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COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL FISHERY CLOSED FOR VESSELS USING RUN-AROUND GILLNETS IN THE SOUTHERN FLORIDA WEST COAST SUBZONE

Beginning 6:00 a.m., local time, **January 25, 2007**, the commercial run-around gillnet fishery for Gulf group king mackerel in the southern Florida west coast subzone is closed.

NOAA Fisheries Service announces this fishery closure after projecting landings would reach the quota (520,312 pounds) on that date. The gillnet fishery will remain closed in the exclusive economic zone through 6:00 a.m., local time, January 22, 2008, unless changed by future notice in the *Federal Register*.

The southern subzone is the Florida west coast off Collier and Monroe Counties, Florida. From November 1 through March 1, the southern subzone

extends south and west from 25° 20.4' N. lat. (a line directly east from the Miami-Dade/Monroe County, Florida boundary) to 26° 19.8' N. lat. (a line directly west from the Lee/Collier County, Florida, boundary).

During the closure, no one may fish for or possess king mackerel in or from the closed area when on board a vessel issued a federal king mackerel permit with a gillnet endorsement. Also, during the closure, no one on board a vessel using or possessing a gillnet with a stretched-mesh size of 4.75 inches (12.1 cm) or larger in the southern Florida west coast subzone may fish for or possess Gulf group king mackerel.