

Gulf of Mexico CMP Annual Catch Limits Landings

Commercial

Preliminary 2017-2018 Commercial Gulf of Mexico Landings							
Species Complex	Date Landings Available Through	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota %	Current Status	ACL (lb)	ACL %
King Mackerel - Western Zone	1/17/2018	1,113,815	1,136,000	98.04	Closed 10/7/2017	2,243,600	83.68
King Mackerel - Northern Zone	1/17/2018	449,456	511,200	87.92	Open		
King Mackerel - Southern Zone (Hook and Line)	1/17/2018	314,128	596,400	52.67	Open		
King Mackerel - Southern Zone (Gillnet) ^a	1/17/2018	-	596,400	-	Open	596,400	-

^a Opening date is the Tuesday after MLK Day, 2018 (January 16, 2018).

2016-2017 Commercial Gulf of Mexico Landings (Complete)							
Species Complex	Date Landings Available Through	Current Landings (lb)	Quota (lb)	Quota %	Status	ACL (lb)	ACL %
King Mackerel - Western Zone	1/9/2018	1,124,725	1,180,000	95.32	Closed 5/22/17	2,330,500	95.11
King Mackerel - Northern Zone	1/9/2018	467,222	531,000	87.99	Complete		
King Mackerel - Southern Zone (Hook and Line)	1/9/2018	624,657	619,500	100.83	Closed 2/25/17		
King Mackerel - Southern Zone (Gillnet)	1/9/2018	537,733	619,500	86.80	Complete	619,500	86.80

Note: As of May 11, 2017 the king mackerel fishery zones 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. This allowed for the reopening of zones with sufficient quota to harvest.

Recreational

2017-2018 Preliminary Recreational Landings (lbs) by Two-month Wave

Species Complex	Jul-Aug	Sept-Oct	Nov-Dec	Jan-Feb	Mar-Apr	May-June	Total Reported	ACL (lb)	ACL%	Current Status
King Mackerel	684,773	319,968					1,004,742	6,040,000	16.63	Open

2016-2017 Preliminary Recreational Landings (lbs) by Two-month Wave

Species Complex	Jul-Aug	Sept-Oct	Nov-Dec	Jan-Feb	Mar-Apr	May-June	Total Reported	ACL (lb)	ACL%	Status
King Mackerel	729,620	400,347	292,751	244,664	717,797	393,508	2,778,687	6,260,000	44.39	

Note: Landings include data from MRIP or MRFSS calibrated to MRIP, Headboat, TPWD, and LA Creel for all of 2016. Landings for 2017 include data from MRIP, MRFSS calibrated from MRIP, and Headboat from January 1 to October 31, 2017. TPWD data are from January 1 through May 15, 2017.

Analysis of Increased Bag Limit for King Mackerel

The king mackerel recreational bag limit was increased from 2 to 3 fish per person on May 11, 2017. Since the recreational landings are collected in two-month waves, it was assumed fishermen followed the increased bag limit in waves 3 (May/June) through 5 (September/October) of 2017.

Landings by wave (lbs)

Year	May/June	July/Aug	September/October
2016	917,796	720,096	470,285
2017	470,207	684,773	319,968

Proportion of trips landing...

Year	2 fish	3 fish
2016	11.8%	5.6%
2017	7.2%	5.3%