

Gulf of Mexico Historical Commercial Landings and Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)

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All 2018 landings reported on this page are considered preliminary. ACTs and ACLs were defined in 2012. Before establishing ACLs/ACTs in 2012, stocks below were subject to quotas.

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

Goliath Grouper and Nassau Grouper are closed to harvest.

Definitions:

- ACL = Annual Catch Limit
- ACT = Annual Catch Target
- ww = whole weight; gw = gutted weight
- NA = not applicable

Species and species groups are listed below in alphabetical order.

| Cobia East Florida* | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|--------|-------|-----|-------|--------------|--------------------|
| Year | Fishing Year | Total Reported | Units | ACT | ACT % | ACL | ACL % | Closure Date | Data Source |
| 2017 | Jan 1 - Dec 31 | 40,911 | as reported | 70,000 | 58.4 | NA | NA | | ACL_FILES_10232018 |
| 2016 | | 48,558 | | 70,000 | 69.4 | | | | |
| 2015 | | 62,464 | | 70,000 | 89.2 | | | | |

*The Florida East Coast Zone (east coast of Florida and Atlantic side of the Florida Keys) is part of the Gulf of Mexico stock but management has been delegated to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

| Deep Water Grouper* | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------|--------------------|
| Deep Water Grouper: Warsaw grouper, snowy grouper, speckled hind, and yellowedge grouper | | | | | | | | | |
| Year | Fishing Year | Total Reported* | Units | ACT | ACT % | ACL | ACL % | Closure Date | Data Source |
| 2017 | Jan 1 - Dec 31 | 860,936 | gw | 1,024,000 | 84.1 | 1,070,000 | 80.5 | | IFQ |
| 2016 | | 889,965 | | 1,024,000 | 86.9 | 1,070,000 | 83.2 | | |
| 2015 | | 955,250 | | 1,101,000 | 86.8 | 1,150,000 | 83.1 | | |
| 2014 | | 1,081,145 | | 1,110,000 | 97.4 | 1,160,000 | 93.2 | | |
| 2013 | | 920,034 | | 1,118,000 | 82.3 | 1,170,000 | 78.6 | | |
| 2012 | | 966,100 | | 1,127,000 | 85.7 | 1,170,000 | 82.6 | | |
| 2011 | | 778,728 | | 1,020,000 | 76.3 | NA | NA | | ACL_FILES_10232018 |
| 2010 | | 606,223 | | 1,020,000 | 59.4 | | | | |
| 2009 | | 1,126,189 | | 1,020,000 | 110.4 | | | 6/27/09 | |
| 2008 | | 1,108,590 | | 1,020,000 | 108.7 | | | 5/10/08 | |
| 2007 | | 1,157,187 | | 1,020,000 | 113.4 | | | 6/2/07 | |
| 2006 | | 1,072,690 | | 1,020,000 | 105.2 | | | 6/23/06 | |
| 2005 | | 1,141,141 | | 1,020,000 | 111.9 | | | 6/23/05 | |
| 2004 | | 1,249,664 | | 1,020,000 | 122.5 | | | 7/15/04 | |

*Deep water grouper are now managed under a stock ACL, meaning both commercial and recreational landings contribute towards total landings. Please see the stock page more for information.

| Gag Grouper | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------|--------------------|
| Year | Fishing Year | Total Reported* | Units | ACT | ACT % | ACL | ACL % | Closure Date | Data Source |
| 2017 | Jan 1 - Dec 31 | 492,095 | gw | 939,000 | 52.4 | 1,217,000 | 40.4 | | IFQ |
| 2016 | | 910,996 | | 939,000 | 97.0 | 1,217,000 | 74.9 | | |
| 2015 | | 542,774 | | 939,000 | 57.8 | 1,217,000 | 44.6 | | |
| 2014 | | 586,377 | | 835,000 | 70.2 | 1,100,000 | 53.3 | | |
| 2013 | | 575,335 | | 708,000 | 81.3 | 956,000 | 60.2 | | |
| 2012 | | 523,138 | | 567,000 | 92.3 | 788,000 | 66.4 | | |
| 2011 | | 318,663 | | 430,000 | 74.1 | NA | NA | | ACL_FILES_10232018 |
| 2010 | | 496,826 | | 1,410,000 | 35.2 | | | | |
| 2009* | | 715,814 | | 1,320,000 | 54.2 | | | | |

*Prior to 2009, Gag grouper was part of the shallow water grouper complex.

