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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 October 15, 2011, and includes electronically reported landings through November 8, 2011, updated on November 8, 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 | 1,587,454 ^a | 3,710,000 | 42.79 | | |
| Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel | 03/01/11 – 02/28/12 | 1,577,655 ^a | 3,870,000 | 43.58 ^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 ^c | February 4 |
| Snowy grouper | 01/01/11 – 12/31/11 | 30,018 | 82,900 | 36.21 | | |
| Golden tilefish | 01/01/11 – 12/31/11 | 361,437 | 282,819 | 127.80 ^d | March 9 | April 12 |
| Greater amberjack | 05/01/11 – 04/31/12 | 572,330 | 1,169,931 | 48.92 | | |
| Black sea bass | 06/01/11 – 05/31/12 | 339,559 | 309,000 | 109.89 ^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 | 390,953 | 302,523 | 129.23 | September 30 ^g | October 7 |
| Red porgy | 01/01/11 – 12/31/11 | 140,983 | 190,050 | 74.18 | | |
| Gag | 01/01/11 – 12/31/11 | 211,372 | 352,940 | 59.89 | | |
| Aggregate Grouper ^h | 01/01/11 – 12/31/11 | 423,011 | 662,403 | 63.86 | | |
| Wreckfish | 04/16/11 – 04/15/12 | i | 2,000,000 | i | | |
| Dolphin | 01/01/11 – 12/31/11 | 377,177 | 1,500,000 ^j | 25.15 | | |
| Octocoral | 01/01/10 – 12/31/10 | Atlantic: 2,071 Gulf: 4,108 | 50,000 ^k | 12.36 | | |

a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through September 30, 2011, with electronic reporting through October 21, 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. Commercial harvest of vermilion snapper closed on September 30, 2011.

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

i. Confidential landings.

j. 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 September 9, 2011, 25.15% of the 1.5 million-pound cap was landed (377,177 pounds).

k. 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.