

Coastal Migratory Pelagic  
Draft Framework Amendment 14



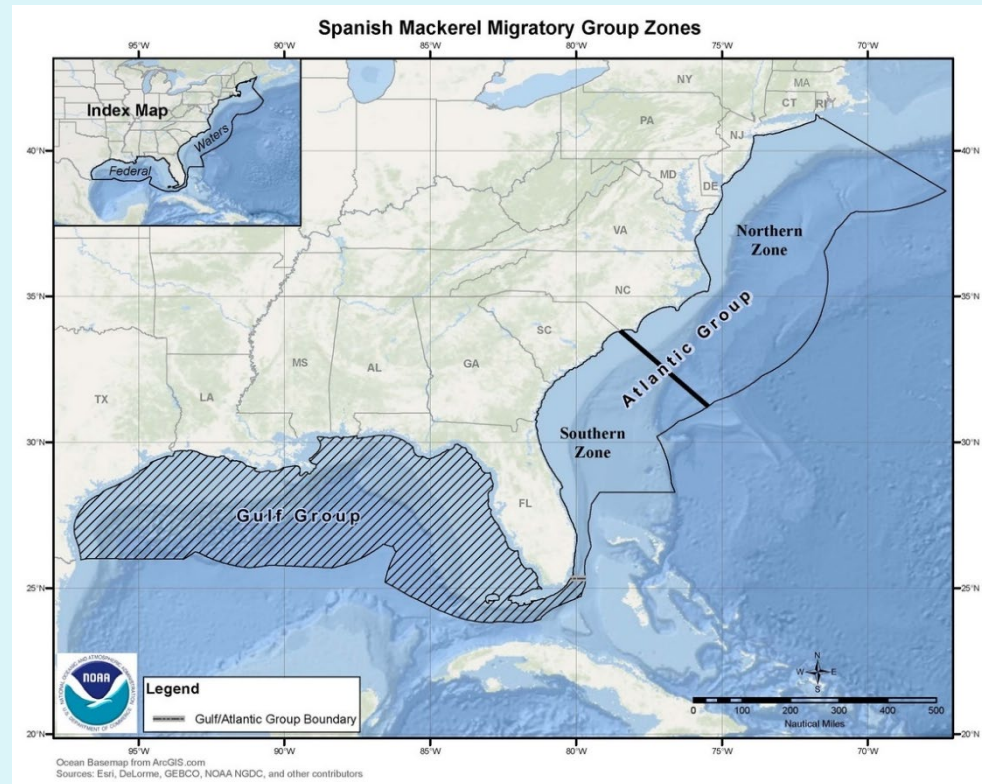
# Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits



February 2024

# Gulf Spanish Mackerel

- FY: April 1 – March 31
- No sector allocation
- Min. size limit 12" FL
- Rec. bag limit 15 pp
- In-season AM, closure if the stock ACL is reached or projected to be reached



# Purpose and Need

The purpose is to modify Gulf Spanish mackerel catch limits based on the results of the SEDAR 81 stock assessment.

The need is to use the best scientific information available for managing Gulf Spanish mackerel, and to continue to achieve optimum yield in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.



# Action 1: Modify Gulf Spanish Mackerel OFL, ABC, and ACL

Alternative	OFL	ABC	Stock ACL	Units
<b>Alternative 1 No Action</b>	11.5	11.3	11.3	CHTS
	15.2	14.9	14.9	FES for comparison
<b>Alternative 2 2025/2026 – 2027/2028 +</b>	12.074	9.630	9.630	FES
<b>Alternative 3 2025/2026 – 2027/2028 +</b>	12.074	9.630	8.667	FES

\*Weights are expressed in millions of pounds whole weight



# Gulf Spanish Mackerel Landings

Year	Rec. Landings	Rec. Landings FES	Comm. Landings	Total Landings	Total Landings FES	Stock ACL	% ACL	Units
2000/01	2,787,759	7,134,661	1,054,259	3,842,018	8,188,920	9.10	42.2%	MRFSS
2001/02	3,453,003	8,245,055	810,099	4,263,102	9,055,154	9.10	46.8%	MRFSS
2002/03	3,171,267	8,183,802	1,745,064	4,916,331	9,928,866	9.10	54.0%	MRFSS
2003/04	2,742,259	6,704,231	941,702	3,683,961	7,645,933	9.10	40.5%	MRFSS
2004/05	2,665,254	7,014,438	1,986,512	4,651,766	9,000,950	9.10	51.1%	MRFSS
2005/06	1,595,371	3,746,160	1,221,294	2,816,665	4,967,454	9.10	31.0%	MRFSS
2006/07	2,845,319	5,004,288	1,534,040	4,379,359	6,538,328	9.10	48.1%	MRFSS
2007/08	2,724,709	6,044,654	902,827	3,627,536	6,947,481	9.10	39.9%	MRFSS
2008/09	2,525,545	6,687,581	2,360,043	4,885,588	9,047,624	9.10	53.7%	MRFSS
2009/10	1,890,078	4,845,791	942,501	2,832,579	5,788,292	9.10	31.1%	MRFSS
2010/11	2,964,208	7,484,430	1,248,711	4,212,919	8,733,141	9.10	46.3%	MRFSS
2011/12	2,677,119	7,048,872	1,347,945	4,025,064	8,396,817	9.10	44.2%	MRFSS
2012/13	3,578,421	7,858,124	1,413,904	4,992,325	9,272,028	5.15	96.9%	MRFSS
2013/14	5,232,534	11,738,205	1,464,381	6,696,915	13,202,586	5.15	130.0%	MRFSS
2014/15	1,946,040	4,307,213	924,490	2,870,530	5,231,703	12.70	22.6%	CHTS
2015/16	2,616,377	6,669,809	1,219,634	3,836,011	7,889,443	11.80	32.5%	CHTS
2016/17	2,607,122	6,850,152	1,094,568	3,701,690	7,944,720	11.30	32.8%	CHTS
2017/18	2,184,055	7,900,308	700,383	2,884,438	8,600,691	11.30	25.5%	CHTS
2018/19	1,922,494	6,059,628	1,065,335	2,987,829	7,124,963	11.30	26.4%	CHTS
2019/20	3,251,330	9,887,158	989,648	4,240,978	10,876,806	11.30	37.5%	CHTS
2020/21	1,883,604	7,219,120	523,578	2,407,182	7,742,698	11.30	21.3%	CHTS
2021/22	1,445,107	5,509,628	352,847	1,797,954	5,862,475	11.30	15.9%	CHTS

# Accountability Measures

- Current in-season AM: closure if the stock ACL is reached or projected to be reached
- Council may consider other options given use of MRIP-FES data units



**Questions?**