

# Technical Indicator Assembly Document for NOAA NaMES

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# Overview

The National Marine Ecosystem Status web portal provides the status of marine ecosystems across the U.S. and access to NOAA ecosystem indicator information and data. This website is designed to document the data sources and methods used to create the indicators displayed on the site.

## 0.1 Definition of Indicators

Ecosystem indicators are quantitative and/or qualitative measures of key components of the ecosystem. Marine ecosystems provide food, jobs, security, well-being, and other services to millions of people across the U.S. Yet, marine ecosystems and the people that rely on them are facing increasingly complex challenges. Tracking the status and trends of ocean and coastal ecosystems is critically important to understand how these ecosystems are changing and identify potential issues.





# Chapter 1

## Chlorophyll-a

### 1.1 Data

Under Construction

### 1.2 Methods

Under construction



## Chapter 2

# Zooplankton

### 2.1 Data

Under Construction

### 2.2 Methods

Under construction



## Chapter 3

# Coral Reefs

### 3.1 Data

Under Construction

### 3.2 Methods

Under construction



## Chapter 4

# Forage Fish

Forage fish, otherwise known as small pelagics are fish and invertebrates (like squids) that inhabit - the pelagic zone - the open ocean. The number and distribution of pelagic fish vary regionally, depending on multiple physical and ecological factors i.e. the availability of light, nutrients, dissolved oxygen, temperature, salinity, predation, abundance of phytoplankton and zooplankton, etc. Small pelagics are known to exhibit “boom and bust” cycles of abundance in response to these conditions. Examples include anchovies, sardines, shad, menhaden and the fish that feed on them

Small pelagic species are often important to fisheries and serve as forage for commercially and recreationally important fish, as well as other ecosystem species (e.g. seabirds and marine mammals). They are a critical part of marine food webs and important to monitor because so many other organisms depend on them. We present the annual total biomass of small pelagics/forage fish in the Alaska, California Current, and Northeast regions, as well as selected taxa in the Gulf of Mexico region.

## 4.1 Data

### 4.1.1 Alaska

The Indicator for the NaMES Alaska regions is the East Bering Sea Pelagic forager biomass (fish 1000t) which can be directly accessed from the AKIEA website here: <https://apps-afsc.fisheries.noaa.gov/refm/reem/ecoweb/Index.php?ID=9>

### 4.1.2 California Current

### 4.1.3 Gulf of Mexico

The GoA IEA team produced a standardized menhaden biomass variable that is stored at [https://github.com/mandykarnauskas/GoM-Ecosystem-Status-Report/blob/master/data/menhaden\\_abundance\\_index.csv](https://github.com/mandykarnauskas/GoM-Ecosystem-Status-Report/blob/master/data/menhaden_abundance_index.csv). As of this writing, the data had not been updated since 2020 and only go until 2015.

### 4.1.4 Northeast

The NE IEA Program keeps all of their ESR data in an R package called `ecodata`. The following code will download and install `ecodata` to your machine.

```
remotes::install_github("NOAA-EDAB/ecodata")
library(ecodata)
library(dplyr)
library(tidyr)
library(stringr)
## These plots were pulled from: https://github.com/NOAA-EDAB/EOE-NEFMC/blob/master/EOE
```

### 4.1.5 Southeast

The Southeast Atlantic forage indicator is the Menhaden CPUE Index score used by the SEIEA team in their Ecosystem Status Report. At the time of writing, the report is under review and data are not publicly available, but can be found on our Google Drive and GitHub Repository. This will be updated in the future once data are available.

