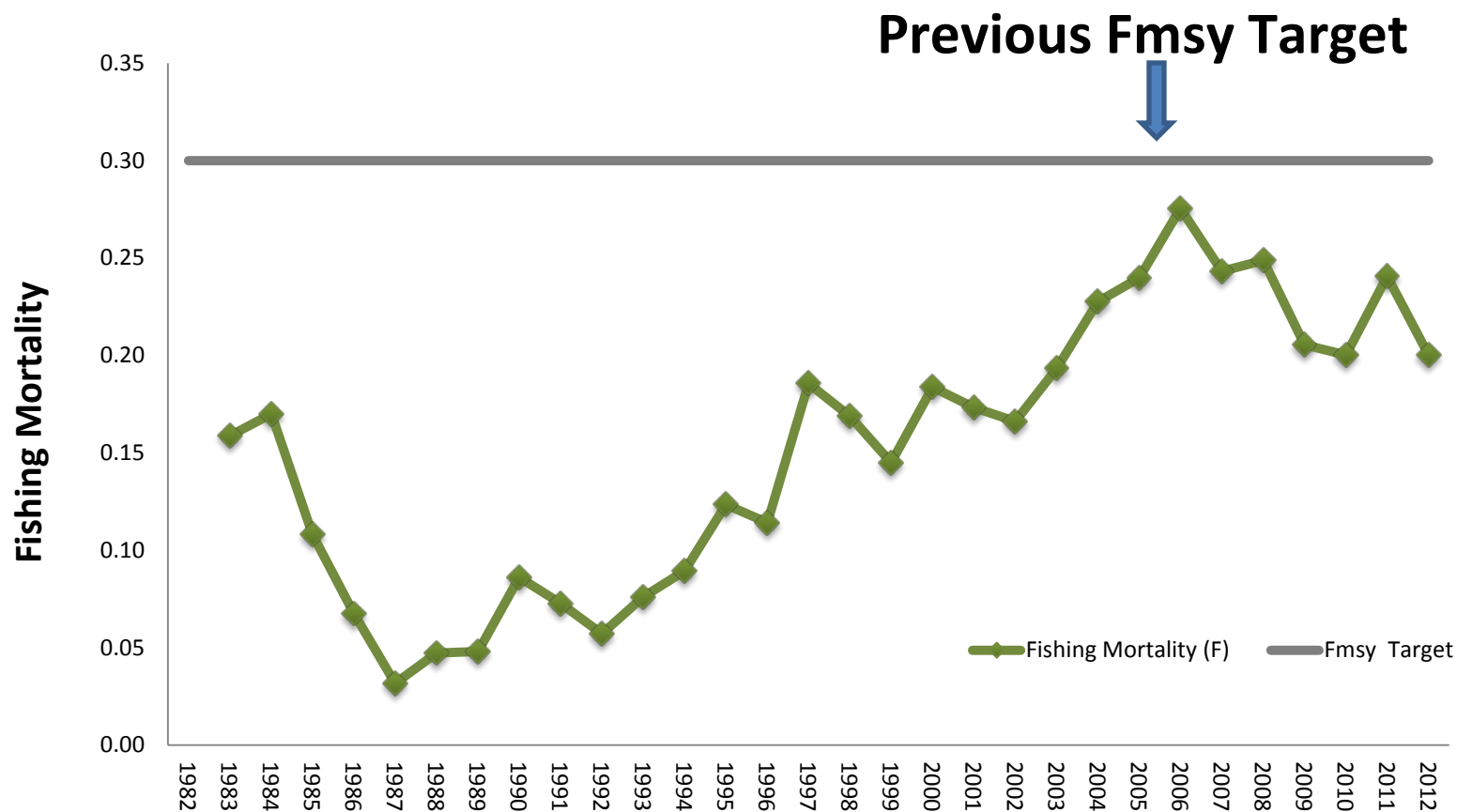
Sustainable Fisheries GIT

December 2013

# October 2013 Meeting

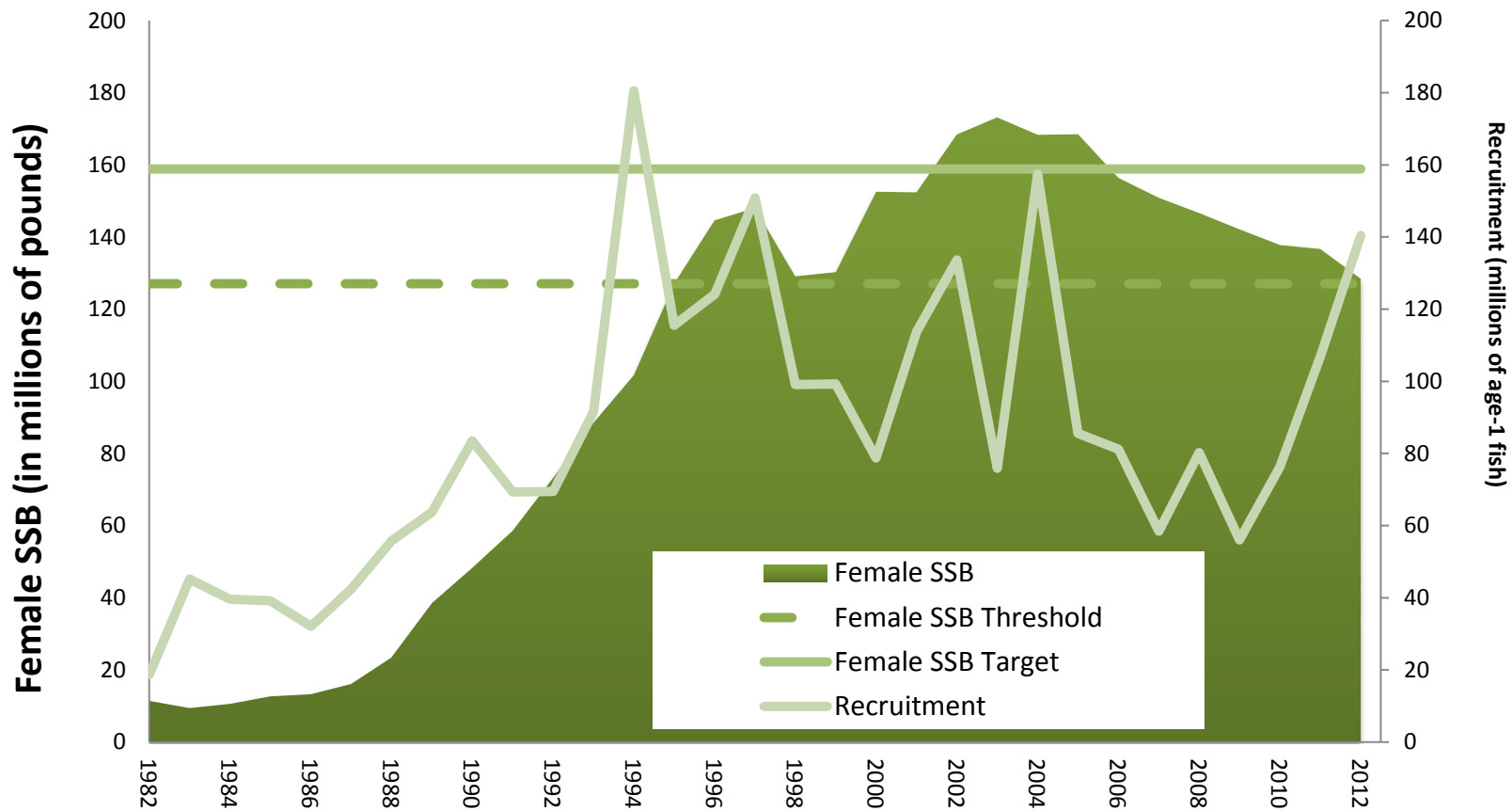
- Benchmark assessment accepted for management use
- Assessment recommended new Fishing mortality reference points
- Board initiated Draft Addendum IV and tasked TC to propose stock specific reference points
- Draft Addendum V will consider management options to reduce  $F$  to at least the target

