

King Mackerel

Expanded landings of king mackerel from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Quota Monitoring System as of December 7, 2020. Fishing year begins March 1.

Atlantic Group ACL for 2020/2021 = 4,700,000 lbs

Northern Zone Quota = 1,082,880 lbs

Southern Zone Quota = 3,617,120 lbs

Southern Zone Quota Season 1 (March 1-September 30): 2,170,272 lbs

Southern Zone Quota Season 2 (October 1-end of February): 1,446,848 lbs

Atlantic Group King Mackerel Landings							
Report	Historical Landings			Current Year (2020/2021) Landings			
	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	North	South (Season 1)	South (Season 2)	Total (North and South)
Total Landings	2,688,813	2,899,528	3,020,409	433,827	1,388,315	47,696	1,869,838
% quota	45.6	55.8	64.3	40.1	64	3.3	39.8

ACLs and quotas changed through the implementation of CMP Amendment 26 on May 11, 2017 (82 FR 17388). The 2018/2019 ACL for the Atlantic Group was 5,200,000 (Northern Zone = 1,198,080, Southern Zone = 4,001,920). The 2017/2018 ACL for the Atlantic Group was 5,900,000 (Northern Zone = 1,359,360, Southern Zone = 4,540,640). The 2016/2017 ACL for the Atlantic Group was 3,880,000 (Northern Zone Quota = 1,292,040, Southern Zone Quota = 2,587,960).

Spanish Mackerel

Expanded landings of Spanish mackerel from the SEFSC Quota Monitoring System as of December 7, 2020. Fishing year begins March 1.

ACL for 2020/2021= 3,330,000 lbs

Northern Quota = 662,670 lbs

Southern Quota = 2,667,330 lbs (Adjusted quota = 2,417,330 lbs).

	Atlantic Group Spanish Mackerel Landings					
Report	Historical Landings			Current Year (2020/2021) Landings		
	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	North	South	Total
Total	3,332,210*	4,125,475	3,405,504	1,070,585	1,040,557	2,111,142
% adjusted				n/a	43.0	n/a
% quota	100.1	123.9	102.3	161.6	39.0	63.4

Originally, the 2017/2018 commercial quota for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel northern zone was 662,670 pounds. However, regulations allow for quota transfers between the northern and southern zones with the approval from the Regional Administrator of NOAA Fisheries to allow the commercial quota for both zones to be fully harvested. 100,000 pounds of Spanish mackerel were transferred from the southern zone quota to the northern zone quota. Therefore, the revised quotas was 2,567,330 pounds for the southern zone and 762,670 pounds for the northern zone. The commercial sector in the Northern Zone closed on November 7, 2017. The commercial sector in the Northern Zone closed on August 24, 2019. The commercial sector for the Southern Zone closed on February 5, 2019. The trip limit for the Atlantic Spanish mackerel was reduced to 1,500 and 500 lbs on December 26, 2018, and January 27, 2019, respectively. During the 2019/2020 fishing season, the trip limit for the Atlantic Spanish mackerel was reduced to 1,500 and 500 lbs on December 24, 2019, and January 29, 2020, respectively. During the 2020/2021 fishing year, the commercial sector in the Northern Zone was closed on July 17, 2020.

Cobia – Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group (Florida east coast zone)

Preliminary landings of Gulf cobia (Florida east coast zone) from the SEFSC Quota Monitoring System as of December 7, 2020. Fishing year begins January 1.

Florida East Coast Quota = 70,000 lbs

	Gulf Cobia (Florida east coast) landings			
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total	38,641	31,363	32,326	17,857
% quota	55.2	44.8	46.2	25.5

The Florida East Coast Zone is part of the Gulf migratory group.