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U.S. SEAFOOD FACTS

U.S. Fisheries - Sustainable Seafood

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Sustainable Seafood-3 Things

- Dynamic and every evolving
- NOAA - founding partner, global leader
- Aquaculture is critical

The origin of NOAA Fisheries was the U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries.

Established in 1871 under the Smithsonian Institution, the Commission was the first Federal agency dedicated to natural resource conservation.





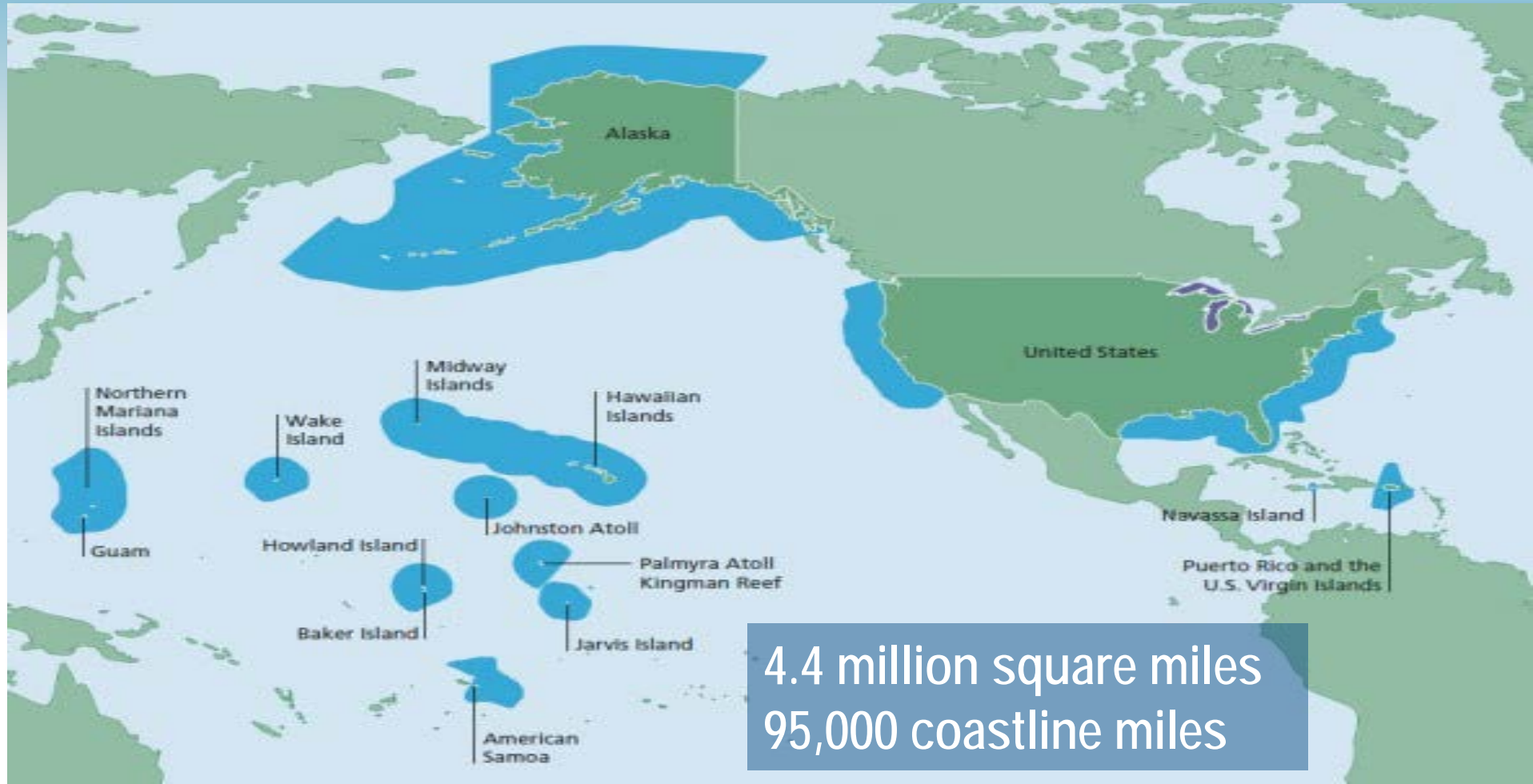
Pivotal Points for Managing Our Nation's Fisheries

1976—Magnuson Stevens Act and the Fishery Conservation Zone

1996—Essential Fish Habitat and 10 National Standards

2007—Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures

U.S. Fisheries—Largest in Size



10 National Standards of Sustainability

1. Optimum Yield
2. Scientific Information
3. Management Units
4. Allocations
5. Efficiency
6. Variations and Contingencies
7. Costs and Benefits
8. Communities
9. Bycatch
10. Safety of Life at Sea