## 4.2 Methods

### 4.2.1 Alaska

The variable can be directly downloaded from this link: <https://apps-afsc.fisheries.noaa.gov/refm/reem/ecoweb/csv/table/Pelagic.csv>

### 4.2.2 California Current

### 4.2.3 Gulf of Mexico

The GoM Menhaden Biomass (age 1+) data can be directly accessed and downloaded at this link: [https://github.com/mandykarnauskas/GoM-Ecosystem-Status-Report/blob/master/data/menhaden\\_abundance\\_index.csv](https://github.com/mandykarnauskas/GoM-Ecosystem-Status-Report/blob/master/data/menhaden_abundance_index.csv)



Status-Report/blob/master/data/menhaden\_abundance\_index.csv

#### 4.2.4 Northeast

After downloading, installing, and loading the ecodata package (see above), use the following code to access the planktivore biomass data:

```
## MA-SOE Fig. 16, NE-SOE Fig. 17-18
total_surv <- ecodata::nefsc_survey %>%
  filter(EPU %in% c("MAB"),
         !str_detect(Var, "Other|Apex|managed"),
         Time >= 1968) %>%
  mutate(Var = word(Var, 1,2))

total_surv2 <- filter(total_surv, Var == "Planktivore Spring")

write.csv(total_surv2, file = "~/total_surveyed_biomass.csv", row.names = FALSE)
```

This produces a .csv file with the name “total\_surv2” that displays The Spring Planktivore biomass in kg  $\hat{\text{tow}}^{-1}$ , which is the indicator used for NaMES.



## Chapter 5

# Seabirds

Seabirds are a vital part of marine ecosystems and valuable indicators of an ecosystem's status. Seabirds are attracted to fishing vessels and frequently get hooked or entangled in fishing gear, especially longline fisheries. This is a common threat to seabirds. Depending on the geographic region, fishermen in the United States often interact with albatross, cormorants, gannet, loons, pelicans, puffins, gulls, storm-petrels, shearwaters, terns, and many other species. We track seabirds because of their importance to marine food webs, but also as an indication of efficient fishing practices. We present estimates of seabird abundance in the Alaska, California Current, Gulf of Mexico and Northeast regions.

### 5.1 Data

Data for Alaska, California Current, and the Gulf of Mexico were obtained from the regional NOAA Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Program teams that produce indicators and Ecosystem Status Report. The links for each of the datasets can be found here:

Alaska: <https://apps-afsc.fisheries.noaa.gov/refm/reem/ecoweb/csv/table/Seabird.csv>

California Current: [https://oceanview.pfeg.noaa.gov/erddap/taledap/cciea\\_\\_B\\_AS\\_DENS.csv?time,density\\_anomaly&species\\_cohort=%22Cassins%20auklet%20\(So%20CC,%20Spring\)%22](https://oceanview.pfeg.noaa.gov/erddap/taledap/cciea__B_AS_DENS.csv?time,density_anomaly&species_cohort=%22Cassins%20auklet%20(So%20CC,%20Spring)%22)

Gulf of Mexico: [https://github.com/mandykarnauskas/GoM-Ecosystem-Status-Report/blob/master/data/bird\\_standardized\\_abundancesFINAL.csv](https://github.com/mandykarnauskas/GoM-Ecosystem-Status-Report/blob/master/data/bird_standardized_abundancesFINAL.csv)

Seabird count and transect length data for the Northeast are extracted from the Atlantic Marine Assessment Program for Protected Species (AMAPPS) annual

reports. Counts are summed and divided by the sum of the transect length in nautical miles. For more information see <https://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/psb/AMAPPS/>

## 5.2 Methods

### 5.2.1 Alaska

The Multivariate Breeding Index variable from the Eastern Bering Sea Ecosystem Status Report is currently used to represent seabirds for the NaMES Alaska Region. That data can be downloaded manually by clicking <https://apps-afsc.fisheries.noaa.gov/refm/reem/ecoweb/csv/table/Seabird.csv>.

### 5.2.2 California Current

The Density Anomaly for Cassin's Auklets in the Southern California Current (Spring) are used to represent the seabird indicator for the NaMES California Current region. Because this is an anomaly variable, the values for previous years will change every year - therefore, the entire dataset must be downloaded and replaced each year. The data can be downloaded manually by clicking [https://oceanview.pfeg.noaa.gov/erddap/tabledap/cciea\\_B\\_AS\\_DENS.csv?time,density\\_anomaly&species\\_cohort=%22Cassins%20auklet%20\(So%20CC,%20Spring\)%22](https://oceanview.pfeg.noaa.gov/erddap/tabledap/cciea_B_AS_DENS.csv?time,density_anomaly&species_cohort=%22Cassins%20auklet%20(So%20CC,%20Spring)%22)

### 5.2.3 Gulf of Mexico

The GoA IEA team produces a standardized seabird relative abundance variable that is stored at [https://github.com/mandykarnauskas/GoM-Ecosystem-Status-Report/blob/master/data/bird\\_standardized\\_abundancesFINAL.csv](https://github.com/mandykarnauskas/GoM-Ecosystem-Status-Report/blob/master/data/bird_standardized_abundancesFINAL.csv). As of this writing, the data had not been updated since 2020 and only go until 2015.

