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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Mahood, Executive Director
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FROM:

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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 31, 2009.

Species	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/09 – 02/28/10	1,537,571 ^a	3,710,000	41.44
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/09 – 02/28/10	849,839 ^a	3,870,000	23.48 ^b
Gulf king mackerel – Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone	11/01/08 – 03/31/09	1,094,738	1,040,625	105.20 ^c
Snowy grouper	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	39,066	84,000	46.51
Golden tilefish	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	294,391	295,000	99.79 ^d
Greater amberjack	05/01/09 – 04/30/10	275,939	1,169,931	23.58
Black sea bass	06/01/09 – 05/31/10	116,637	309,000	37.75
Vermilion snapper	07/01/09 – 12/31/09	237,819	302,523	78.61 ^e
Red porgy	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	81,097	127,000	63.85
Gag	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	166,905	352,940	47.28 ^f
Wreckfish	04/16/09 – 04/15/10	^g	2,000,000	^g
Dolphin	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	803,572	1,500,000 ^h	53.57
Octocoral	01/01/08 – 12/31/08	Atlantic: 9,831 Gulf: 151	50,000 ⁱ	19.96

- Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through September 14, 2009.
- Atlantic Spanish mackerel Quota (%) is based on the adjusted quota of 3,620,000 lbs.
- Gulf king mackerel – East Coast subzone closed on March 6, 2009.
- The commercial fishery for golden tilefish closed on July 15, 2009.
- The Southeast Fisheries Science Center has projected that the vermilion snapper quota will be met by September 18, 2009.
- Landings for gag reflect those reported by dealers in June 2009. The Southeast Fisheries Science Center have estimated gag landings for January through May 2009 from logbook and trip tickets.
- Confidential landings
- 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. During January 1 through August 15, 2009, 53.57 percent of the 1.5 million-pound cap was landed (803,572 pounds).
- 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.