Three Pillars of Implementation



U.S. Science-Based Management

Preventing

Monitoring

Responding

Fish Management Plans

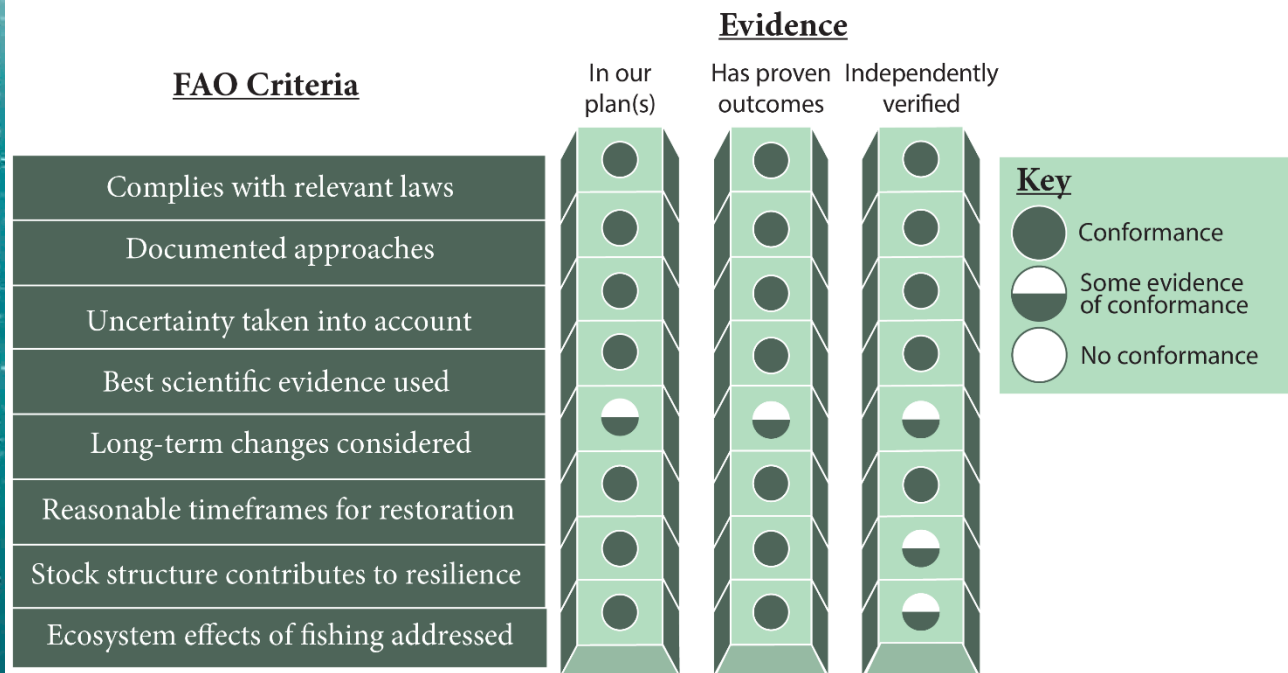
Annual Catch Limits

Stock Assessments

Accountability Measures

U.S. Fisheries Management Clears High Bar for Sustainability

How U.S. Fisheries Measure-up to FAO Ecolabelling Criteria



NOAA Tech Memo: Comparative Analysis of U.S. Federal Fishery Management to the FAO Ecolabelling Guidelines: A Self-Assessment

www.fisheries.noaa.gov/sfa/publications/technical-memos/nmfs_osf_tm1.pdf

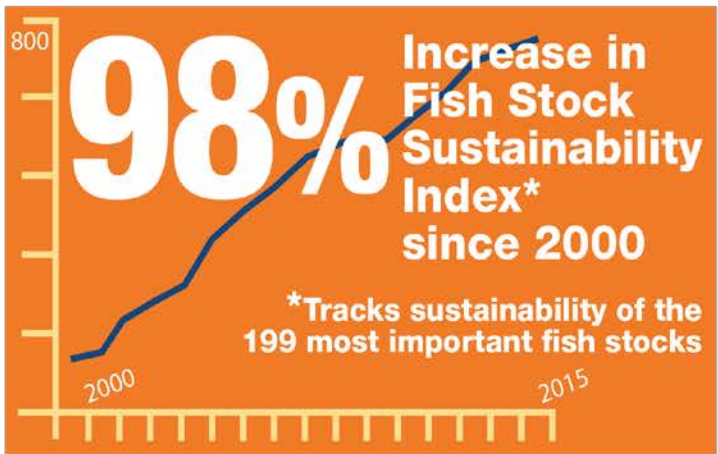
473 Stocks and stock complexes managed under
46 Fishery Management Plans

2 Stocks rebuilt
in 2014

Commercial fishing
Recreational fishing & Seafood
generated
214
billion dollars
and supported
1.83
million jobs

91%
Federally managed stocks NOT on overfishing list

84%
Federally managed stocks NOT on overfished list



39 Stocks rebuilt since 2000

Future Challenge—U.S. seafood



- Social license/political will
- Over 80% of seafood is imported – over 50% farmed
- 15th in global production
- Largest potential production

[Exploring U.S. Aquaculture](#)



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The Nation's Database on Sustainable Seafood

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