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RE: Preliminary 2013-2014 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 November 11, 2013.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator



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	11-Nov-13	2,558	35,108	ww	7.29	OPEN	
Bar Jack			4,474	5,265	ww	84.98	OPEN	
Black Grouper			45,536	94,571	ww	48.15	OPEN	
Blue runner			182,444	177,506	ww	102.78	CLOSED	11/14/13
Cobia			98,315	125,712	ww	78.21	OPEN	
Deepwater complex ^a			266,490	376,469	ww	70.79	OPEN	
Dolphin			516,662	1,065,524	ww	48.49	OPEN	
Gag			315,911	326,722	gw	96.69	CLOSED	11/13/13
Golden crab			1,535,235	2,000,000	ww	76.76	OPEN	
Golden tilefish			539,422	541,295	gw	99.65	CLOSED	05/05/13
Goliath grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Gray triggerfish			278,713	272,880	ww	102.14	CLOSED	07/07/13
Grunts ^b			90,089	218,539	ww	41.22	OPEN	
Hogfish			21,805	49,469	ww	44.08	OPEN	
Jacks ^c			315,190	189,422	ww	166.40	CLOSED	06/18/13
Mutton snapper			62,206	157,743	ww	39.44	OPEN	
Nassau grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Porgies ^d			31,138	36,348	ww	85.67	OPEN	
Red Grouper			100,914	315,920	ww	31.94	OPEN	
Red Pogy			138,776	153,000	ww	90.70	OPEN	
Red Snapper			23,489	21,447	gw	109.52	CLOSED	10/08/13
Scamp			132,342	333,100	ww	39.73	OPEN	
Shallow water grouper ^e			19,099	49,776	ww	38.37	OPEN	
Snappers ^f			130,534	215,662	ww	60.53	OPEN	
Snowy grouper			84,748	82,900	gw	102.23	CLOSED	08/10/13
Speckled hind			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Wahoo			56,441	64,147	ww	87.99	OPEN	
Warsaw grouper			-	0	ww	-	CLOSED	-
Yellowtail snapper	1,244,389	1,596,510	ww	77.94	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 2013 – 2014 Commercial South Atlantic Landings

Species Complex	Fishing Year	Date Landings Available Through	Current Landings (lb)	ACL (lb)	Units	ACL (%)	Current Status	Date Closed 2012-2013 Fishing Year
Black Sea Bass	06/01/13 – 05/31/14	11-Nov-13	397,894	780,020	ww	51.01	OPEN	
Greater amberjack ^g	05/01/13 – 04/31/14	11-Nov-13	501,939	800,163	ww	62.73	OPEN	
Vermilion snapper ^h	01/01/13 – 06/30/13	17-Sep-13	319,682	466,480	ww	68.53	CLOSED	13-Feb
	07/01/13 – 12/31/13	11-Nov-13	555,125	613,278	ww	90.52	OPEN	
Wreckfish	04/16/13 – 04/15/14	confidential landings	confidential landings	223,250	ww	confidential landings	OPEN	
King Mackerel	3/1/2013 - 2/28/2014	5-Nov-13	991,903	3,880,000	ww	25.56	OPEN	
Spanish Mackerel			1,508,143	3,130,000	ww	48.18	OPEN	
				2,880,000*	ww	52.37		

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

h. 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. The 1,500 lb trip limit went into effect on January 6, 2013. At 100% of the adjusted quota, the trip limit is reduced to 500 lbs.

