

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 622 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 622--FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

2. In § 622.385, paragraph (b)(1) is revised and paragraph (b)(2) is removed and reserved to read as follows:

§ 622.385 Commercial trip limits.

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(b) * * *

Comment [AC1]: Spanish mackerel

(1) Atlantic migratory group. The following trip limits apply to vessel for which commercial permits for Spanish mackerel have been issued, as required under § 622.370(a)(3).

Comment [AC2]: Added heading and revised introductory paragraph.

(i) Northern zone, Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ may not be possessed on board or landed in a day from a vessel for which a permit for Spanish mackerel has been issued, as required under § 622.370(a)(3), in amounts exceeding 3,500 lb (1,588 kg).

(ii) Southern zone, Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ may not be possessed on board or landed in a day from a vessel for which a permit for Spanish mackerel has been issued, as required under § 622.370(a)(3)--

(A) From March 1 until 75 percent of the southern zone

quota (1,880,348 lb; kg) has been landed or projected to be landed, in amounts exceeding 3,500 lb (1,588 kg).

(B) After 75 percent and until 100 percent of the southern zone's quota has been landed or projected to be landed, and until the end of the fishing year or the southern zone's quota has been reached or projected to be reached, in amounts exceeding 500 lb (227 kg). See § 622.384(e) for limitations regarding Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel after the southern zone's quota is reached.

(2) [Reserved]

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Comment [AC3]: Removed and reserved paragraph (b)(2) which contained the explanation of the adjusted quota.