### 5.2.4 Northeast

The northeast seabirds indicator is compiled using the AMAPPS Annual report each year. This indicator is compiled completely manually. The reports can be found at <https://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/psb/AMAPPS/>. To calculate the indicator score for each year, one must go to the Seabirds -> Results section of a corresponding year's report and identify the paragraphs containing the "Total seabirds seen," "Total Seen in Zone," and the "Nautical Miles Surveyed" values. Then, those values for each cruise should

be input into this google sheet ([https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-g\\_d9eMWUchbm2xojlRG8Q\\_y7xzbtcyU1bHriW2ua4U/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-g_d9eMWUchbm2xojlRG8Q_y7xzbtcyU1bHriW2ua4U/edit#gid=0)). Finally, using the google sheet, the total number of seabirds observed for the entire year should be divided by the total nautical miles surveyed. That result produces the indicator score and should be manually input into the data file.



## Chapter 6

# Overfished Stocks

Fish play an important role in marine ecosystems, supporting the ecological structure of many marine food webs. Caught by recreational and commercial fisheries, fish support significant parts of coastal economies, and can play an important cultural role in many regions. To understand the health of fish populations - as well as their abundance and distribution, we regularly assess fish stocks - stock assessments. Assessments let us know if a stock is experiencing overfishing or if it is overfished i.e. how much catch is sustainable while maintaining a healthy stock. And, if a stock becomes depleted, stock assessments can help determine what steps may be taken to rebuild it to sustainable levels. Understanding stock assessments helps measure how well we're managing and recovering fish stocks over time.

We present the number of overfished stocks by year in all regions.

### 6.1 Data

Data are obtained from the NOAA Fisheries Fishery Stock Status website <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/population-assessments/fishery-stock-status-updates>. Stocks that meet the criteria for overfished status are summed by year for each region. The status of stocks are available in report form and graphically.

### 6.2 Methods

This indicator is compiled manually.

After traveling to <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/population-assessments/fishery-stock-status-updates>, identify the most up to date status

report. The reports should be available in two formats - through a report and through a visual.

The easiest way to compile the data are using the visual, which should be named “Stocks on the Overfished and Overfishing Lists by Region.” After opening the visual (example below), overfished stocks will be displayed by squares and sorted spatially by region. We are only counting the “Overfished” stocks - do not count stocks that are only on the “Overfishing” list.

```
knitr::include_graphics(rep("overfished.png"))
```

North Pacific corresponds to the Alaska Region, Pacific corresponds to the California Current, Western Pacific corresponds to Hawaii (but be sure not to count the pacific island specific complexes), and New England corresponds to North Atlantic.

