King Mackerel

Expanded landings of king mackerel from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Quota Monitoring System as of February 8, 2021. 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								
	Historical Landings				Current Year (2020/2021) Landings				
Report	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	3,033,589		568,032	2 1,388,315	738,480	2,694,827	
% quota	45.6	55.8	64.5		52.5	64	51	57.3	

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).

Spanish Mackerel

Expanded landings of Spanish mackerel from the SEFSC Quota Monitoring System as of February 8, 2021. 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							
	Historical Landings				Current Year (2020/2021) Landings			
Report	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020		North	South	Total	
Total	3,332,210*	4,125,475	3,405,704		1,072,088	2,887,086	3,959,174	
% adjusted					n/a	119.4	n/a	
% quota	100.1	123.9	103.2		161.8	108.2	118.9	

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. The commercial sector in the Southern Zone closed on February 3, 2021.

<u>Cobia – Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group (Florida east coast zone)</u>

Preliminary landings of Gulf cobia (Florida east coast zone) from the SEFSC Quota Monitoring System as of February 8, 2021. Fishing year begins January 1. Florida East Coast Quota = 70,000 lbs

	Gulf Cobia (Florida east coast) landings							
	2018	2019	2020	2021				
Total	31,363	32,326	18,779	1,255				
% quota	44.8	46.2	26.8	1.8				

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