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Commercial King Mackerel Trip Limit to Decrease in the Southern West Coast Florida Subzone

The daily vessel trip limit is reduced to 500 pounds beginning **12:01 a.m., local time, February 16, 2014**, for Gulf group king mackerel in the southern Florida west coast subzone.

From November 1 through March 31, the southern subzone is that part of the Florida west coast off Collier and Monroe Counties, Florida. Beginning April 1, the southern subzone is reduced to the area off Collier County, Florida, and Monroe County is considered part of the Atlantic group.

NOAA Fisheries is reducing the trip limit because 75 percent (or 413,586 pounds) of the 551,448-pound quota is projected to be taken. The 500-pound daily trip limit will remain in effect until the quota is reached or through the end of the fishing year, June 30, 2014, whichever occurs first.

This summary is not a substitute for the actual regulations. We encourage you to read the full text of the regulations, available at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>.

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