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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Mahood, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Preliminary 2010-2012 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 July 31, 2011, and includes electronically reported landings through August 9, 2011, updated on August 11, 2011.



Preliminary 2010 – 2012 Commercial South Atlantic Landings

Species	Fishing Season	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)	Date Closed 2011	Date Closed 2010
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/11 – 02/28/12	1,352,970 ^a	3,710,000	36.47		
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/11 – 02/28/12	1,134,194 ^a	3,870,000	31.33 ^b		
Gulf king mackerel – Eastern Zone – East coast subzone	11/01/10 – 12/31/11	1,099,368	1,040,625	105.64 ^c	February 26 ^e	February 4
Snowy grouper	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	21,237	82,900	25.62		
Golden tilefish	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	375,464	282,819	132.76 ^d	March 9	April 12
Greater amberjack	05/01/11 – 04/31/12	307,301	1,169,931	26.27		
Black sea bass	06/01/11 – 05/31/12	333,755	309,000	108.01 ^e	July 15	October 6
Vermilion snapper	01/01/11 – 06/30/11	311,522	315,523	98.73	March 10 ^f	March 19
	07/01/11 – 12/31/12	117,863	302,523	38.96		October 7
Red porgy	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	74,016	190,050	38.95		
Gag	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	136,820	352,940	38.77		
Aggregate Grouper ^g	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	271,726	662,403	41.02		
Wreckfish	04/16/11 – 04/15/12	^h	2,000,000	^h		
Dolphin	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	34,189	1,500,000 ⁱ	2.28		
Octocoral	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	Atlantic: 2,071 Gulf: 4,108	50,000 ^j	12.36		

a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through July 31, 2011.

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

c. The Gulf king mackerel Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone closed to harvest on February 26, 2011.

d. The trip limit reduction for golden tilefish was surpassed, and the fishery closed on March 9, 2011.

e. Commercial fishing for black sea bass closed on July 15, 2011.

f. Commercial fishing for vermilion snapper closed on March 10, 2011. Commercial fishing reopened May 1-8, 2011, to meet the remaining portion of the quota.

g. Amendment 17B established an aggregate quota for gag, black grouper, and red grouper of 662,403 lbs gutted weight.

h. Confidential landings.

i. 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 June 15, 2011, 2.28% of the 1.5 million-pound cap was landed (34,189 pounds).

j. 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 (49 trips) and Gulf (75 trips) in federal waters for 2010, reported in number of colonies.