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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Mahood, Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: Preliminary 2010-2012 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 May 15, 2011, and includes electronically reported landings through June 8, 2011, updated on June 9, 2011.



Preliminary 2010 – 2012 Commercial South Atlantic Landings

Species	Fishing Season	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)	Date Closed 2011	Date Closed 2010
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/11 – 02/28/12	529,951 <sup>a</sup>	3,710,000	14.28		
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/11 – 02/28/12	718,482 <sup>a</sup>	3,870,000	19.85 <sup>b</sup>		
Gulf king mackerel – Eastern Zone – East coast subzone	11/01/10 – 12/31/11	1,099,368	1,040,625	105.64 <sup>c</sup>	February 26 <sup>e</sup>	February 4
Snowy grouper	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	7,497	82,900	9.04		
Golden tilefish	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	357,807	282,819	126.51 <sup>d</sup>	March 9	April 12
Greater amberjack	05/01/11 – 04/31/12	52,736	1,169,931	4.51		
Black sea bass	06/01/11 – 05/31/12	2,521	309,000	0.82		October 6
Vermilion snapper	01/01/11 – 06/30/11	301,396	315,523	95.52	March 10 <sup>e</sup>	March 19
	07/01/11 – 12/31/12	0	302,523	0.00		October 7
Red porgy	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	2,521	190,050	0.82		
Gag	01/01/11 – 12/31/11	28,688	352,940	8.13		
Wreckfish	04/16/11 – 04/15/12	<sup>f</sup>	2,000,000	<sup>f</sup>		
Dolphin	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	701,240	1,500,000 <sup>g</sup>	46.75		
Octocoral	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	Atlantic: 763 Gulf: 1,357	50,000 <sup>h</sup>	4.24		

a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through May 15, 2011.

b. Atlantic Spanish mackerel quota (%) is based on the adjusted quota of 3,620,000 lbs.

c. The Gulf king mackerel Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone closed to harvest on February 26, 2011.

d. The trip limit reduction for golden tilefish was surpassed, and the fishery closed on March 9, 2011.

e. Commercial fishing for vermilion snapper closed on March 10, 2011. Commercial fishing reopened May 1-8, 2011, to meet the remaining portion of the quota.

f. Confidential landings.

g. 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 December 31, 2010, 46.75% of the 1.5 million-pound cap was landed (701,240 pounds).

h. 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 (20 trips) and Gulf (28 trips) in federal waters for 2010, reported in number of colonies.