



Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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Atlantic Group Spanish Mackerel Trip Limit Reduced for Commercial Vessels Fishing in the Southern Zone (Florida)

The daily vessel trip limit for commercial vessels fishing for Atlantic group Spanish mackerel in federal waters of the southern zone is adjusted to 1,500 pounds, **effective 6 a.m. local time, February 22, 2011**. The southern zone extends from 30°42'45.6" N. latitude (a line directly east from the Georgia/Florida boundary) to 25°20.4' N. latitude (a line directly east from the Miami-Dade/Monroe County, Florida, boundary).

After 75 percent of the adjusted quota of Atlantic group Spanish mackerel has been reached, a 1,500 pound per day vessel trip limit will apply through the end of the fishing year.

NOAA Fisheries Service has determined 75 percent of the adjusted quota for Atlantic group Spanish mackerel has been taken. Accordingly, the 1,500 pound per day commercial trip limit applies to Spanish mackerel in the southern zone effective 6 a.m., local time, February 22,

2011, through February 28, 2011, unless changed by further notification in the *Federal Register*. Beginning March 1, 2011, the start of the 2011-2012 fishing year, the trip limit will be 3,500 pounds per day. Based on the 7.04 million pound total allowable catch for Atlantic group Spanish mackerel, the commercial quota is 3.87 million pounds. In the southern zone, the seasonally variable trip limits are based on an adjusted quota of 3.62 million pounds.

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