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SUBJECT: Preliminary 2009-2010 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 quota management through May 15, 2010.

Species	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota (%)
Atlantic Group king mackerel	03/01/10 – 02/28/11	711,606 ^a	3,710,000	19.18
Atlantic Group Spanish mackerel	03/01/10 – 02/28/11	448,840 ^a	3,870,000	12.40 ^b
Gulf king mackerel – Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone	11/01/09 – 03/31/10	1,085,862	1,040,625	104.35 ^c
Snowy grouper	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	23,308	82,900	28.12
Golden tilefish	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	331,487	295,000	112.37 ^d
Greater amberjack	05/01/09 – 04/30/10	746,649	1,169,931	63.82
Black sea bass	06/01/09 – 05/31/10	298,265	309,000	96.53 ^e
Vermilion snapper	01/01/10 – 06/30/10	322,259	315,523	102.13 ^f
Red porgy	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	2,812	190,050	1.48
Gag	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	10,221	352,940	2.90
Wreckfish	04/16/10 – 04/15/11	^g	2,000,000	^g
Dolphin	01/01/10 – 12/31/10	9,099	1,500,000 ^h	0.61
Octocoral	01/01/09 – 12/31/09	Atlantic: 3,509 Gulf: 3,863	50,000 ⁱ	14.74

- a. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through May 15, 2010.
- b. Atlantic Spanish mackerel Quota (%) is based on the adjusted quota of 3,620,000 lbs.
- c. Given the early closure on the Gulf king mackerel Eastern Zone-East Coast subzone on February 4, 2010, the National Marine Fisheries Service reopened the fishery from March 3–7, 2010.
- d. The trip limit for golden tilefish was reduced to 300 lbs gutted weight on March 18, 2010, and the fishery closed on April 12, 2010.
- e. The commercial fishery for black sea bass closed on December 20, 2009.
- f. Vermilion snapper closed on March 19, 2010.
- g. Confidential landings
- h. The Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan established a 1.5 million pound cap for the dolphin commercial fishery for both northeast and southern Atlantic regions. During January 1 through February 25, 2010, 0.61% of the 1.5 million-pound cap was landed (9,099 pounds).
- i. Octocoral landings are reported twice a year with final landings reported by May of the next year; therefore, these are the total landings for both Atlantic (81 trips) and Gulf (110 trips) in federal waters for 2009, reported in number of colonies.

