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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 November 30, 2009.

Species	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/09 – 02/28/10	2,524,509 ^a	3,710,000	68.05
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/09 – 02/28/10	1,088,923 ^a	3,870,000	30.08 ^b
Gulf king mackerel – Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone	11/01/09 – 03/31/10	0	1,040,625	0.00
Snowy grouper	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	55,393	84,000 ^c	65.94
Golden tilefish	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	295,754	295,000	100.26 ^d
Greater amberjack	05/01/09 – 04/30/10	419,367	1,169,931	35.85
Black sea bass	06/01/09 – 05/31/10	242,640	309,000	78.52
Vermilion snapper	07/01/09 – 12/31/09	359,871	302,523	118.95 ^e
Red porgy	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	114,848	127,000 ^c	90.43
Gag	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	250,998	352,940	71.11 ^f
Wreckfish	04/16/09 – 04/15/10	^g	2,000,000	^g
Dolphin	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	1,216,998	1,500,000 ^h	81.13
Octocoral	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	Atlantic: 1,871 Gulf: 2,251	50,000 ⁱ	8.24

- a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through October 31, 2009.
- b. Atlantic Spanish mackerel Quota (%) is based on the adjusted quota of 3,620,000 lbs.
- c. Effective December 16, 2009, Amendment 15B will reduce the snowy grouper quota to 82,900 lbs and increase the red porgy quota to 190,050 lbs.
- d. The commercial fishery for golden tilefish closed on July 15, 2009.
- e. The commercial fishery for vermilion snapper closed on September 18, 2009.
- f. Landings for gag reflect those reported by dealers beginning in June 2009. The Southeast Fisheries Science Center has estimated gag landings for January through May 2009 from logbook and trip tickets.
- g. Confidential landings
- h. 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 November 15, 2009, 81.13 percent of the 1.5 million-pound cap was landed (1,216,998 pounds).
- i. 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 (55 trips) and Gulf (105 trips) in federal waters for 2009, reported in number of colonies.

