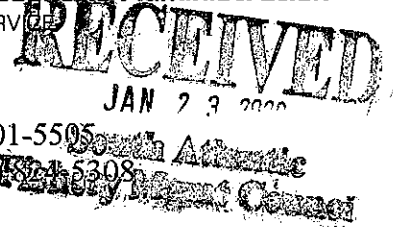




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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Mahood, Executive Director
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FROM: Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D.
 Regional Administrator

SUBJECT: Preliminary 2007-2008 Commercial Landings

The Southeast Fisheries Science Center has provided the following **preliminary landings estimates** for species in the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's area of jurisdiction subject to quota management through December 31, 2008.

Species	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/08 - 02/28/09	2,593,471 ^a	3,710,000	69.90
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/08 - 02/28/09	887,175 ^a	3,870,000	24.51 ^b
Gulf king mackerel - Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone	11/01/08 - 03/31/09	135,801 ^c	1,040,625	13.05 ^c
Snowy grouper	01/01/08 - 12/31/08	50,735	84,000	60.39
Golden tilefish	01/01/08 - 12/31/08	290,937 ^d	295,000	98.62
Greater amberjack	05/01/08 - 04/30/09	391,446	1,169,931	33.45
Black sea bass	06/01/08 - 05/31/09	146,821	309,000	47.51
Vermilion snapper	01/01/08 - 12/31/08	997,300	1,100,000	90.66
Red porgy	01/01/08 - 12/31/08	118,865	127,000	93.59
Wreckfish	04/16/07 - 04/15/08	^e	2,000,000	^e
Dolphin	01/01/08 - 12/31/08	598,604	1,500,000 ^f	39.91
Octocoral	01/01/07 - 12/31/07	Atlantic: 40,782 Gulf: 2,912	50,000 ^g	87.39

- a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through December 15, 2008.
- b. Atlantic Spanish mackerel Quota (%) is based on the adjusted quota of 3,620,000 lbs.
- c. Gulf king mackerel - East Coast subzone closed on February 21, 2008. Reported landings for 11/01/07 - 03/31/08 were 1,028,925 lbs and 98.90% of the quota was met.
- d. Golden tilefish closed on August 17, 2008.
- e. Confidential landings
- f. The Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan established a 1.5 million pound cap for the dolphin commercial fishery. Data includes preliminary landings during January 1, 2008, through August 31, 2008.
- g. Octocoral landings are reported twice a year with final landings reported by May of the next year; therefore, these are the total landings for both Atlantic (750 trips) and Gulf (87 trips) in federal waters for 2007, reported in number of colonies.

