



SSC
Atlantic Mackerel

July 2020

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Data Update

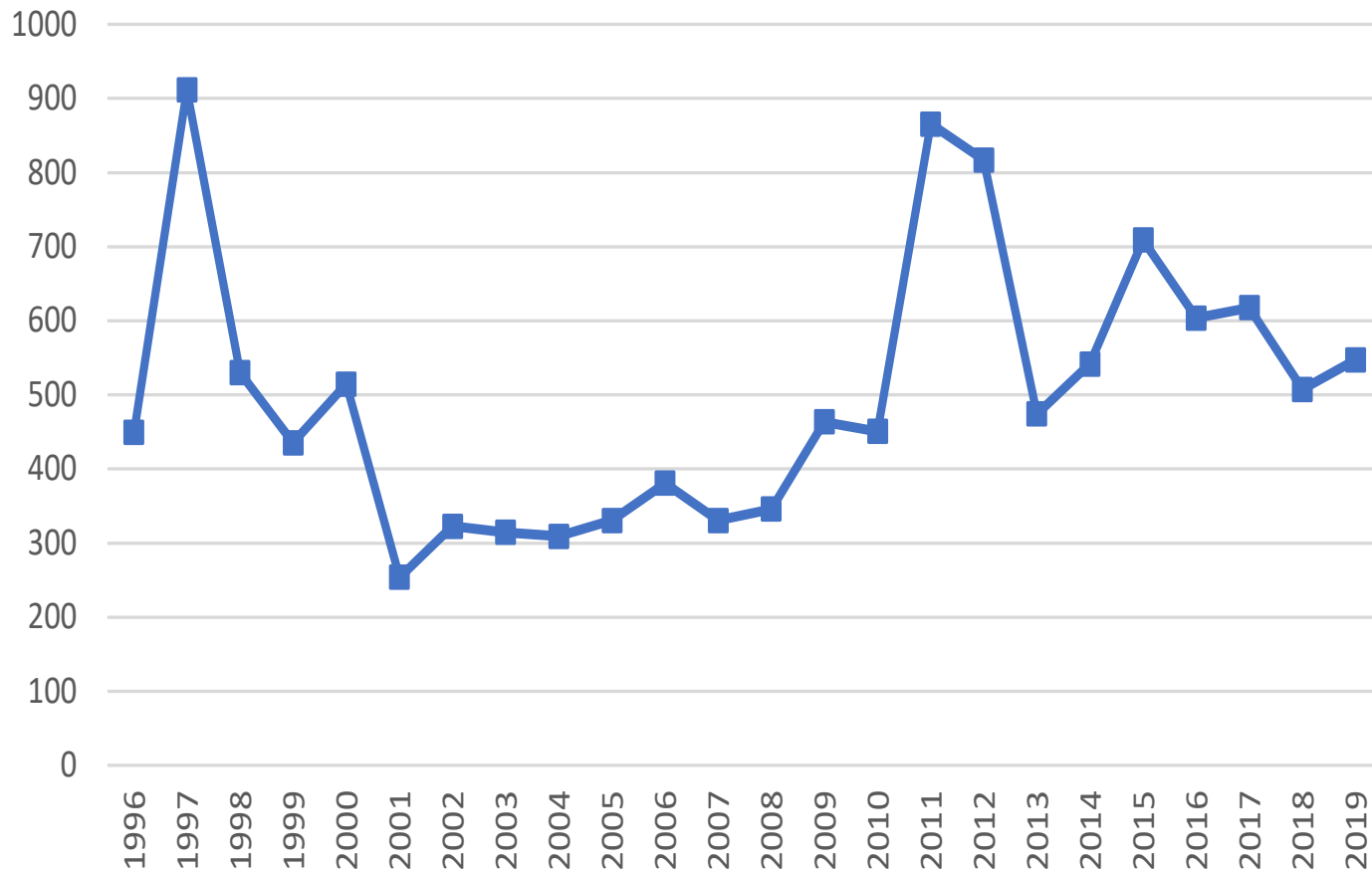
- Low 2018/2019 landings, limited in Canada by quota and US by RH/S Cap
- 2015 year class tracking through catches
- Not evident that there's high recruitment since (but some).