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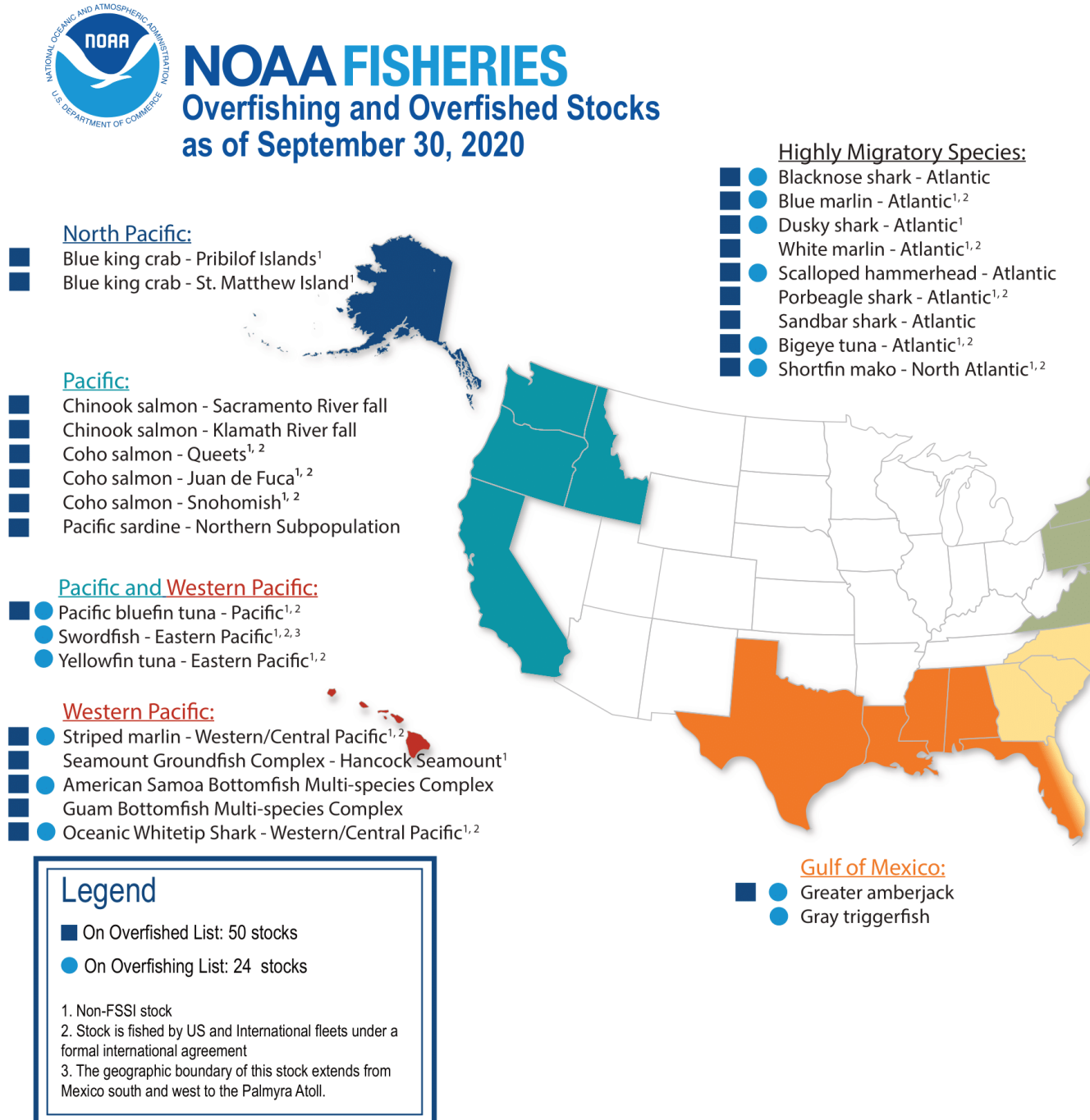


Figure 6.1: NOAA Fisheries 2020 Q4 Stock Status Map



## **Chapter 7**

# **Marine Mammals**

### **7.1 ESA**

#### **7.1.1 Data**

Under Construction

#### **7.1.2 Methods**

Under construction

### **7.2 MMPA**

#### **7.2.1 Data**

Under Construction

#### **7.2.2 Methods**

Under construction



## Chapter 8

# Unusual Mortality Events

### 8.1 Data

Under Construction

### 8.2 Methods

Under construction



## Chapter 9

# Sea Surface Temperature

### 9.1 Data

Under Construction

### 9.2 Methods

Under construction





# Chapter 10

## Sea Level

### 10.1 Data

Under Construction

### 10.2 Methods

Under construction



# Chapter 11

## Sea Ice

Unlike icebergs, glaciers, ice sheets, and ice shelves, which originate on land, sea ice forms, expands, and melts in the ocean. Sea ice influences global climate by reflecting sunlight back into space. Because this solar energy is not absorbed into the ocean, temperatures nearer the poles remain cool. When sea ice melts, the surface area reflecting sunlight decreases, allowing more solar energy to be absorbed by the ocean, causing temperatures to rise. This creates a positive feedback loop. Warmer water temperatures delay ice growth in the autumn and winter, and the ice melts faster the following spring, exposing dark ocean waters for longer periods the following summer.

