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RE: Preliminary 2014-2015 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 annual catch limits (ACLs), which includes electronically reported landings through May 21, 2014.

Sincerely,

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Preliminary 2014 Commercial South Atlantic Landings

Species Complex	Fishing Year	Date Landings Available Through	Current Landings (lb)	ACL (lb)	Units	ACL (%)	Current Status	Date Closed 2014
Atlantic spadefish	January 1 - December 31	21-May-14	613	35,108	ww	1.75	OPEN	
Bar Jack			2,518	5,265	ww	47.83	OPEN	
Black Grouper ^a			11,559	96,844	ww	11.94	OPEN	
Cobia			45,656	125,712	ww	36.32	OPEN	
Deep-water complex ^b			n/a	376,469	ww	n/a	OPEN	
Deep-water complex (Temporary) ^c			38,797	60,371	ww	64.26	OPEN	
Blueline Tilefish (Temporary) ^c			75,017	112,207	ww	66.86	OPEN	
Dolphin			331,727	1,065,524	ww	31.13	OPEN	
Gag ^a			47,065	326,722	gw	14.41	OPEN	
Golden crab			112,218	2,000,000	ww	5.61	OPEN	
Golden tilefish (Hook-n-Line)			98,918	135,324	gw	73.10	OPEN	
Golden tilefish (Longline)			538,885	405,971	gw	132.74	CLOSED	03/05/14
Goliath grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Gray triggerfish			283,867	272,880	ww	104.03	CLOSED	05/12/14
Grunts ^d			26,291	218,539	ww	12.03	OPEN	
Hogfish			7,187	49,469	ww	14.53	OPEN	
Jacks ^e			122,017	189,422	ww	64.42	OPEN	
Mutton snapper			19,385	157,743	ww	12.29	OPEN	
Nassau grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Porgies ^f			21,614	36,348	ww	59.46	OPEN	
Red Grouper ^a			11,277	343,200	ww	3.29	OPEN	
Red Pogy ^a			21,656	154,500	ww	14.02	OPEN	
Red Snapper			49	0	gw	0.00	CLOSED	
Scamp ^a			21,727	333,100	ww	6.52	OPEN	
Shallow water grouper ^{ag}			5,133	49,776	ww	10.31	OPEN	
Snappers ^h			16,854	215,662	ww	7.82	OPEN	
Snowy grouper			44,506	82,900	gw	53.69	OPEN	
Speckled hind			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Wahoo			14,092	64,147	ww	21.97	OPEN	
Warsaw grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Yellowtail snapper	503,749	1,596,510	ww	31.55	OPEN			

- a. Commercial harvest is prohibited during January-April of each year.
- b. Deepwater Complex: Yellowedge grouper, blueline tilefish, silk snapper, misty grouper, queen snapper, sand tilefish, black snapper, blackfin snapper
- c. NOAA Fisheries has temporarily removed blueline tilefish from the Deep-Water Complex. This temporary rule became effective on April 17, 2014, will be in place through October 14, 2014, and may be extended for an additional 186 days.
- d. Grunts Complex: White grunt, margate, sailor's choice, tomtate
- e. Jacks Complex: Almaco jack, banded rudderfish, lesser amberjack
- f. Porgies Complex: Jolthead, knobbed, saucereye, whitebone, scup
- g. Shallow water grouper Complex: Red hind, rock hind, coney, graysby, yellowfin grouper, yellowmouth grouper
- h. Snapper Complex: Gray, lane, cubera, dog, mahogany

Preliminary 2013 – 2014 Commercial South Atlantic Landings								
Species Complex	Fishing Year	Date Landings Available Through	Current Landings (lb)	ACL (lb)	Units	ACL (%)	Current Status	Date Closed 2013-2014 Fishing Year
Black Sea Bass	06/01/13 – 05/31/14	21-May-14	711,270	780,020	ww	91.19	OPEN	
Greater amberjack ⁱ	05/01/13 – 04/31/14	21-May-14	798,654	800,163	ww	99.81	OPEN	
Vermilion snapper	01/01/13 – 06/30/13	21-May-14	497,445	446,080	ww	111.51	CLOSED	19-Apr-14
	07/01/13 – 12/31/13			446,080		0.00	-	
Wreckfish	04/16/13 – 04/15/14	confidential landings	confidential landings	223,250	ww	confidential landings	CLOSED	
King Mackerel	3/1/2013 - 2/28/2014	22-May-14	366,307	3,880,000	ww	9.44	OPEN	
Spanish Mackerel			387,633	3,130,000	ww	12.38	OPEN	
				2,880,000 ^j	ww	13.46		

i. Commercial harvest of greater amberjack is prohibited in April.

j. The adjusted quota is used to determine trip limit reductions. At 75% of the adjusted quota (2,880,000 lbs ww), the trip limit is reduced to 1,500 lbs. The 1,500 lb trip limit went into effect on January 6, 2013. At 100% of the adjusted quota, the trip limit is reduced to 500 lbs.