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**RE: Preliminary 2012-2014 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 annual catch limits (ACLs), which includes electronically reported landings through August 27, 2013.

Sincerely,

for Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D.  
Regional Administrator



**Preliminary 2013 Commercial South Atlantic Landings**

Species Complex	Fishing Year	Date Landings Available Through	Current Landings (lb)	ACL (lb)	Units	ACL (%)	Current Status	Date Closed 2013
Atlantic spadefish	January 1 - December 31	27-Aug-13	2,385	35,108	ww	6.79	OPEN	
Bar Jack			4,106	5,265	ww	77.99	OPEN	
Black Grouper			37,740	94,571	ww	39.91	OPEN	
Blue runner			128,259	177,506	ww	72.26	OPEN	
Cobia			84,606	125,712	ww	67.30	OPEN	
Deepwater complex <sup>a</sup>			248,618	376,469	ww	66.04	OPEN	
Dolphin			484,619	1,065,524	ww	45.48	OPEN	
Gag			255,997	352,940	gw	72.53	OPEN	
Golden crab			1,196,476	2,000,000	ww	59.82	OPEN	
Golden tilefish			538,362	541,295	gw	99.46	CLOSED	05/05/13
Goliath grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Gray triggerfish			245,052	272,880	ww	89.80	CLOSED	07/07/13
Grunts <sup>b</sup>			64,173	218,539	ww	29.36	OPEN	
Hogfish			16,656	49,469	ww	33.67	OPEN	
Jacks <sup>c</sup>			287,258	189,422	ww	151.65	CLOSED	06/18/13
Mutton snapper			53,446	157,743	ww	33.88	OPEN	
Nassau grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Porgies <sup>d</sup>			28,840	36,348	ww	79.34	OPEN	
Red Grouper			80,462	315,920	ww	25.47	OPEN	
Red Porgy			88,538	190,050	gw	46.59	OPEN	
Red Snapper			413	21,447	gw	1.93	OPEN	
Scamp			104,952	333,100	ww	31.51	OPEN	
Shallow water grouper <sup>e</sup>			14,531	49,776	ww	29.19	OPEN	
Snappers <sup>f</sup>			108,122	215,662	ww	50.13	OPEN	
Snowy grouper			81,001	82,900	gw	97.71	CLOSED	08/10/13
Speckled hind			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Wahoo			39,151	64,147	ww	61.03	OPEN	
Warsaw grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Yellowtail snapper	1,140,834	1,596,510	ww	71.46	OPEN			

- a. Deepwater Complex: Yellowedge grouper, blueline tilefish, silk snapper, misty grouper, queen snapper, sand tilefish, black snapper, blackfin snapper
- b. Grunts Complex: White grunt, margate, sailor's choice, tomtate
- c. Jacks Complex: Almaco jack, banded rudderfish, lesser amberjack
- d. Porgies Complex: Jolthead, knobbed, saucereye, whitebone, scup
- e. Shallow water grouper Complex: Red hind, rock hind, coney, graysby, yellowfin grouper, yellowmouth grouper
- f. Snapper Complex: Gray, lane, cubera, dog, mahogany

Preliminary 2013 – 2014 Commercial South Atlantic Landings								
Species Complex	Fishing Year	Date Landings Available Through	Current Landings (lb)	ACL (lb)	Units	ACL (%)	Current Status	Date Closed 2012-2013 Fishing Year
Black Sea Bass	06/01/13 – 05/31/14	27-Aug-13	223,252	309,000	gw	72.25	OPEN	
			263,437	364,620	ww			
Greater amberjack <sup>g</sup>	05/01/13 – 04/31/14	27-Aug-13	394,301	364,620	ww	49.28	OPEN	
Vermilion snapper	01/01/13 – 06/30/13	15-Jul-13	372,087	315,523	gw	117.93	CLOSED	13-Feb
	07/01/13 – 12/31/13	27-Aug-13	196,789	302,523		65.05	OPEN	
Wreckfish	04/16/13 – 04/15/14		confidential landings	223,250	ww	confidential landings	OPEN	
King mackerel	3/1/2013 - 2/28/2014	26-Aug-13	727,276	3,880,000	ww	18.74	OPEN	
Spanish mackerel			813,222	3,130,000	ww	25.98	OPEN	
				2,880,000 <sup>h</sup>	ww	28.24	OPEN	

g. Commercial harvest of greater amberjack is prohibited in April.

h. 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. The 1,500 lb trip limit went into effect on January 6, 2013. At 100% of the adjusted quota, the trip limit is reduced to 500 lbs.