

## **King Mackerel**

Preliminary landings of king mackerel from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Quota Monitoring System as of December 4, 2018. Fishing year begins March 1.

Atlantic Group ACL for 2018/2019 = 5,200,000 lbs

Northern Zone Quota = 1,198,080 lbs

Southern Zone Quota = 4,001,920 lbs

Southern Zone Quota Season 1 (March 1-September 30): 2,401,152 lbs

Southern Zone Quota Season 2 (October 1-end of February): 1,600,768 lbs

Atlantic Group King Mackerel Landings								
Report	Historic Landings				Current Year (2018/2019) Landings			
	2015/2016	2016/2017*	2017/2018		North	South (Season 1)	South (Season 2)	Total (North and South)
<b>Total Landings</b>	<b>1,793,571</b>	<b>1,538,437</b>	<b>2,754,311</b>		<b>215,062</b>	<b>1,435,546</b>	<b>110,788</b>	<b>1,761,396</b>
<b>% quota</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>46.7</b>		<b>18.0</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>6.92</b>	<b>33.9</b>

\*ACLs and quotas changed through the implementation of CMP Amendment 26 on May 11, 2017 (82 FR 17388). The 2017/2018 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 December 4, 2018.

Fishing year begins March 1.

ACL for 2018/2019= 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 (2018/2019) Landings		
	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018		North**	South	Total
<b>Total</b>	2,685,204	3,205,370	3,221,832*		<b>693,084</b>	<b>851,324</b>	<b>1,544,408</b>
<b>% adjusted</b>						<b>35.2</b>	
<b>% quota</b>	<b>80.6</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>96.8</b>		<b>105.1</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>46.4</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.

\*\* The commercial sector in the Northern Zone closed on November 4, 2018.

## **Cobia**

Preliminary landings of cobia from the SEFSC Quota Monitoring System as of December 4, 2018. Fishing year begins January 1.

Atlantic Group Quota = 50,000 lbs

Florida East Coast Quota = 70,000 lbs

	<b>Cobia South Atlantic Group</b>			<b>Cobia Gulf of Mexico East Coast (Florida)*</b>		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
<b>Reported to SEFSC</b>	48,722	28,407	25,309	45,352	35,162	26,389
<b>Reported to the States</b>	31,462	33,269	Not available at this time.	993	3,195	Not available at this time.
<b>Total</b>	80,184	61,676	25,309	46,345	38,357	26,389
<b>% quota</b>	160.4%	123.4%	50.6%	66.2%	54.8%	37.7%

\*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 of cobia closed on September 5, 2018.