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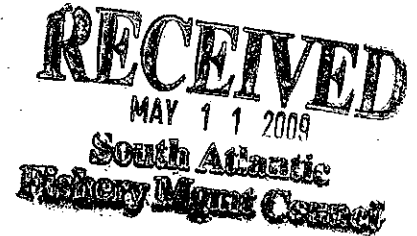
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Mahood, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Preliminary 2008-2009 Commercial Landings

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 April 30, 2009.

Species	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/09 - 02/28/10	22,815 ^a	3,710,000	0.01
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/09 - 02/28/10	0 ^a	3,870,000	00.00 ^b
Gulf king mackerel - Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone	11/01/08 - 03/31/09	1,094,738 ^c	1,040,625	105.20 ^c
Snowy grouper	01/01/09 - 12/31/09	13,178	84,000	15.69
Golden tilefish	01/01/09 - 12/31/09	252,482	295,000	85.59
Greater amberjack	05/01/08 - 04/30/09	607,139	1,169,931	51.90
Black sea bass	06/01/08 - 05/31/09	294,726	309,000	95.38
Vermilion snapper	01/01/09 - 12/31/09	175,691	1,100,000	15.97
Red porgy	01/01/09 - 12/31/09	741	127,000	0.58
Wreckfish	04/16/08 - 04/15/09	^d	2,000,000	^d
Dolphin	01/01/08 - 12/31/08	598,604	1,500,000 ^e	39.91
Octocoral	01/01/08 - 12/31/08	Atlantic: 9,831 Gulf: 151	50,000 ^f	19.96

- a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through March 16, 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. 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 during January 1, 2008, through August 31, 2008.
- f. 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.