# Fishing Mortality

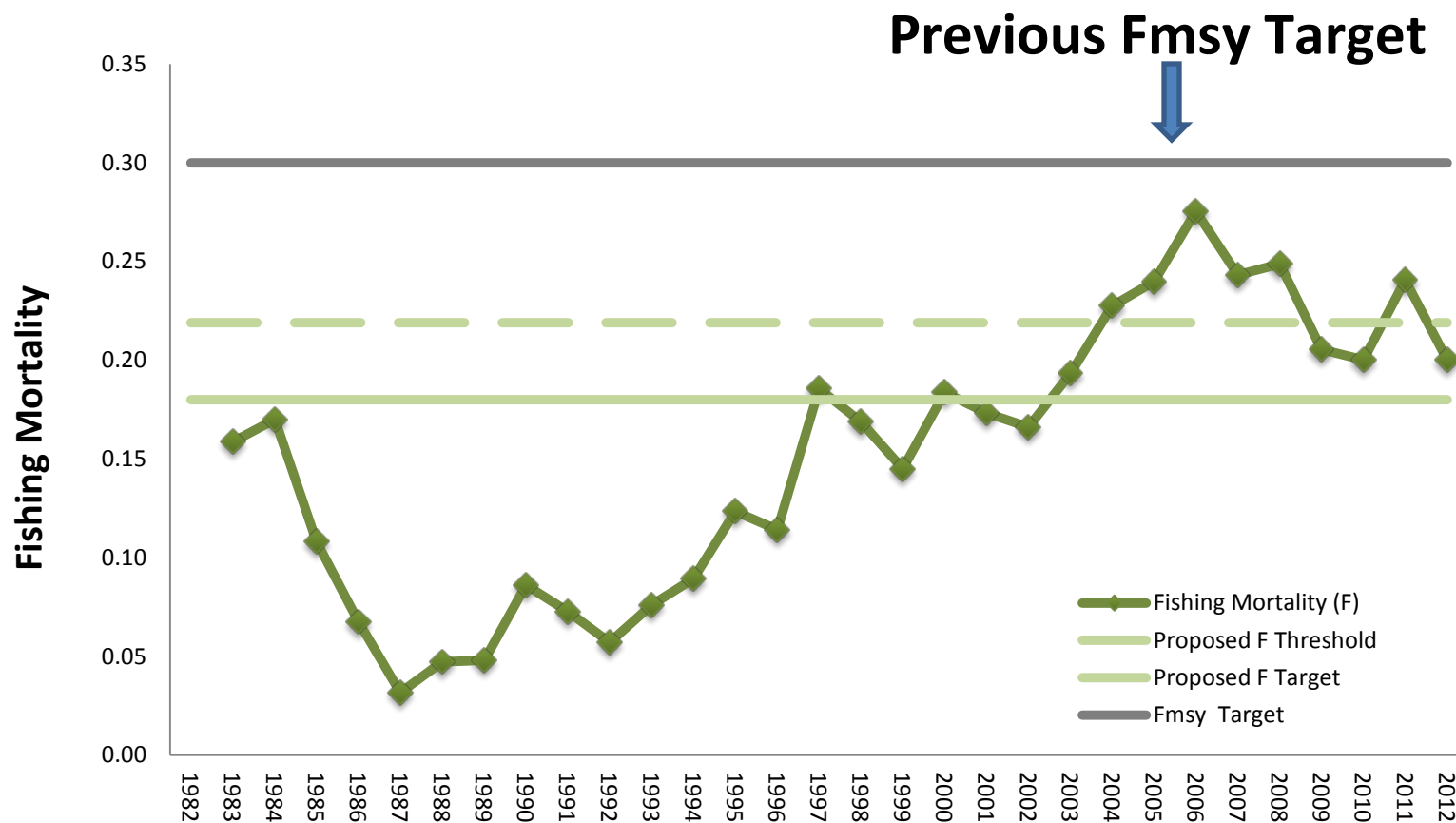


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# Biomass



# Fishing Mortality



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# Draft Addendum IV

- Purpose: modify stock specific F reference points for striped bass
- TC conference call to discuss CB and AS/RR reference points
- Draft for public comment considered February 2014
- Public hearings in Spring 2014
- Finalize document at May meeting 2014



# Draft Addendum V

- Purpose: consider management options to reduce  $F$  to at least the new  $F$  target
- Recreational Fishery
  - Bag limits
  - Size limits
  - Season
- Commercial Fishery - Quota
- Draft for public comment considered May 2014
- Public hearings in Summer 2014
- Finalize document at August meeting 2014
- Implementation in January 2015