Sea ice affects the movement of ocean waters. When sea ice forms, ocean salts are left behind. As the seawater gets saltier, its density increases, and it sinks. Surface water is pulled in to replace the sinking water, which in turn becomes cold and salty and sinks. This initiates deep-ocean currents driving the global ocean conveyor belt.

Sea ice is an important element of the Arctic system. It provides an important habitat for biological activity, i.e. algae grows on the bottom of sea ice, forming the basis of the Arctic food web, and it plays a critical role in the life cycle of many marine mammals - seals and polar bears. Sea ice also serves a critical role in supporting Indigenous communities culture and survival. We present the annual sea ice extent in millions of Kilometers for the Arctic region.

### 11.1 Data

Sea ice data was accessed from the NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information, <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/snow-and-ice/extent/>, with the data pulled from here: <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/snow-and-ice/extent/sea-ice/N/3/data.csv>. The data are plotted in units of million square km.

## 11.2 Methods

To download the current sea ice data, you can either:

- 1) Copy/paste the following url into your web browser: <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/snow-and-ice/extent/sea-ice/N/3/data.csv>

or

- 2) Use the following R code to download the data and import it into your RStudio environment

```
url <-"https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/snow-and-ice/extent/sea-ice/N/3/data.csv"
# Specify destination where file should be saved
destfile <- "C:/Users/ ... Your Path ... /my folder/output.csv"
#Apply download.file function in R
download.file(url, destfile)
```

Data were restructured and gauge values were calculated manually.

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## Chapter 12

# Climate Indices

### 12.1 ENSO

Under Construction

### 12.2 MEI

Under construction

### 12.3 PDO

Under Construction

### 12.4 EPNP

Under Construction

### 12.5 NAO

Under Construction

## 12.6 AMO

Under Construction

## Chapter 13

# Coastal Population

### 13.1 Data

Under Construction

### 13.2 Methods

Under construction





## Chapter 14

# Coastal Tourism

### 14.1 Data

Under Construction

### 14.2 Methods

Under construction



## Chapter 15

# Coastal Employment

### 15.1 Data

Under Construction

### 15.2 Methods

Under construction



## Chapter 16

# Commercial Fishing

### 16.1 Landings

#### 16.1.1 Data

Under Construction

#### 16.1.2 Methods

Under construction

### 16.2 Revenue

#### 16.2.1 Data

Under Construction

#### 16.2.2 Methods

Under construction



## Chapter 17

# Recreational Fishing

### 17.1 Effort

#### 17.1.1 Data

Under Construction

#### 17.1.2 Methods

Under construction

### 17.2 Harvest

#### 17.2.1 Data

Under Construction

#### 17.2.2 Methods

Under construction





## Chapter 18

# Fishing Engagement

### 18.1 Commercial

#### 18.1.1 Data

Under Construction

#### 18.1.2 Methods

Under construction

### 18.2 Recreational

#### 18.2.1 Data

Under Construction

#### 18.2.2 Methods

Under construction



## Chapter 19

# Billion Dollar Disasters

In the United States the number of weather and climate-related disasters exceeding 1 billion dollars has been increasing since 1980. These events have significant impacts to coastal economies and communities. The Billion Dollar Disaster indicator provides information on the frequency and the total estimated costs of major weather and climate events that occur in the United States. This indicator compiles the annual number of weather and climate-related disasters across seven event types. Events are included if they are estimated to cause more than one billion U.S. dollars in direct losses. The cost estimates of these events are adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and are based on costs documented in several Federal and private-sector databases. We present the total annual number of disaster events for all regions.

### 19.1 Data

Billion dollar disaster event frequency data are taken from NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information (<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/billions/>). The number of disasters within each region were summed for every year of available data. Although the number is the count of unique disaster events within a region, the same disaster can impact multiple regions, meaning a sum across regions will overestimate the unique number of disasters.

