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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Mahood, Executive Director  
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FROM:

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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 November 30, 2010, updated on December 6, 2010.



Preliminary 2010 – 2011 Commercial South Atlantic Landings

Species	Fishing Season	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)	Date Closed 2010	Date Closed 2009
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/10 – 02/28/11	2,599,030 <sup>a</sup>	3,710,000	70.05		
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/10 – 02/28/11	1,362,075 <sup>a</sup>	3,870,000	37.63 <sup>b</sup>		
Gulf king mackerel – Eastern Zone – East coast subzone	11/01/09 – 12/31/10	1,085,862	1,040,625	104.35 <sup>c</sup>	February 4 <sup>c</sup>	
Snowy grouper	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	56,200	82,900	67.79		
Golden tilefish	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	333,276	295,000	112.97 <sup>d</sup>	April 12	July 15
Greater amberjack	05/01/10 – 04/31/11	486,775	1,169,931	41.61		
Black sea bass	06/01/10 – 05/31/11	252,945	309,000	81.86 <sup>e</sup>	October 6	December 20
Vermilion snapper	01/01/10 – 06/30/10	324,396	315,523	102.81	March 19	
	07/01/10 – 12/31/10	442,617	302,523	146.31 <sup>f</sup>	October 7	September 18
Red porgy	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	107,546	190,050	56.59		
Gag	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	220,916	352,940	62.59		
Wreckfish	04/16/10 – 04/15/11	<sup>g</sup>	2,000,000	<sup>g</sup>		
Dolphin	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	557,369	1,500,000 <sup>h</sup>	37.16		
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 November 15, 2010.

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

c. Given the early closure on the Gulf king mackerel Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone on February 4, 2010, the National Marine Fisheries Service reopened the fishery from March 3–7, 2010.

d. The trip limit for golden tilefish was reduced to 300 lbs gutted weight on March 18, 2010, and the fishery closed on April 12, 2010.

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 October 7, 2010.

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

November 15, 2010, 37.16% of the 1.5 million-pound cap was landed (557,369 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.