| Gray Triggerfish | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|--------------|--------------------|
| Year | Fishing Year | Total Reported | Units | ACT | ACT % | ACL | ACL % | Closure Date | Data Source |
| 2017 | Jan 1- Dec 31 | 63,689 | ww | 60,900 | 104.6 | 64,100 | 99.4 | 11/17/17 | ACL_FILES_10232018 |
| 2016 | | 59,778 | | 60,900 | 98.2 | 64,100 | 93.3 | | |
| 2015 | | 47,924 | | 60,900 | 78.7 | 64,100 | 74.8 | | |
| 2014 | | 40,908 | | 60,900 | 67.2 | 64,100 | 63.8 | | |
| 2013 | | 63,086 | | 54,802 | 115.1 | 54,802 | 115.1 | | |
| 2012 | | 72,778 | | 51,290 | 141.9 | 64,100 | 113.5 | 7/1/12 | |
| 2011 | | 105,251 | | 106,000 | 99.3 | | | | |
| 2010 | | 55,661 | | 106,000 | 52.5 | NA | NA | | |
| 2009 | | 78,117 | | 93,000 | 84.0 | | | | |
| 2008 | | 76,717 | | 80,000 | 95.9 | | | | |

| Greater Amberjack | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|--------------------|
| Year | Fishing Year | Total Reported | Units | ACT | ACT % | ACL | ACL % | Closure Date | Data Source |
| 2017 | Jan 1- Dec 31 | 454,561 | ww | 394,740 | 115.2 | 464,400 | 97.9 | 6/20/17 | ACL_FILES_10232018 |
| 2016 | | 437,390 | | 394,740 | 110.8 | 464,400 | 94.2 | 7/17/16 | |
| 2015 | | 460,670 | | 409,000 | 112.6 | 481,000 | 95.8 | 7/19/15 | |
| 2014 | | 482,277 | | 409,000 | 117.9 | 481,000 | 100.3 | 8/25/14 | |
| 2013 | | 457,879 | | 338,157 | 135.4 | 410,157 | 111.6 | 7/1/13 | |
| 2012 | | 308,334 | | 237,438 | 129.9 | 237,438 | 129.9 | 3/1/12 | |
| 2011 | | 508,871 | | 342,091 | 148.8 | | | 6/18/11 | |
| 2010 | | 534,095 | | 373,072 | 143.2 | NA | NA | 10/28/10 | |
| 2009 | | 601,446 | | 503,000 | 119.6 | | | 11/7/09 | |
| 2008 | | 440,936 | | 503,000 | 87.7 | | | | |

| King Mackerel | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--|------------------------|
| Zone | Year | Fishing Year | Total Reported | Units | Quota | Quota % | ACL | ACL % | Closure Date | Data Source |
| Western Zone | 2016-2017 | July 1 - June 30 | 1,159,210 | as reported | 1,180,000 | 98.2 | 2,330,500 | 97.3 | 10/14/2016; Reopened: 5/11/17 closed: 5/22/17 | ACCSP as of 6/25/18 |
| FL Florida West Coast Northern Subzone | | October 1 - September 30 | 473,282 | | 531,000 | 89.1 | | | 11/10/2016; Reopened 5/11/17 | |
| FL West Coast Southern Subzone (Hook and Line) | | July 1 - June 30 | 634,789 | | 619,500 | 102.5 | | | 2/25/2017 | |
| Western Zone | 2015-2016 | July 1 - June 30 | 1,222,665 | | 1,071,360 | 114.1 | 2,904,552 | 110.4 | 11/17/2015 | |
| FL East Coast Subzone* | | November 1 - March 31 | 1,142,360 | | 1,102,896 | 103.6 | | | | |
| FL Florida West Coast Northern Subzone | | October 1 - September 30 | 181,952 | | 178,848 | 101.7 | | | 11/28/2015 | |
| FL West Coast Southern Subzone (Hook and Line) | | July 1 - June 30 | 658,735 | | 551,448 | 119.5 | | | 3/27/2016 | |
| Western Zone | 2014-2015 | July 1 - June 30 | 1,364,366 | | 1,071,360 | 127.3 | 2,904,522 | 115.6 | 10/17/2014 | |
| FL East Coast Subzone* | | November 1 - March 31 | 1,066,523 | | 1,102,896 | 96.7 | | | | |
| FL Florida West Coast Northern Subzone | | July 1 - June 30 | 228,841 | | 178,848 | 128.0 | | | 10/27/2014 | |
| FL West Coast Southern Subzone (Hook and Line) | | July 1 - June 30 | 696,466 | | 551,448 | 126.3 | | | 2/5/2015 | |
| Western Zone | 2013-2014 | July 1 - June 30 | 1,007,489 | 1,071,360 | 94.0 | 2,904,522 | 92.1 | 9/20/2013 | | |
| FL East Coast Subzone* | | November 1 - March 31 | 793,721 | 1,102,896 | 72.0 | | | | | |
| FL Florida West Coast Northern Subzone | | July 1 - June 30 | 259,945 | 178,848 | 145.3 | | | 10/12/2013 | | |
| FL West Coast Southern Subzone (Hook and Line) | | July 1 - June 30 | 612,962 | 551,448 | 111.2 | | | 2/21/2014 | | |
| Western Zone | 2012-2013 | July 1 - June 30 | 1,113,930 | 1,180,480 | 94.4 | 3,200,386 | 99.0 | 8/22/2012 | | |
| FL East Coast Subzone* | | November 1 - March 21 | 938,817 | 1,215,228 | 77.3 | | | | | |
| FL Florida West Coast Northern Subzone | | July 1 - June 30 | 319,696 | 197,064 | 162.2 | | | 10/5/2012 | | |
| FL West Coast Southern Subzone (Hook and Line) | | July 1 - June 30 | 795,724 | 607,614 | 131.0 | | | | | |

