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KING MACKEREL TRIP LIMIT TO REMAIN AT 50 FISH PER DAY FOR COMMERCIAL HOOK-AND-LINE VESSELS FISHING IN THE FLORIDA EAST COAST SUBZONE

The daily vessel trip limit for the commercial fishery for Gulf group king mackerel in the Florida east coast subzone will remain at 50 fish per day for the remainder of the fishing season. The trip limit in federal waters is increased only if NOAA Fisheries Service determines less than 75 percent of the subzone's 1,040,625-pound quota has been landed before February 1. Landings data indicate 75 percent of the quota was reached by January 28, 2009; therefore, the trip limit will not increase. This bulletin supersedes any information previously disseminated by NOAA Fisheries Service.

The 50-fish trip limit applies to vessels fishing for Gulf group king mackerel in or from the exclusive economic zone in the Florida east coast subzone. The 50-fish trip limit will remain in effect until the quota is reached and the fishery closes or until the end of the current fishing year (March 31, 2009), whichever occurs first.

From November 1 through March 31, the Florida east coast subzone is the part of the Gulf group king mackerel eastern zone between 25°20.4' N. lat. (a line

directly east from the Miami-Dade/Monroe county line) and 29°25' N. lat. (a line directly east from the Volusia/Flagler county line).

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