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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Mahood, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Preliminary 2009-2010 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 August 15, 2010.

Species	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/10 – 02/28/11	1,625,316 ^a	3,710,000	43.81
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/10 – 02/28/11	635,046 ^a	3,870,000	17.54 ^b
Gulf king mackerel – Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone	11/01/09 – 03/31/10	1,085,862	1,040,625	104.35 ^c
Snowy grouper	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	43,841	82,900	52.88
Golden tilefish	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	333,241	295,000	112.96 ^d
Greater amberjack	05/01/10 – 04/30/11	304,439	1,169,931	26.02
Black sea bass	06/01/10 – 05/31/11	144,763	309,000	46.85
Vermilion snapper	07/01/10 – 12/31/10	102,947	302,523	34.03
Red porgy	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	59,211	190,050	31.16
Gag	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	144,943	352,940	41.07
Wreckfish	04/16/10 – 04/15/11	^e	2,000,000	^e
Dolphin	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	73,711	1,500,000 ^f	4.91
Octocoral	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	Atlantic: 763 Gulf: 1,357	50,000 ^g	4.24

- a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through July 15, 2010.
- b. Atlantic Spanish mackerel quota (%) is based on the adjusted quota of 3,620,000 lbs.
- c. Given the early closure on the Gulf king mackerel Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone on February 4, 2010, the National Marine Fisheries Service reopened the fishery from March 3–7, 2010.
- d. The trip limit for golden tilefish was reduced to 300-lbs gutted weight on March 18, 2010, and the fishery closed on April 12, 2010.
- e. Confidential landings.
- f. 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 May 31, 2010, 4.91% of the 1.5 million-pound cap was landed (73,711 pounds).
- g. 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 (20 trips) and Gulf (28 trips) in federal waters for 2010, reported in number of colonies.

