Restoring Our Nation’s Ocean Fish
The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping dozens of fish stocks recover from overfishing

After decades of overfishing, our nation is making remarkable strides in restoring depleted fish stocks to healthy, sustainable levels. Thanks to important requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the primary law governing management of U.S. ocean fish, 37 fish populations were rebuilt from 2000 to October 2014. The success of rebuilding under the Magnuson-Stevens Act is apparent. We must stay the course to ensure that more fish populations can continue to recover.

Rebuilt U.S. Ocean Fish Stocks Since 2000

Notes:
* No populations were rebuilt in 2006.
† A name may be listed more than once due to separate stocks of a species being rebuilt.
‡ The Georges Bank stock of winter flounder was rebuilt in 2003. However, it was classified as overfished again in 2010 and is currently in a rebuilding plan.
§ The Bering Sea stock of southern tanner crab was rebuilt twice (in 2007 and 2012). It is counted only once toward the total of 37 rebuilt fish populations.