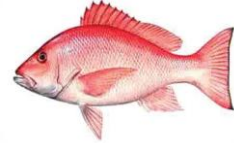
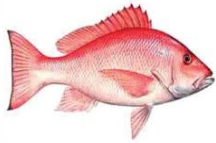


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Re: CMP Framework Amendment 2 Spanish Mackerel Comment

Mr. Mahood,

The Southeastern Fisheries Association (SFA), East Coast Fisheries Section (ECFS) submits this written comment to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council about the Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Framework Amendment 2 Spanish Mackerel Southern Zone Quota Action. SFA ECFS chooses Alternative 4 as a Preferred Alternative for this Action.

Action: Modify the system of quota and trip limit adjustments for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel in the Southern Zone

"Alternative 4. Establish a trip limit of 3,500 lbs for the Southern Zone. When 75% of adjusted quota of the Southern Zone quota has been landed or projected to be landed, the trip limit would be reduced to 1,500 lbs. When 100% of adjusted quota of the Southern Zone quota is reached, the trip limit is reduced to 500 lbs until the end of the fishing year or until the Southern Zone commercial quota is met or projected to be met."

Jimmy Hull, Chairman
SFA ECFS