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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 August 15, 2009.

Species	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/09 – 02/28/10	188,385 <sup>a</sup>	3,710,000	5.08
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/09 – 02/28/10	383,002 <sup>a</sup>	3,870,000	10.58 <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	38,871	84,000	46.27
Golden tilefish	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	294,391	295,000	99.79 <sup>d</sup>
Greater amberjack	05/01/09 – 04/30/10	239,898	1,169,931	20.51
Black sea bass	06/01/09 – 05/31/10	78,107	309,000	25.28
Vermilion snapper	07/01/09 – 12/31/09	163,934	302,523	54.19
Red porgy	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	69,740	127,000	54.91
Gag	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	46,355	352,940	13.13 <sup>e</sup>
Wreckfish	04/16/09 – 04/15/10	<sup>f</sup>	2,000,000	<sup>f</sup>
Dolphin	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	503,075	1,500,000 <sup>g</sup>	33.54
Octocoral	01/01/08 – 12/31/08	Atlantic: 9,831 Gulf: 151	50,000 <sup>h</sup>	19.96

- a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through July 20, 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. The commercial fishery for golden tilefish closed on July 15, 2009.
- e. Landings for gag reflect those reported by dealers in June 2009. The Southeast Fisheries Science Center will estimate gag landings for January through May 2009 from logbook and trip tickets.
- f. Confidential landings
- g. 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. Data includes preliminary landings during January 1, 2009, through June 15, 2009.
- h. 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 (242 trips) and Gulf (4 trips) in federal waters for 2008, reported in number of colonies.

