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 Regional Administrator

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 February 28, 2009.

Species	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/08 - 02/28/09	2,818,261 ^a	3,710,000	75.96
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/08 - 02/28/09	2,017,626 ^a	3,870,000	55.74 ^b
Gulf king mackerel - Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone	11/01/08 - 03/31/09	935,128 ^c	1,040,625	89.86 ^c
Snowy grouper	01/01/09 - 12/31/09	2,099	84,000	2.50
Golden tilefish	01/01/09 - 12/31/09	109,854	295,000	37.24
Greater amberjack	05/01/08 - 04/30/09	494,005	1,169,931	42.23
Black sea bass	06/01/08 - 05/31/09	209,995	309,000	67.96
Vermilion snapper	01/01/09 - 12/31/09	73,162	1,100,000	6.65
Red porgy	01/01/09 - 12/31/09	654	127,000	00.51 ^d
Wreckfish	04/16/07 - 04/15/08	^d	2,000,000	^d
Dolphin	01/01/08 - 12/31/08	598,604	1,500,000 ^e	39.91
Octocoral	01/01/07 - 12/31/07	Atlantic: 40,782 Gulf: 2,912	50,000 ^f	87.39

- a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through February 2, 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 February 21, 2008. Reported landings for 11/01/07 - 03/31/08 were 1,028,925 lbs and 98.90% of the quota was met.
- 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 (750 trips) and Gulf (87 trips) in federal waters for 2007, reported in number of colonies.

