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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Mahood, Executive Director  
 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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 Regional Administrator

SUBJECT: Preliminary 2007-2008 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 March 31, 2008.

Species	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/07 - 02/28/08	17,304 <sup>a</sup>	3,710,000	0.50
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/07 - 02/28/08	0 <sup>a</sup>	3,870,000	0 <sup>b</sup>
Gulf king mackerel - Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone	11/01/07 - 03/31/08	1,028,925 <sup>c</sup>	1,040,625	98.90
Snowy grouper	01/01/08 - 12/31/08	9,353	84,000	11.13
Golden tilefish	01/01/08 - 12/31/08	185,597	295,000	62.91
Greater amberjack	05/01/07 - 04/30/08	495,060	1,169,931	42.31
Black sea bass	06/01/07 - 05/31/08	202,353	423,000	47.83
Vermilion snapper	01/01/08 - 12/31/08	203,929	1,100,000	18.53
Red porgy	01/01/08 - 12/31/08	2,706	127,000	2.13
Wreckfish	04/16/07 - 04/15/08	<sup>d</sup>	2,000,000	<sup>d</sup>
Dolphin	01/01/07 - 12/31/07	936,497	1,500,000 <sup>e</sup>	62.43
Octocoral	01/01/06 - 12/31/06	48,271 <sup>f</sup>	50,000	96.5

- a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through April 15, 2008.
- b. Atlantic Spanish mackerel Quota (%) is based on the adjusted quota of 3,620,000.
- c. Gulf king mackerel - East Coast subzone closed on February 21, 2008.
- d. Confidential landings
- e. The Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan established a 1.5 million pound cap for the dolphin commercial fishery. Data includes preliminary landings from Florida to Connecticut during January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007.
- f. Octocoral landings are reported twice a year with final landings reported by May of the next year; therefore, these are the total landings in federal waters for 2006.