*As of May 11, 2017, the King Mackerel fishery zone were redefined, and the Florida east coast subzone was removed. As such, the quota previously associated with the Florida east coast subzone was distributed to the other remaining zones.

| King Mackerel | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|---------|-----|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Zone | Year | Fishing Year | Total Reported | Units | Quota | Quota % | ACL | ACL % | Closure Date | Data Source |
| Southern Subzone (Gillnet) | 2016 -2017 | July 1* - June 30 | 538,213 | as reported | 619,500 | 86.9 | NA | NA | 2/10/2017; Reopened 5/11/17 | ACCSP as of 6/25/18 |
| | 2015-2016 | | 529,745 | | 551,448 | 96.45 | | | 3/11/2016 | |
| | 2014-2015 | | 543,730 | | 551,448 | 96.58 | | | 2/20/2015 | |
| | 2013-2014 | | 614,720 | | 551,448 | 112.58 | | | 1/29/2014 | |
| | 2012-2013 | | 509,883 | | 607,614 | 82.36 | | | | |

*Actual opening date is the Tuesday after MLK Day.

| Red Grouper | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Year | Fishing Year | Total Reported | Units | ACT | ACT % | ACL | ACL % | Closure Date | Data Source | |
| 2017 | Jan 1 - Dec 31 | 3,328,271 | gw | 7,780,000 | 42.8 | 8,190,000 | 40.6 | | IFQ | ACL_FILES_100232018 |
| 2016 | | 4,497,582 | | 7,780,000 | 57.8 | 8,190,000 | 54.9 | | | |
| 2015 | | 4,798,007 | | 5,720,000 | 83.9 | 6,030,000 | 79.6 | | | |
| 2014 | | 5,601,905 | | 5,630,000 | 99.5 | 6,030,000 | 92.9 | | | |
| 2013 | | 4,599,001 | | 5,530,000 | 83.2 | 6,030,000 | 76.3 | | | |
| 2012 | | 5,219,133 | | 5,370,000 | 97.2 | 6,030,000 | 86.6 | | | |
| 2011 | | 4,783,668 | | 5,230,000 | 91.5 | NA | NA | | | |
| 2010 | | 2,910,970 | | 5,750,000 | 50.6 | | | | | |
| 2009 | | 3,698,227 | | 5,750,000 | 64.3 | | | | | |
| 2008 | | 4,748,224 | | 5,310,000 | 89.4 | | | | | |
| 2007 | | 3,650,777 | | 5,310,000 | 68.8 | | | | | |
| 2006 | | 5,109,824 | | 5,310,000 | 96.2 | | | | | |
| 2005 | | 5,380,603 | | 5,310,000 | 101.3 | | | 10/10/2005 | | |
| 2004 | | 5,635,577 | | 5,310,000 | 106.1 | | | 11/15/2004 | | |

| Red Snapper | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Year | Fishing Year | Total Reported | Units | ACT | ACT % | ACL | ACL % | Closure Date | Data Source | |
| 2017 | Jan 1 - Dec 31 | 6,978,662 | ww | 7,007,000 | 99.6 | 7,007,000 | 99.6 | | IFQ | ACL_FILES_100232018 |
| 2016 | | 6,723,822 | | 6,768,000 | 99.3 | 6,768,000 | 99.3 | | | |
| 2015 | | 7,184,210 | | 7,293,000 | 98.5 | 7,293,000 | 98.5 | | | |
| 2014 | | 5,567,822 | | 5,610,000 | 99.2 | 5,610,000 | 99.2 | | | |
| 2013 | | 5,448,543 | | 5,610,000 | 97.1 | 5,610,000 | 97.1 | | | |
| 2012 | | 4,036,398 | | 4,121,000 | 97.9 | 4,121,000 | 97.9 | | | |
| 2011 | | 3,594,551 | | 3,664,000 | 98.1 | NA | NA | | | |
| 2010 | | 3,392,208 | | 3,542,000 | 95.8 | | | | | |
| 2009 | | 2,483,565 | | 2,550,000 | 97.4 | | | | | |
| 2008 | | 2,483,602 | | 2,550,000 | 97.4 | | | | | |
| 2007 | | 3,182,730 | | 3,315,000 | 96.0 | | | | | |

