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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Mahood, Executive Director  
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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 October 31, 2009.

Species	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/09 – 02/28/10	1,540,450 <sup>a</sup>	3,710,000	41.50
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/09 – 02/28/10	1,021,112 <sup>a</sup>	3,870,000	28.20 <sup>b</sup>
Gulf king mackerel – Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone	11/01/08 – 03/31/09	1,094,738	1,040,625	105.20 <sup>c</sup>
Snowy grouper	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	51,187	84,000 <sup>d</sup>	60.94
Golden tilefish	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	295,749	295,000	100.25 <sup>e</sup>
Greater amberjack	05/01/09 – 04/30/10	381,972	1,169,931	32.65
Black sea bass	06/01/09 – 05/31/10	193,244	309,000	62.54
Vermilion snapper	07/01/09 – 12/31/09	359,863	302,523	118.95 <sup>f</sup>
Red porgy	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	104,747	127,000 <sup>d</sup>	82.48
Gag	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	212,574 <sup>h</sup>	352,940	60.23 <sup>g</sup>
Wreckfish	04/16/09 – 04/15/10		2,000,000	<sup>h</sup>
Dolphin	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	1,062,432	1,500,000 <sup>i</sup>	70.83
Octocoral	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	Atlantic: 1,871 Gulf: 2,251	50,000 <sup>j</sup>	8.24

- a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through September 14, 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 March 6, 2009.
- d. If approved, Amendment 15B will reduce the snowy grouper quota to 82,900 lbs and increase the red porgy quota to 190,050 lbs.
- e. The commercial fishery for golden tilefish closed on July 15, 2009.
- f. The commercial fishery for vermilion snapper closed on September 18, 2009.
- g. Landings for gag reflect those reported by dealers beginning in June 2009. The Southeast Fisheries Science Center has estimated gag landings for January through May 2009 from logbook and trip tickets.
- h. Confidential landings
- i. 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 22, 2009, 70.83 percent of the 1.5 million-pound cap was landed (1,062,432 pounds).
- j. 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.

