

Pending Federal and Proposed State King Mackerel Regulation Changes



Changes for all Atlantic Waters off Florida

- Allow bycatch and sale of two king mackerel per person in federal waters commercial shark gill net fishery
 - State rule changes would allow these fish to be sold by clarifying that all king mackerel legally harvested in federal waters by the commercial fishery may be sold
- Divide commercial quota between two seasons
 - Season 1: March 1 – Sept. 30
 - Season 2: Oct. 1 – Feb. 28/29
- Clarify in state rules that commercial harvesters in state waters abide by commercial vessel limits applicable in adjacent federal waters

Commercial Vessel Limit Changes for Volusia through Miami-Dade Counties Only

- March 1-31: 50 fish per vessel
- April 1- Sept. 30: 75 fish per vessel
 - Vessel limit decreases to 50 fish per vessel when 70% of season 1 quota caught
- Oct. 1 – Feb. 28/29: 50 fish per vessel
 - If 70% of season 2 quota is not caught by Feb. 1, vessel limit increases to 75 fish per vessel

Changes for Gulf of Mexico

- Recreational bag limit increase from 2 to 3 fish

Boundaries and Zones

-  Federal Atlantic Migratory Group (State Atlantic Fishery)
-  Federal Gulf Migratory Group (State Gulf-Atlantic Fishery)
-  State Waters Boundary

← Shift management boundary between Gulf and Atlantic stocks to Monroe—Miami-Dade county line year-round

0 20 40 80
Nautical Miles

