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 Regional Administrator

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 January 31, 2010.

Species	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/09 – 02/28/10	3,555,815 ^a	3,710,000	95.84
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/09 – 02/28/10	1,417,469 ^a	3,870,000	39.16 ^b
Gulf king mackerel – Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone	11/01/09 – 03/31/10	969,576	1,040,625	93.17 ^c
Snowy grouper	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	5,696	82,900	6.87
Golden tilefish	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	110,744	295,000	37.54
Greater amberjack	05/01/09 – 04/30/10	548,265	1,169,931	46.86
Black sea bass	06/01/09 – 05/31/10	299,191	309,000	96.83 ^d
Vermilion snapper	01/01/10 – 06/30/10	120,383	315,523	38.15
Red porgy	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	84	190,050	0.04
Gag	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	8,187	352,940	2.32
Wreckfish	04/16/09 – 04/15/10	^e	2,000,000	^e
Dolphin	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	0	1,500,000 ^f	0.00
Octocoral	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	Atlantic: 1,871 Gulf: 2,251	50,000 ^g	8.24

- a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through February 3, 2010, and December 15, 2009, respectively.
- 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 quota was met and closed on February 4, 2010.
- d. The commercial fishery for black sea bass closed on December 20, 2009.
- 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.
- 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 (55 trips) and Gulf (105 trips) in federal waters for 2009, reported in number of colonies.

