

Southeast Fisheries Science Center
75 Virginia Beach Drive
Miami, FL 33149

March 25, 2003

Dear Sir or Madam:

Quota management has been established for the Atlantic group of Spanish mackerel under the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Fishery Management Plan. The quotas are established annually.

In order to properly monitor these quotas, it is necessary for the National Marine Fisheries Service to have timely information on landings. Under authority of 50 CFR 622.5 (c)(1)(i), you are selected to report the amounts of king and Spanish mackerel that are unloaded at your facility during the 2003-2004 season.

Submit one of the enclosed forms each month in the envelopes provided or you can sent it via FAX. Be sure to include the total amount in pounds (specify whole or gutted weight) of king and Spanish mackerel, separated by species, that you purchase during each month beginning April 1, 2003.

The report must be received within 5 day of each of the month. The report will be due May 5. Reporting will continue until the fishing season is closed or you are notified in writing by NMFS that reports are no longer required. National Marine Fisheries Service employees may contact you by telephone, or in person, on a more frequent basis, as the quota totals are approached.

We thank you in advance for your compliance with these reporting requirements. If there are questions regarding reporting regulations, please contact John Poffenberger at the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, (305) 361-4263 or Linda Bernstein at (252) 728-8721.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy B. Thompson
Science and Research Director

Enclosures