

## Updated Landings Trends

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The purpose of these new landings trends is to compare the trend with the new MRIP numbers to the trend with the old MRFSS numbers, and to see the trends with the next year of landings data (2010). The current ABC, the third highest landing from 99-08, and the median landing from 99-08 are all presented for comparison. The third highest landing and the median landing are shown because these are the metrics decided upon by the SSC in their April 2011 meeting that would be used to calculate the ABC for unassessed stocks. The years 99-08 are used because the SSC decided this was a period of stable landings and that identification issues would be minimized.

There are several reasons why the current ABC may differ from the third highest landing or median landing (whichever is appropriate). First, the new MRIP numbers are included in these new data. Second, the shore mode was missing from the data presented at the April 2011 meeting. It was removed by the Science Center before being passed along to the Regional Office and finally to Council staff. It is included in this data set. Finally, either the Science Center or the Regional Office has made slight changes to the landings throughout the time series for most species. I believe this has something to do with quality checks and the like, but I am not certain. The differences are minimal and the trend was not altered by these changes.

Here is a list of all the species that the SSC did not go over during their April, 2011 meeting:

- Bar Jack
- Black Snapper
- Blackfin Snapper
- Coney
- Dog Snapper
- Graysby
- Jolthead Porgy
- Knobbed Porgy
- Mahogany Snapper
- Margate
- Misty Grouper
- Queen Snapper
- Sailor's Choice
- Sand Tilefish
- Saucereye Porgy
- Scup
- Tomtate
- Whitebone Porgy
- Yellowfin Grouper
- Yellowmouth Grouper