

## King Mackerel

Preliminary landings of king mackerel from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Quota Monitoring System. Landings through November 30, 2017. Fishing year begins March 1.

Atlantic Group ACL for 2017/2018 = 5,900,000 lbs

Northern Zone Quota = 1,359,360 lbs

Southern Zone Quota = 4,540,640 lbs

Southern Zone Quota Season 1 (March 1-September 30): 2,724,384 lbs

Southern Zone Quota Season 2 (October 1-end of February): 1,816,256 lbs

Atlantic Group King Mackerel Landings								
Report	Historic Landings				Current Year (2017/2018) Landings			
	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017*		North	South (Season 1)	South (Season 2)	Total (North and South)
<b>Total Landings</b>	<b>1,392,236</b>	<b>1,699,865</b>	<b>1,580,860</b>		<b>329,213</b>	<b>1,451,066</b>	<b>54,314</b>	<b>1,834,593</b>
<b>% quota</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>40.7</b>		<b>24.2</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>31.1</b>

\*ACLs and quotas changed through the implementation of CMP Amendment 26 on May 11, 2017 (82 FR 17388). The 2016/2017 ACL for the Atlantic Group= 6,500,000 (Northern Zone Quota=1,497,600, Southern Zone Quota 5,002,400)

## Spanish Mackerel

Preliminary landings of Spanish mackerel from the SEFSC Quota Monitoring System. Landings through November 30, 2017. Fishing year begins March 1.

ACL for 2017/2018= 3,330,000 lbs

Revised Northern Quota = 762,670 lbs

Revised Southern Quota = 2,567,330 lbs (Adjusted quota = 2,417,330 lbs).

Atlantic Group Spanish Mackerel Landings							
Report	Historical Landings				Current Year (2017/2018) Landings		
	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017		North	South	Total
<b>Total</b>	2,887,516	2,685,929	3,133,351		<b>733,894*</b>	<b>671,894</b>	<b>1,405,788</b>
<b>% adjusted</b>						<b>27.8</b>	
<b>% quota</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>94.1</b>		<b>96.2</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>42.2</b>

\*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.

## **Cobia**

Preliminary landings of cobia from the SEFSC Quota Monitoring System. Landings through November 30, 2017.  
Fishing year begins January 1.

Atlantic Group Quota for 2016 and 2017= 50,000 lbs; 2015 = 60,000 lbs

Florida East Coast Quota = 70,000 lbs

	Atlantic Group (GA-NY)			Florida East Coast Zone		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
<b>Reported to SEFSC</b>	50,054	48,722	27,652	57,093	45,352	31,439
<b>Reported to the States</b>	23,272	28,927	Not available at this time.	2,673	777	Not available at this time.
<b>Total</b>	73,326	77,649		59,766	46,129	
<b>% quota</b>	122.2%	155.3%	55.3%	85.4%	65.9%	44.9%

\*There is no total ACL; the Florida East Coast Zone is part of the Gulf migratory group. Total numbers are provided for comparison to previous years.

Commercial harvest for cobia was closed on September 5, 2017.