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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Mahood, Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: Preliminary 2010-2011 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 April 30, 2011, updated on May 9, 2011.

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Preliminary 2010 – 2011 Commercial South Atlantic Landings

Species	Fishing Season	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)	Date Closed 2011	Date Closed 2010
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/11 – 02/28/12	14,798 <sup>a</sup>	3,710,000	0.40		
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/11 – 02/28/12	429,339 <sup>a</sup>	3,870,000	11.86 <sup>b</sup>		
Gulf king mackerel – Eastern Zone – East coast subzone	11/01/10 – 12/31/11	1,099,368	1,040,625	105.64 <sup>c</sup>	February 26 <sup>e</sup>	February 4
Snowy grouper	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	5,084	82,900	6.13		
Golden tilefish	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	353,484	282,819	124.99 <sup>d</sup>	March 9	April 12
Greater amberjack	05/01/10 – 04/31/11	737,740	1,169,931	63.06		
Black sea bass	06/01/10 – 05/31/11	323,353	309,000	104.64 <sup>e</sup>		October 6
Vermilion snapper	01/01/11 – 06/30/11	263,238	315,523	83.43	March 10	March 19
	07/01/10 – 12/31/10	442,744	302,523	146.35 <sup>f</sup>		October 7
Red pogy	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	193	190,050	0.10		
Gag	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	43	352,940	0.01		
Wreckfish	04/16/10 – 04/15/11	<sup>g</sup>	2,000,000	<sup>g</sup>		
Dolphin	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	701,240	1,500,000 <sup>h</sup>	46.75		
Octocoral	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	Atlantic: 763 Gulf: 1,357	50,000 <sup>i</sup>	4.24		

a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through March 31, 2011.

b. Atlantic Spanish mackerel quota (%) is based on the adjusted quota of 3,620,000 lbs.

c. The Gulf king mackerel Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone closed to harvest on February 26, 2011.

d. The trip limit reduction for golden tilefish was surpassed, and the fishery closed on March 9, 2011.

e. Commercial fishing for black sea bass closed on October 6, 2010, and the quota was not met, therefore commercial harvest reopened on December 1 until December 15, 2010.

f. Commercial fishing for vermilion snapper closed on March 10, 2011. Commercial fishing reopened May 1-8, 2011, to meet the remaining portion of the quota. Landings for that time period are not yet available.

g. Confidential landings.

h. The Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan established a 1.5 million-pound cap for the dolphin commercial fishery for both northeast and southern Atlantic regions. During January 1 through December 31, 2010, 46.75% of the 1.5 million-pound cap was landed (701,240 pounds).

i. 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 (20 trips) and Gulf (28 trips) in federal waters for 2010, reported in number of colonies.