| Shallow Water Grouper* | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Shallow Water Grouper: Black grouper, scamp, yellowmouth grouper, and yellowfin grouper | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year | Fishing Year | Total Reported | Units | ACT | ACT % | ACL | ACL % | Closure Date | Data Source | |
| 2017 | Jan 1 - Dec 31 | 200,009 | gw | 525,000 | 38.1 | 547,000 | 36.6 | | IFQ | ACL_FILES_10232018 |
| 2016 | | 335,238 | | 525,000 | 63.9 | 547,000 | 61.3 | | | |
| 2015 | | 238,427 | | 525,000 | 45.4 | 547,000 | 43.6 | | | |
| 2014 | | 230,248 | | 523,000 | 44.0 | 545,000 | 42.2 | | | |
| 2013 | | 300,735 | | 518,000 | 58.1 | 540,000 | 55.7 | | | |
| 2012 | | 298,102 | | 509,000 | 58.6 | 531,000 | 56.1 | | | |
| 2011 | | 187,026 | | 410,000 | 45.6 | NA | NA | | | |
| 2010 | | 176,773 | | 410,000 | 43.1 | | | | | |
| 2009 | | 4,701,806 | | 7,480,000 | 62.9 | | | | | |
| 2008 | | 6,355,425 | | 8,800,000 | 72.2 | | | | | |
| 2007 | | 5,210,701 | | 8,800,000 | 59.2 | | | | | |
| 2006 | | 6,749,318 | | 8,800,000 | 76.7 | | | | | |
| 2005 | | 8,180,353 | | 8,800,000 | 93.0 | | | 10/10/2005 | | |
| 2004 | | 8,877,943 | | 8,800,000 | 100.9 | | | 11/15/2004 | | |

*Shallow water grouper are managed under a stock ACL, meaning both commercial and recreational landings contribute towards total landings. Please see the stock page for additional information. During 2004-2009, the SWG quota was comprised of gag, red grouper, yellowmouth grouper, yellowfin grouper, red hind, rock hind, black grouper, and scamp. Beginning in 2010, gag and red grouper were removed.

Tilefish

Tilefish: Golden tilefish, goldface tilefish, and blueline tilefish

| Year | Fishing Year | Total Reported | Units | ACT | ACT % | ACL | ACL % | Closure Date | Data Source |
|------|----------------|----------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|--------------------|
| 2017 | Jan 1 - Dec 31 | 484,895 | gw | 582,000 | 83.3 | 606,000 | 80.0 | | IFQ |
| 2016 | | 429,003 | | 582,000 | 73.7 | 606,000 | 70.8 | | |
| 2015 | | 537,512 | | 582,000 | 92.4 | 606,000 | 88.7 | | |
| 2014 | | 517,268 | | 582,000 | 88.9 | 606,000 | 85.4 | | |
| 2013 | | 440,091 | | 582,000 | 75.6 | 606,000 | 72.6 | | |
| 2012 | | 451,121 | | 582,000 | 77.5 | 606,000 | 74.4 | | |
| 2011 | | 386,134 | | 440,000 | 87.8 | | | | |
| 2010 | | 249,708 | | 440,000 | 56.8 | | | | |
| 2009 | | 550,667 | | 440,000 | 125.2 | NA | NA | 5/15/09 | ACL_FILES_10232018 |
| 2008 | | 499,499 | | 440,000 | 113.5 | | | 5/10/08 | |
| 2007 | | 422,181 | | 440,000 | 96.0 | | | 4/18/07 | |
| 2006 | | 423,910 | | 440,000 | 96.3 | | | 7/22/06 | |
| 2005 | | 628,531 | | 440,000 | 142.8 | | | 11/21/2005 | |
| 2004 | | 610,843 | | 440,000 | 138.8 | | | | |

*Tilefish has a stock ACL, meaning both commercial and recreational landings contribute towards total landings. In 2012, anchor and blackline tilefish were removed. Please see the stock page for additional information.