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

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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 November 16, 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	16-Nov-14	2,516	35,108	ww	7.17	OPEN	
Bar Jack			4,001	5,265	ww	75.99	OPEN	
Black Grouper <sup>a</sup>			72,350	96,844	ww	74.71	OPEN	
Cobia			114,981	125,712	ww	91.46	OPEN	
Deep-water complex <sup>b</sup>			n/a	376,469	ww	n/a	n/a	
Deep-water complex (Temporary) <sup>c</sup>			54,610	60,371	ww	90.46	CLOSED	07/10/14
Blueline Tilefish (Temporary) <sup>c</sup>			153,354	112,207	ww	136.67	CLOSED	06/23/14
Dolphin			753,229	1,157,001	ww	65.10	OPEN	
Gag <sup>a</sup>			310,322	326,722	gw	94.98	OPEN	11/21/14
Golden crab			1,062,496	2,000,000	ww	53.12	OPEN	
Golden tilefish (Hook-n-Line)			137,096	135,324	gw	101.31	CLOSED	08/29/14
Golden tilefish (Longline)			564,515	405,971	gw	139.05	CLOSED	03/05/14
Goliath grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Gray triggerfish			287,561	272,880	ww	105.38	CLOSED	05/12/14
Grunts <sup>d</sup>			99,701	218,539	ww	45.62	OPEN	
Hogfish			30,121	49,469	ww	60.89	OPEN	
Jacks <sup>e</sup>			286,608	189,422	ww	151.31	CLOSED	07/15/14
Mutton snapper			93,727	157,743	ww	59.42	OPEN	
Nassau grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Porgies <sup>f</sup>			32,712	36,348	ww	90.00	OPEN	
Red Grouper <sup>a</sup>			120,980	343,200	ww	35.25	OPEN	
Red Porgy <sup>a</sup>			131,086	154,500	ww	84.85	OPEN	
Red Snapper			56,594	50,994	gw	110.98	CLOSED	09/09/14
Scamp <sup>a</sup>			164,072	333,100	ww	49.26	OPEN	
Shallow water grouper <sup>a,g</sup>			21,663	49,776	ww	43.52	OPEN	
Snappers <sup>h</sup>			143,064	215,662	ww	66.34	OPEN	
Snowy grouper			90,918	82,900	gw	109.67	CLOSED	07/25/14
Speckled hind			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Wahoo			51,246	70,542	ww	72.65	OPEN	
Warsaw grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Yellowtail snapper			1,310,677	1,596,510	ww	82.10	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, saucer eye, 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	16-Nov-14	248,847	780,020	ww	31.90	OPEN	
Greater amberjack <sup>i</sup>	05/01/14 – 04/31/15	16-Nov-14	556,805	769,388	ww	72.37	OPEN	
Vermilion snapper	01/01/14 – 06/30/14	27-Aug-14	513,507	446,080	ww	115.12	CLOSED	19-Apr-14
	07/01/14 – 12/31/14	16-Nov-14	476,071	446,080		106.72	CLOSED	12-Sep-14
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	13-Nov-14	1,210,774	3,880,000	ww	31.21	OPEN	
Spanish Mackerel			1,365,786	3,130,000	ww	43.64	OPEN	
				2,880,000 <sup>j</sup>	ww	47.42		

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. At 100% of the adjusted quota, the trip limit is reduced to 500 lbs.