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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Mahood, Executive Director
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Regional Administrator

SUBJECT: Preliminary 2011-2013 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 December 31, 2012, which includes electronically reported landings through April 19, 2012. This report reflects new quotas for king mackerel and Spanish mackerel implemented through Amendment 18 to the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Region. The report also reflects the new quotas established for wreckfish and dolphin through the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment.



Preliminary 2011 – 2013 Commercial South Atlantic Landings

Species	Fishing Season	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)	Date Closed 2012	Date Closed 2011
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/12 – 02/29/13	24,273 ^a	3,880,000	0.63		
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/12 – 02/29/13	270,528 ^a	3,130,000	8.64 ^b		
Gulf king mackerel – Eastern Zone – East coast subzone	11/01/11 – 12/31/12	846,820	1,040,625	81.38		February 26
Snowy grouper	01/01/12 – 12/31/12	10,361	82,900	12.50		
Golden tilefish	01/01/12 – 12/31/12	402,397	282,819	142.28 ^c	February 17	March 9
Greater amberjack	05/01/11 – 04/31/12	1,025,242	1,169,931	87.63		
Black sea bass	06/01/11 – 05/31/12	369,033	309,000	119.43 ^d		July 15
Vermilion snapper	01/01/12 – 06/30/12	374,926	315,523	118.83 ^e	February 29	March 10
	07/01/12 – 12/31/12	-	302,523	-		September 30
Red pogy	01/01/12 – 12/31/12	315	190,050	0.17		
Gag	01/01/12 – 12/31/12	1,719	352,940	0.49		
Aggregate Grouper ^f	01/01/12 – 12/31/12	8,689	662,403	1.31		
Wreckfish	04/16/12 – 04/15/13	^g	223,250	^g		
Dolphin	01/01/12 – 12/31/12	6,191	1,065,524	0.58		
Octocoral	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	Atlantic: 2,085 Gulf: 3,464	50,000 ^h	11.10		

- a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through April 23, 2012.
b. Atlantic Spanish mackerel quota (%) listed is based on the 3,130,000-lb quota. Based on the adjusted quota of 2,880,000 lbs, the quota % is 9.39%.
c. Based on projections from the Southeast Fishery Science Center indicating the trip limit reduction for golden tilefish was surpassed, commercial harvest closed on February 17, 2012.
d. Commercial fishing for black sea bass closed on July 15, 2011.
e. Commercial harvest of vermillion snapper closed on February 29, 2012.
f. Amendment 17B established an aggregate quota for gag, black grouper, and red grouper of 662,403 lbs gutted weight.
g. Confidential landings.
h. 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 (63 trips) and Gulf (71 trips) in federal waters for 2011, reported in number of colonies.