

King Mackerel

Preliminary landings of king mackerel from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Quota Monitoring System as of August 23, 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							
Report	Historic Landings			Current Year (2019/2020) Landings			
	2016/2017*	2017/2018	2018/2019	North	South (Season 1)	South (Season 2)	Total (North and South)
Total Landings	1,555,184	2,688,813	2,888,266	120,467	1,524,486	-	1,644,953
% quota	40.1	45.6	61.5	11.1	70.2	-	45.5

*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

Preliminary landings of Spanish mackerel from the SEFSC Quota Monitoring System as of August 23, 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						
Report	Historical Landings			Current Year (2019/2020) Landings		
	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019**	North	South	Total
Total	3,205,246	3,332,210*	4,110,329	553,944	566,005	1,119,949
% adjusted					23.4	
% quota	96.3	100.1	123.4	83.6	21.2	33.6

*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 are 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.

Cobia

Preliminary landings of cobia from the SEFSC Quota Monitoring System as of August 23, 2019. Fishing year begins January 1.

Atlantic Group Quota = 50,000 lbs

Florida East Coast Quota = 70,000 lbs

	Cobia South Atlantic Group			Cobia Gulf of Mexico East Coast (Florida)*		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Reported to SEFSC	28,407	25,568	24,867	35,162	30,299	27,877
Reported to the States	25,123	21,333	Not available at this time.	3,479	1,064	Not available at this time.
Total	58,392	46,901	24,867	38,641	31,363	27,877
% quota	116.8%	93.8%	49.7%	55.2%	44.8%	39.8%

*Commercial harvest of Atlantic cobia closed on September 5, 2018.

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