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## **NOAA Announces New Regulations for King and Spanish Mackerel in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region** *Small Entity Compliance Guide*

A new rule, effective July 16, 2014, will change the coastal migratory pelagics permit requirements and restrictions, including modification of the sales provisions and income requirements.

For the Gulf of Mexico, the rule prohibits the sale of king and Spanish mackerel caught under the bag limit unless those fish are either caught on a for-hire trip and the vessel has both a for-hire and commercial vessel permit, or the fish are caught as part of a state-permitted tournament and the proceeds from the sale are donated to charity.

For the Atlantic region, the rule prohibits the sale of king and Spanish mackerel caught under the bag limit unless the fish are caught as part of a state-permitted tournament and the proceeds from the sale are donated to charity.

In addition, the rule removes the income qualification requirement for king and Spanish mackerel commercial vessel permits.

NOAA Fisheries with the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils developed an amendment to the management plan for coastal migratory pelagics containing these management measures. The final rule implementing the regulations published in the *Federal Register* on June 16, 2014.

This bulletin serves as a Small Entity Compliance Guide, complying with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

Electronic copies of the amendment, final rule, supporting materials, and frequently asked questions may be obtained from the NOAA Fisheries Web site [http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable\\_fisheries/gulf\\_sa/cmp/2014/am20a/index.html](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/gulf_sa/cmp/2014/am20a/index.html).

This bulletin provides only a summary of the information regarding the existing regulations. Any discrepancies between this bulletin and the regulations as published in the *Federal Register* will be resolved in favor of the *Federal Register*.