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RE: Preliminary 2012-2013 Commercial Landings

The Southeast Fisheries Science Center has provided the following **preliminary landings estimates** for species in the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's area of jurisdiction subject to annual catch limits (ACLs), which includes electronically reported landings through February 21, 2013.

Sincerely,

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Preliminary 2013 Commercial South Atlantic Landings

Species Complex	Fishing Year	Date Landings Available Through	Current Landings (lb)	ACL (lb)	Units	ACL (%)	Current Status	Date Closed 2013
Atlantic spadefish	January 1 - December 31	21-Feb-13	243	36,476	ww	0.67	OPEN	
Bar Jack			2023	6,686	ww	30.26	OPEN	
Black Grouper			0	94,571	ww	0.00	CLOSED	
Blue runner			31,560	188,329	ww	16.76	OPEN	
Cobia			12,244	125,712	ww	9.74	OPEN	
Deepwater complex ^a			8,383	343,869	ww	2.44	OPEN	
Dolphin			11,892	1,065,524	ww	1.12	OPEN	
Gag			0	352,940	gw	0.00	OPEN	
Golden crab			123,735	2,000,000	ww	6.19	OPEN	
Golden tilefish			354,719	541,295	gw	65.53	OPEN	
Goliath grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Gray triggerfish			119,769	305,262	ww	39.23	OPEN	
Grunts ^b			11,199	214,624	ww	5.22	OPEN	
Hogfish			1318	48,772	ww	2.70	OPEN	
Jacks ^c			68,546	193,999	ww	35.33	OPEN	
Mutton snapper			5,449	157,743	ww	3.45	OPEN	
Nassau grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Porgies ^d			7,757	35,129	ww	22.08	OPEN	
Red Grouper			0	315,920	ww	0.00	CLOSED	
Red Porgy			0	190,050	gw	0.00	CLOSED	
Red Snapper			-	0	gw	-	CLOSED	-
Scamp			0	341,636	ww	0.00	CLOSED	
Shallow water grouper ^e			0	49,488	ww	0.00	CLOSED	
Snappers ^f			7,384	204,552	ww	3.61	OPEN	
Snowy grouper			10,013	82,900	gw	12.08	OPEN	
Speckled hind			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Wahoo	5,713	64,147	ww	8.91	OPEN			
Warsaw grouper	-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-		
Yellowtail snapper	122,512	1,596,510	ww	7.67	OPEN			

- a. Deepwater Complex: Yellowedge grouper, blueline tilefish, silk snapper, misty grouper, queen snapper, sand tilefish, black snapper, blackfin snapper
- b. Grunts Complex: White grunt, margate, sailor's choice, tomtate
- c. Jacks Complex: Almaco jack, banded rudderfish, lesser amberjack
- d. Porgies Complex: Jolthead, knobbed, saucereye, whitebone, scup
- e. Shallow water grouper Complex: Red hind, rock hind, coney, graysby, yellowfin grouper, yellowmouth grouper
- f. Snapper Complex: Gray, lane, cubera, dog, mahogany

Preliminary 2012 – 2013 Commercial South Atlantic Landings									
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Black Sea Bass	07/01/12 – 05/31/13 ^g	17-Jan-13	334,952	309,000	gw	108.40	CLOSED		
Greater amberjack ^h	05/01/12 – 04/31/13	20-Feb-13	585,720	800,163	ww	73.20	OPEN		
Vermilion snapper	01/01/13 – 06/30/13	21-Feb-13	325,749	315,523	gw	103.24	OPEN	13-Feb	
	07/01/12 – 12/31/12	17-Jan-13	490,938	302,523		162.28			
Wreckfish	04/16/12 – 04/15/13	N/A	confidential landings	223,250	ww	confidential landings	OPEN		
King Mackerel	3/1/2012 - 2/28/2013	30-Jan-13	2,195,444	3,880,000	ww	56.58	OPEN		
			2,451,175	3,130,000	ww	78.31	OPEN		
Spanish Mackerel				2,880,000 ⁱ	ww	85.11	OPEN		

g. The black sea bass fishing season opening was pushed back to July 1 for the 2012-2013 fishing season.

h. Commercial harvest of greater amberjack is prohibited in April.

i. The adjusted quota is used to determine trip limit reductions. At 75% of the adjusted quota (2,880,000 lbs ww), the trip limit is reduced to 1,500 lbs.

