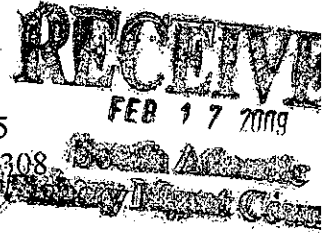




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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Mahood, Executive Director  
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FROM: Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D. *RC*  
 Regional Administrator

SUBJECT: Preliminary 2008-2009 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 January 31, 2009.

| Species  | Fishing Year        | Current Landings (lb)           | Quota (lb)             | Quota (%)          |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Atlantic Group king mackerel                         | 03/01/08 - 02/28/09 | 2,804,179 <sup>a</sup>          | 3,710,000              | 75.58              |
| Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel                      | 03/01/08 - 02/28/09 | 1,621,015 <sup>a</sup>          | 3,870,000              | 44.78 <sup>b</sup> |
| Gulf king mackerel - Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone | 11/01/08 - 03/31/09 | 135,801 <sup>c</sup>            | 1,040,625              | 13.05 <sup>c</sup> |
| Snowy grouper  | 01/01/09 - 12/31/09 | 1,291                           | 84,000                 | 1.54               |
| Golden tilefish                                      | 01/01/09 - 12/31/09 | 67,100                          | 295,000                | 22.75              |
| Greater amberjack                                    | 05/01/08 - 04/30/09 | 423,085                         | 1,169,931              | 36.16              |
| Black sea bass                                       | 06/01/08 - 05/31/09 | 153,820                         | 309,000                | 49.78              |
| Vermilion snapper                                    | 01/01/09 - 12/31/09 | 0                               | 1,100,000              | 0.00               |
| Red pogy   | 01/01/09 - 12/31/09 | 44                              | 127,000                | 00.03              |
| Wreckfish  | 04/16/07 - 04/15/08 | <sup>d</sup>                    | 2,000,000              | <sup>d</sup>       |
| Dolphin  | 01/01/08 - 12/31/08 | 598,604                         | 1,500,000 <sup>e</sup> | 39.91              |
| Octocoral  | 01/01/07 - 12/31/07 | Atlantic: 40,782<br>Gulf: 2,912 | 50,000 <sup>f</sup>    | 87.39              |

- a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through February 2, 2009.
- b. Atlantic Spanish mackerel Quota (%) is based on the adjusted quota of 3,620,000 lbs.
- c. Gulf king mackerel - East Coast subzone closed on February 21, 2008. Reported landings for 11/01/07 - 03/31/08 were 1,028,925 lbs and 98.90% of the quota was met.
- d. Confidential landings
- e. The Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan established a 1.5 million pound cap for the dolphin commercial fishery. Data includes preliminary landings during January 1, 2008, through August 31, 2008.
- f. 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 (750 trips) and Gulf (87 trips) in federal waters for 2007, reported in number of colonies.

