

## **King Mackerel**

Preliminary landings of king mackerel from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Quota Monitoring System as of May 17, 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) |
| <b>Total Landings</b>                 | <b>1,538,437</b>  | <b>2,754,311</b> | <b>2,888,197</b> |  | <b>87,443</b>                     | <b>515,382</b>   | n/a              | <b>602,825</b>          |
| <b>% quota</b>                        | <b>39.7</b>       | <b>46.7</b>      | <b>61.5</b>      |  | <b>8.1</b>                        | <b>23.8</b>      |                  | <b>12.8</b>             |
|                                       |                   |                  |                  |  |                                   |                  |                  |                         |

\*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 May 17, 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          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | 3,205,370           | 3,221,832*  | 3,976,971    |  | <b>55,951</b>                     | <b>555,524</b> | <b>611,475</b> |
| <b>% adjusted</b>                        |                     |             |              |  |                                   | <b>23</b>      |                |
| <b>% quota</b>                           | <b>96.3</b>         | <b>96.8</b> | <b>119.4</b> |  | <b>8.4</b>                        | <b>20.8</b>    | <b>18.4</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. 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 May 17, 2019. 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> |                             |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                               | 2017                              | 2018   | 2019                        | 2017  | 2018                        | 2019                        |
| <b>Reported to SEFSC</b>      | 28,407                            | 25,376 | 7,772                       | 35,162  | 30,299                      | 19,860                      |
| <b>Reported to the States</b> | 25,123                            | 21,525 | Not available at this time. | 3,479   | Not available at this time. | Not available at this time. |
| <b>Total</b>                  | 58,392                            | 46,901 | 7,772                       | 38,641  | 31,363                      | 19,860                      |
| <b>% quota</b>                | 116.8%                            | 93.8%  | 16%                         | 55.2%   | 44.8%                       | 28.4%                       |

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

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