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Robert Mahood, Executive Director
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RE: Preliminary 2014-2015 Commercial Landings

Dear Mr. Mahood:

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 August 11, 2014.

Sincerely,

Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator



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	11-Aug-14	1,776	35,108	ww	5.06	OPEN	
Bar Jack			4,896	5,265	ww	92.99	OPEN	
Black Grouper ^a			58,654	96,844	ww	60.57	OPEN	
Cobia			91,578	125,712	ww	72.85	OPEN	
Deep-water complex ^b			n/a	376,469	ww	n/a	n/a	
Deep-water complex (Temporary) ^c			52,073	60,371	ww	86.25	CLOSED	07/10/14
Blueline Tilefish (Temporary) ^c			154,408	112,207	ww	137.61	CLOSED	06/23/14
Dolphin			718,468	1,157,001	ww	62.10	OPEN	
Gag ^a			182,143	326,722	gw	55.75	OPEN	
Golden crab			828,245	2,000,000	ww	41.41	OPEN	
Golden tilefish (Hook-n-Line)			122,522	135,324	gw	90.54	OPEN	08/29/14
Golden tilefish (Longline)			609,330	405,971	gw	150.09	CLOSED	03/05/14
Goliath grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Gray triggerfish			283,971	272,880	ww	104.06	CLOSED	05/12/14
Grunts ^d			68,935	218,539	ww	31.54	OPEN	
Hogfish			19,895	49,469	ww	40.22	OPEN	
Jacks ^e			259,490	189,422	ww	136.99	CLOSED	07/15/14
Mutton snapper			51,496	157,743	ww	32.65	OPEN	
Nassau grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Porgies ^f			28,286	36,348	ww	77.82	OPEN	
Red Grouper ^a			68,574	343,200	ww	19.98	OPEN	
Red Porgy ^a			83,495	154,500	ww	54.04	OPEN	
Red Snapper			19,477	50,994	gw	38.19	OPEN	
Scamp ^a			96,872	333,100	ww	29.08	OPEN	
Shallow water grouper ^{a,g}			15,229	49,776	ww	30.60	OPEN	
Snappers ^h			117,083	215,662	ww	54.29	OPEN	
Snowy grouper	88,073	82,900	gw	106.24	CLOSED	07/25/14		
Speckled hind	-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-		
Wahoo	29,112	70,542	ww	41.27	OPEN			
Warsaw grouper	-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-		
Yellowtail snapper	1,030,250	1,596,510	ww	64.53	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

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Black Sea Bass	06/01/14 – 05/31/15	11-Aug-14	151,096	780,020	ww	19.37	OPEN	
Greater amberjack ⁱ	05/01/14 – 04/31/15	11-Aug-14	336,968	800,163	ww	42.11	OPEN	
Vermilion snapper	01/01/14 – 06/30/14	11-Aug-14	517,234	446,080	ww	115.95	CLOSED	19-Apr-14
	07/01/14 – 12/31/14	11-Aug-14	269,763	446,080	ww	60.47	OPEN	
Wreckfish	04/16/13 – 04/15/14	confidential landings	confidential landings	223,250	ww	confidential landings	OPEN	
King Mackerel	03/01/14 – 02/28/15	11-Aug-14	753,326	3,880,000	ww	19.42	OPEN	
Spanish Mackerel			666,021	3,130,000	ww	21.28	OPEN	
				2,880,000 ^j	ww	23.13		

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.