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2015 SA Yellowtail Snapper: Commercial Landings Monitoring (CLM) System

- Data in CLM are considered preliminary; updated/finalized data are submitted by the states and available in ACCSP by may of the following year.
- In 2015, 85 dealers reported 3,778 trips with SA Yellowtail Snapper landings through CLM, totaling 1,632,263 pounds whole weight, or 102% of the 1,596,510 pound quota.
- The fishery closed on October 31, 2016 at 12:01 am (local time).



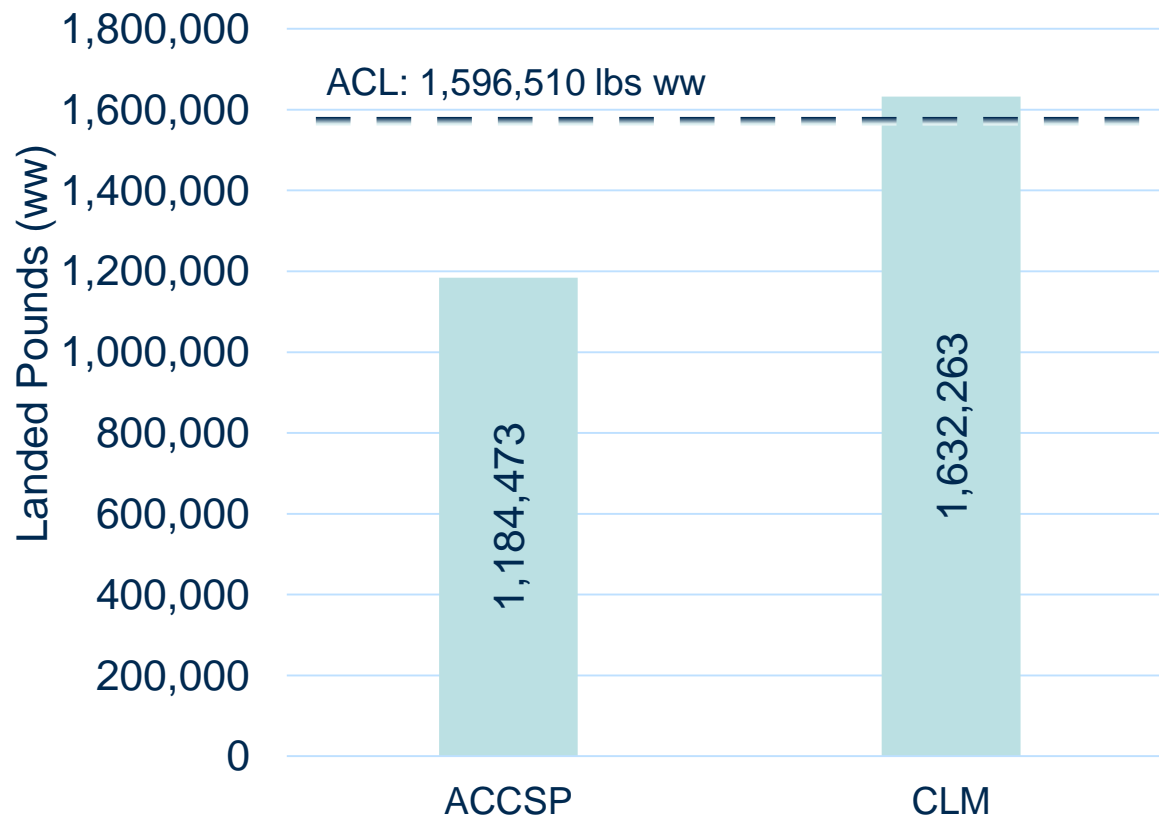
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- Prior to recommending closure, the Southeast Fisheries Science Center checked data quality.
 - We confirmed that landings were not duplicated.
 - We checked for outlier values caused by data entry errors.
 - We confirmed fishing locations:
 - Analyzed the proportion of Yellowtail Snapper landed in Gulf of Mexico vs. South Atlantic waters in previous years
 - Compared CLM catch locations to logbooks
 - Communicated with port agents in the Florida Keys



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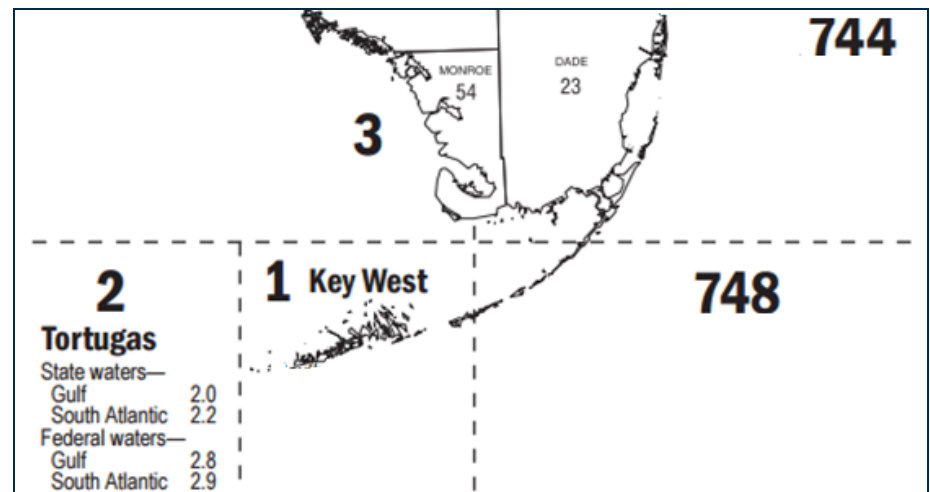
- Finalized state data from ACCSP show much lower landings





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- We compared CLM and ACCSP data to identify individual CLM trips that were missing from the ACCSP trip ticket data.
- We found that in the ACCSP data these tickets were assigned to the Gulf of Mexico
- CLM uses area code 2.9
- ACCSP assigned 2.9 to the Gulf of Mexico.





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- We communicated with Florida Fish and Wildlife staff about these specific tickets.
- Florida staff determined that an area conversion error caused the catch region to be incorrectly reassigned in the ACCSP data.
- Florida is resubmitting corrected data to ACCSP.
- We expect ACCSP data to closely match CLM data once these changes are made.