## **King Mackerel**

Expanded landings of king mackerel from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Quota Monitoring System as of December 3, 2019. Fishing year begins March 1.

Atlantic Group ACL for 2019/2020 = 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							
	Historic Landings				Current Year (2019/2020) Landings			
	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019		North	South (Season 1)	South (Season 2)	Total (North and South)
Report								
	1,555,184	2,688,813	2,888,269		517,300	1,670,136	60,259	2,247,695
<b>Total Landings</b>								
% quota	40.1	45.6	61.5		47.8	77.0	4.2	47.8

ACLs and quotas changed through the implementation of CMP Amendment 26 on May 11, 2017 (82 FR 17388). The 2017/2018 ACL and the 2018/2019 ACL for the Atlantic Group was 5,900,000 (Northern Zone = 1,359,360, Southern Zone = 4,540,920). The 2016/2017 ACL for the Atlantic Group was 3,880,000 (Northern Zone Quota = 1,292,040, Southern Zone Quota = 2,587,960). The 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 quota was 3,880,000.

## **Spanish Mackerel**

Expanded landings of Spanish mackerel from the SEFSC Quota Monitoring System as of December 3, 2019. Fishing year begins March 1.

ACL for 2019/2020= 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 (2019/2020) Landings				
Report	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019		North	South	Total		
Total	3,205,246	3,332,210*	4,110,329		789,732	1,357,036	2,146,768		
% adjusted						56.1			
% quota	96.3	100.1	123.4		119.2	51	64.5		

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.

## <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 December 3, 2019. Fishing year begins January 1.

Florida East Coast Quota = 70,000 lbs

	Gulf Cobia (Florida east coast) landings					
	2017	2018	2019			
Reported to SEFSC	35,162	30,299	31,535			
	3,479	1,064	Not available at this time.			
Reported to the States  Total	38,641	31,363	31,535			
% quota	55.2	44.8	45.1			

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