Current Specifications

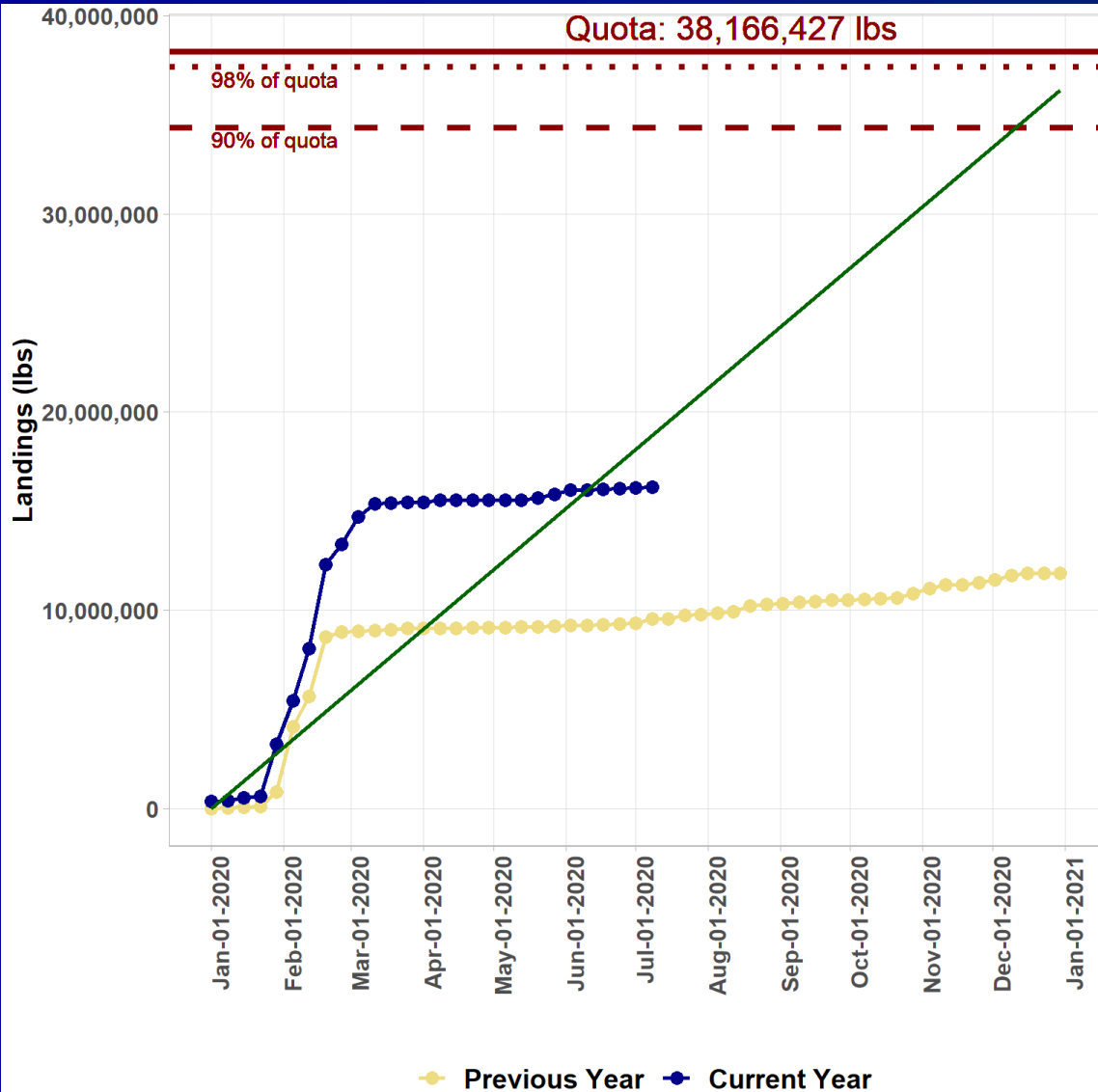
Specification	Mackerel 2019 (MT)	Mackerel 2020 (MT)
Overfishing Limit (OFL) (only available for 2019)	31,764	
Total Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) from	29,184	29,184
Canadian Deduction (10,000 MT)	10,000	10,000
U.S. ABC = ACL (Canadian catch deducted)	19,184	19,184
Recreational Allocation	1,209	1,270
Commercial Allocation (rest of ACL)	17,975	17,914
Management Uncertainty Buffer = 3%	539	537
Commercial ACT (97% of ACL)	17,436	17,377
DAH (0.37% discards)	17,371	17,312

Info Doc Highlights

Mackerel Inflation-Adjusted Price \$/MT



Info Doc Highlights



FPR Highlights

- Shifting thermal habitat
- Tariffs
- Regulation limitations
- COVID-19 affecting everything in current year, but fish disappeared in 2020 before COVID-19 effects
- RH/S Cap & Atl. Herring Choke Species
 - Canada limited by quota

Staff Recommendation

- The mackerel situation does not appear substantially changed since last reviewed
- staff recommends maintaining the current mackerel ABC of 29,184 metric tons (MT) for 2021-2022 (until the 2021 assessment can be used)