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Below is a Fishery Bulletin recently distributed by NOAA Fisheries Service announcing a decrease in the commercial king mackerel trip limit in the Southern West Coast Florida Subzone.

### **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, March 12, 2013, for Gulf group king mackerel in the northern 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 becomes part of the Atlantic zone, with the trip limit returning to 1,250 pounds.

NOAA Fisheries is reducing the trip limit because 75 percent (or 455,711 pounds) of the 607,614-pound quota is projected to be taken. The 500-pound daily trip limit will remain in effect the quota is reached or through the end of the fishing year, June 30, 2013, 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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