### 19.2 Methods

The Billion Dollar Event Frequency Data displayed on the website were compiled using the following code:

```

PKG <- c("foreign","stringr","data.table")

for (p in PKG) {
  if(!require(p,character.only = TRUE)) {
    install.packages(p)
    require(p,character.only = TRUE)}
}

#states <- c("AK","AL","AR","AZ","CA","CO","CT","DE","FL","GA","HI",
#           "IA","ID","IL","IN","KS","KY","LA","MA","MD","ME","MI",
#           "MN","MO","MS","MT","NC","ND","NE","NH","NJ","NM","NV",
#           "NY","OH","OK","OR","PA","RI","SC","SD","TN","TX","UT",
#           "VA","VT","WA","WI","WV","WY")

states <- c("AK","AL","CA","CT","DE","FL","GA","HI",
           "LA","MA","MD","ME",
           "MS","NC","NH","NJ",
           "NY","OR","PA","RI","SC","TX",
           "VA","WA","PR","VI")

#Update Year in URL (2021)
Billion_Storm <- NULL
for (x in states) {
  temp <- tempfile()
  temp.connect <- url(paste0("https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/billions/events-",x,"-1980-2021"))
  temp <- data.table(read.delim(temp.connect, header=TRUE,fill=FALSE, stringsAsFactors=FALSE))
  temp$State <- x
  Billion_Storm <- rbind(Billion_Storm,temp)
  unlink(temp)
  rm(temp)
}

Billion_Storm$Begin.Date <- as.character(Billion_Storm$Begin.Date)
Billion_Storm$Begin.Year <- substr(Billion_Storm$Begin.Date,1,4)
Billion_Storm$Begin.Date <- as.Date(Billion_Storm$Begin.Date,"%Y %m %d")
Billion_Storm$End.Date <- as.character(Billion_Storm$End.Date)
Billion_Storm$End.Year <- substr(Billion_Storm$End.Date,1,4)
Billion_Storm$End.Date <- as.Date(Billion_Storm$End.Date,"%Y %m %d")

Gulf.of.Mexico <- c("FL","AL","LA","MS","TX")
Northeast <- c("NC","VA","MD","DE","PA","NJ","NY","CT","RI",
              "MA","NH","ME")
Southeast <- c("SC","GA","FL")
California.Current <- c("CA","OR","WA")
Alaska <- c("AK")

```

```

Hawaii <- c("HI")
Caribbean <- c("PR","VI")

Storm_Freq <- NULL
for (x in c("Gulf.of.Mexico","Northeast","Southeast","California.Current","Alaska","Hawaii","Caribbean")) {
  TEMP <- Billion_Storm[which(Billion_Storm$State%in%get(x)),]
  TEMP$Disaster <- TEMP$Begin.Date <- TEMP$End.Date <- TEMP$Deaths <- TEMP$State <- TEMP$Begin.Year
  TEMP <- unique(TEMP)
  colnames(TEMP)<- c('Name','Frequency','End.Year')
  TEMP <- aggregate(Frequency~End.Year, data=TEMP, FUN=length)
  TEMP$Region <- x
  assign(paste0(x,"_Data", sep=""),TEMP)
  Storm_Freq <- rbind(Storm_Freq,TEMP)
  rm(TEMP)
}

Storm_Freq_F <- spread(Storm_Freq,Region,Frequency)

write.csv(Storm_Freq_F,file="C:/Users/... your path.../Billion_Dollar_Storms_1980_Present.csv")
rm(list=ls())

```

Gauge values counted manually.

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## Chapter 20

# Beach Closures

Beach closures are the number of days when beach water and/or air quality is determined to be unsafe. Unsafe water and air quality may have significant impacts on human health, local economies, and the ecosystem. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) supports coastal states, counties and and tribes in monitoring beach water quality, and notifying the public when beaches must be closed. Beach water quality is determined by the concentration of bacteria in the water (either *Enterococcus* sp.or *Escherichia coli*).

