For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 622 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 622--FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

2. In § 622.385, paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) are revised to read as follows:

§ 622.385 Commercial trip limits.

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(b) * * *

(1) Atlantic migratory group. The following trip limits apply to vessel for which commercial permits for Spanish mackerel have been issued, as required under § 622.370(a)(3).

(i) Northern zone, Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ may not be possessed on board or landed in a day from a vessel for which a permit for Spanish mackerel has been issued, as required under § 622.370(a)(3), in amounts exceeding 3,500 lb (1,588 kg).

(ii) Southern zone, Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ may not be possessed on board or landed in a day from a vessel for which a permit for Spanish mackerel has been issued, as required under § 622.370(a)(3)--

(A) From March 1 until 75 percent of the southern zone

Comment [AC1]: Spanish mackerel

Comment [AC2]: Added heading and revised introductory paragraph.

quota has been landed or projected to be landed, in amounts exceeding 3,500 lb (1,588 kg).

(**B**) After 75 percent of the adjusted quota of the southern zone's quota (1,692,848 lb; 767,863 kg) has been landed or projected to be landed, in amounts exceeding 1,500 lb (680 kg).

(C) After 100 percent of the adjusted quota of the southern zone's quota (2,257,130 lb; 1,023,817 kg) has been landed or projected to be landed, and until the end of the fishing year or the southern zone's quota has been reached or projected to be reached, in amounts exceeding 500 lb (227 kg).

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section, the adjusted quota for the southern zone is 2,257,130 lb (1,023,817 kg). The adjusted quota for the southern zone is the quota for the Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel southern zone reduced by 250,000 lb (113,398 kg). Total commercial harvest is still subject to the annual catch limit and accountability measures. By filing a notification with the Office of the Federal Register, the Assistant Administrator will announce when 75 percent and 100 percent of the adjusted quota is reached or projected to be reached.

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Comment [AC3]: Added in 75% of the adjusted southern zone quota here.

Comment [AC4]: Added in the adjusted southern zone quota here.

Comment [AC5]: Added in the adjusted southern zone here and revised the explanation that is currently in the regulations for how the adjusted quota for the southern zone is calcuated.