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RE: Preliminary 2012-2013 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 annual catch limits (ACLs), which includes electronically reported landings through May 30, 2013.

Sincerely,

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Preliminary 2013 Commercial South Atlantic Landings

| Species Complex | Fishing Year | Date Landings Available Through | Current Landings (lb) | ACL (lb) | Units | ACL (%) | Current Status | Date Closed 2013 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------|---------|----------------|------------------|
| Atlantic spadefish | January 1 - December 31 | 30-May-13 | 681 | 36,476 | ww | 1.87 | OPEN | |
| Bar jack | | | 3,674 | 6,686 | ww | 54.95 | OPEN | |
| Black grouper | | | 12,764 | 94,571 | ww | 13.50 | CLOSED | |
| Blue runner | | | 74,323 | 188,329 | ww | 39.46 | OPEN | |
| Cobia | | | 36,081 | 125,712 | ww | 28.70 | OPEN | |
| Deepwater complex ^a | | | 110,717 | 343,869 | ww | 32.20 | OPEN | |
| Dolphin | | | 150,748 | 1,065,524 | ww | 14.15 | OPEN | |
| Gag | | | 81,941 | 352,940 | gw | 23.22 | OPEN | |
| Golden crab | | | 66,028 | 2,000,000 | ww | 3.30 | OPEN | |
| Golden tilefish | | | 563,398 | 541,295 | gw | 104.08 | OPEN | 5-May |
| Goliath grouper | | | - | 0 | ww | - | CLOSED | - |
| Gray triggerfish | | | 214,443 | 305,262 | ww | 70.25 | OPEN | |
| Grunts ^b | | | 23,278 | 214,624 | ww | 10.85 | OPEN | |
| Hogfish | | | 5,795 | 48,772 | ww | 11.88 | OPEN | |
| Jacks ^c | | | 177,590 | 193,999 | ww | 91.54 | OPEN | |
| Mutton snapper | | | 27,963 | 157,743 | ww | 17.73 | OPEN | |
| Nassau grouper | | | - | 0 | ww | - | CLOSED | - |
| Porgies ^d | | | 28,186 | 35,129 | ww | 80.24 | OPEN | |
| Red grouper | | | 22,544 | 315,920 | ww | 7.14 | CLOSED | |
| Red porgy | | | 13,200 | 190,050 | gw | 6.95 | CLOSED | |
| Red snapper | | | - | 0 | gw | - | CLOSED | - |
| Scamp | | | 28,746 | 341,636 | ww | 8.41 | CLOSED | |
| Shallow water grouper ^e | | | 3,560 | 49,488 | ww | 7.19 | CLOSED | |
| Snappers ^f | | | 17,789 | 204,552 | ww | 8.70 | OPEN | |
| Snowy grouper | | | 43,516 | 82,900 | gw | 52.49 | OPEN | |
| Speckled hind | | | - | 0 | ww | - | CLOSED | - |
| Wahoo | | | 12,875 | 64,147 | ww | 20.07 | OPEN | |
| Warsaw grouper | | | - | 0 | ww | - | CLOSED | - |
| Yellowtail snapper | 522,158 | 1,596,510 | ww | 32.71 | OPEN | | | |

- a. Deepwater Complex: Yellowedge grouper, blueline tilefish, silk snapper, misty grouper, queen snapper, sand tilefish, black snapper, blackfin snapper
- b. Grunts Complex: White grunt, margate, sailor's choice, tomtate
- c. Jacks Complex: Almaco jack, banded rudderfish, lesser amberjack
- d. Porgies Complex: Jolthead, knobbed, saucereye, whitebone, scup
- e. Shallow water grouper Complex: Red hind, rock hind, coney, graysby, yellowfin grouper, yellowmouth grouper
- f. Snapper Complex: Gray, lane, cubera, dog, mahogany

| Preliminary 2012 – 2014 Commercial South Atlantic Landings | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Species Complex | Fishing Year | Date Landings Available Through | Current Landings (lb) | ACL (lb) | Units | ACL (%) | Current Status | Date Closed 2012-2013 Fishing Year |
| Black sea bass | 07/01/12 – 05/31/13 ^g | 30-Apr-13 | 300,883 | 309,000 | gw | 97.37 | CLOSED | |
| Greater amberjack ^h | 05/01/13 – 04/31/14 | | 0 | 686,830 | ww | | OPEN | |
| | 05/01/12 – 04/31/13 | 30-Apr-13 | 748,648 | 686,830 | | 109.00 | CLOSED | |
| Vermilion snapper | 01/01/13 – 06/30/13 | 30-May-13 | 339,098 | 315,523 | gw | 107.47 | CLOSED | 13-Feb |
| | 07/01/12 – 12/31/12 | 17-Jan-13 | 490,938 | 302,523 | | 162.28 | | |
| Wreckfish | 04/16/12 – 04/15/13 | | confidential landings | 223,250 | ww | confidential landings | OPEN | |
| King mackerel | 3/1/2013 - 2/28/2013 | 13-May-13 | 215,511 | 3,880,000 | ww | 5.55 | OPEN | |
| | | | 523,119 | 3,130,000 | ww | 16.71 | OPEN | |
| Spanish mackerel | | | | 2,880,000 ⁱ | ww | 18.16 | OPEN | |
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g. The black sea bass fishing season opening was pushed back to July 1 for the 2012-2013 fishing season.

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

i. The adjusted quota is used to determine trip limit reductions. At 75% of the adjusted quota (2,880,000 lbs ww), the trip limit it 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.