The information presented is from states, counties, and tribes that submit data to the EPA Beach Program reporting database. Not all US beach closures are captured in this database. We present a summary of known EPA Beach Program closure days by year for Alaska, California Current, Gulf of Mexico, Northeast, Hawai'ian Islands, and the Southeast regions.

### 20.1 Data

Data obtained from the EPA BEACON website have been provided to EPA by the coastal and Great Lakes states, tribes and territories that receive grants under the BEACH Act. Data was refined to closure, by state or territory, by year. Data compiled by states or territory and combined in regions defined as IEA regions except PI includes Guam and Marianas. Caribbean and South Atlantic data stand alone. Not all beaches in a state or territory are monitored through the EPA BEACH Act. Data for beaches monitored by state and local municipalities is not included. Changes in the number of beach closure days may be driven by changes in the number of beaches monitored under the BEACH Act versus by state and local municipalities.

Step by step instructions for obtaining these data from the EPA BEACON 2.0 Portal:

Go to BEACON 2.0 website reports page <https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/reports.html> Step 1 location filter - select National all States/Tribes/Territories Step 2 Additional Filtering - select Calendar Year Grouping option and select all year or the years you need to add to update the indicator Step 3 Report Selection - Choose Beach Actions (advisories and closures) Actions drop down - choose filter Column drop down - select Action Type Operator drop down - select = Expression Drop down - select Closure and Apply (note there is a permanent closure option which was not used in first indicator - explore) Action drop down - choose download and select CSV

## 20.2 Methods

Data were compiled using the following code:

```
#import data
beach <- read_excel("C:/Users/your_path.xlsx")

#remove unnecessary data
drop <- c("County", "Beach Id", "Beach Name", "Beach Status", "Swim Status", "Reported",
         "Activity ID", "Action Reasons", "Action Indicator", "Action Possible Source")
beach = beach_actions[,!(names(beach_actions) %in% drop)]

#look for best way to subset
water <- unique(beach[c("Waterbody Name")])
keep <- c("Atlantic Ocean", "Pacific Ocean", "Gulf of Mexico", "Long Island Sound", "-")
beach2 <- beach[beach$`Waterbody Name` %in% keep, ]

#one more subset...
states <- unique(beach2[c("State")])
beach3 <- beach2[beach2$State != "IL" & beach2$State != "IN", ]

#add region
beach3$Region <- ""

#and assign
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="AK"] <- "Alaska"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="HI"] <- "Hawaii-Pacific Islands"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="CA"] <- "California Current"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="OR"] <- "California Current"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="WA"] <- "California Current"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="TX"] <- "Gulf of Mexico"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="AL"] <- "Gulf of Mexico"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="LA"] <- "Gulf of Mexico"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="MS"] <- "Gulf of Mexico"
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beach3$Region[beach3$State=="FL" & beach3$`Waterbody Name`=="Gulf of Mexico"] <- "Gulf of Mexico"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="FL" & beach3$`Waterbody Name`=="Atlantic Ocean"] <- "Southeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="SC"] <- "Southeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="GA"] <- "Southeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="NC"] <- "Northeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="VA"] <- "Northeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="MD"] <- "Northeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="DE"] <- "Northeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="NJ"] <- "Northeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="NY"] <- "Northeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="CT"] <- "Northeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="RI"] <- "Northeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="MA"] <- "Northeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="NH"] <- "Northeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="ME"] <- "Northeast"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="MP"] <- "Hawaii-Pacific Islands"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="GU"] <- "Hawaii-Pacific Islands"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="MK"] <- "California Current"
beach3$Region[beach3$State=="PR"] <- "Caribbean"

#combine
beach4 <-with(beach3,aggregate(list(days=beach3$`ActionDuration Days`), by=list(region=beach3$Region), FUN=function(x){
  sum(x)
}))

#reorder
beachwide <- spread(beach4, region, days)
beachwide

write.csv(beachwide,file="C:/Users/willem.klajbor/Documents/DataAssembly/output/beach.csv")

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## **Chapter 21**

# **Marine Species Distribution**

### **21.1 Data**

Under Construction

### **21.2 Methods**

Under construction