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Dear Mr. Mahood,

The Southeast Fisheries Science Center has provided the enclosed **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 July 22, 2012. This report reflects new quotas for king mackerel and Spanish mackerel implemented through Amendment 18 to the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Region. The report also reflects the new quotas established through the Comprehensive ACL Amendment.

Sincerely,


Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator

Enclosure



Preliminary 2012 Commercial South Atlantic Landings (Fishing year January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012)

Species Complex	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	ACL or Quota (lb)	Units	Quota (%)	Date Closed 2012	Date Closed 2011
Atlantic spadefish		1,145	36,476	ww	3.14		
Bar Jack		1,536	6,686	ww	22.97		
Black Grouper		30,164	90,575	ww	33.30		
Blue runner		91,029	188,329	ww	48.34		
Cobia		60,196	125,712	ww	47.88		
Deepwater complex*		258,932	343,869	ww	75.30		
Dolphin		299,689	1,065,524	ww	28.13		
Gag		181,080	352,940	gw	51.31		
Golden crab		134,590	2,000,000	ww	6.73		
Golden tilefish		398,993	282,819	gw	141.08	17-Feb ^a	9-Mar
Goliath grouper		-	0	ww	-		
Gray triggerfish		218,939	305,262	ww	71.72		
Grunts*		43,856	214,624	ww	20.43		
Hogfish		12,667	48,772	ww	25.97		
Jacks*	Jan 1 - Dec 31	321,766	193,999	ww	165.86	2-Jul	
Mutton snapper		42,021	157,743	ww	26.64		
Nassau grouper		-	0	ww	-		
Porgies*		26,074	35,129	ww	74.22		
Red Grouper		98,886	284,680	ww	34.74		
Red Porgy		46,106	190,050	gw	24.26		
Red Snapper		-	0	gw	-		
Scamp		104,095	341,636	ww	30.47		
Shallow water grouper*		14,529	49,488	ww	29.36		
Snappers*		38,614	204,552	ww	18.88		
Snowy grouper		40,995	82,900	gw	49.45		
Speckled hind		-	0	ww	-		
Wahoo		25,031	64,147	ww	39.02		
Warsaw grouper		-	0	ww	-		
Yellowtail snapper		823,070	1,142,589	ww	72.04		
Deepwater complex*	Yellowedge grouper, blueline tilefish, silk snapper, misty grouper, queen snapper, sand tilefish, black snapper, blackfin snapper						
Grunts*	White grunt, margate, sailor's choice, tomate						
Jacks*	Almaco jack, banded ruddertail, lesser amberjack						
Porgies*	Tolthead, knobbed, saucer-eye, whitebone, scup						
Shallow water grouper*	Red hind, rock hind, coney, graysby, yellowfin grouper, yellowmouth grouper						
Snappers*	Gray, lane, cubera, dog, mahogany						

^a Based on projections from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center indicating the trip limit reduction for golden tilefish was surpassed, commercial harvest closed on February 17, 2012.

Preliminary 2012 – 2013 Commercial South Atlantic Landings (continued)

Species Complex	Fishing Year	Current Landings (lb)	ACL or Quota (lb)	Units	Quota (%)	Date Closed 2012	Date Closed 2011
Black Sea Bass	07/01/12 – 05/31/13 ^b	51,102	309,000	gw	16.54		15-Jul
Greater amberjack	05/01/12 – 04/31/13	296,067	800,163	ww	37.00		
Vermilion snapper	01/01/12 – 06/30/12	384,163	315,523	gw	121.75	29-Feb	10-Mar
	07/01/12 – 12/31/12	36,102	302,523		11.93		30-Sep
Wreckfish	04/16/12 – 04/15/13	confidential landings	223,250	ww	confidential landings		
King Mackerel	3/1/2012 - 2/28/2013	767,952 ^c	3,880,000	ww	19.79		
Spanish Mackerel		833,723 ^c	3,130,000	ww	26.64 ^d		

- b. Commercial harvest of black sea bass opened on July 1, 2012, rather than June 1.
- c. Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel data includes preliminary landings through July 24, 2012.
- d. Atlantic Spanish mackerel quota (%) listed is based on the 3,130,000 lb quota. Based on the adjusted quota of 2,880,000 lbs, the quota % is 28.95%.