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## **KING MACKEREL TRIP LIMIT DECREASED TO 500 POUNDS PER DAY FOR COMMERCIAL HOOK-AND-LINE VESSELS FISHING IN THE NORTHERN FLORIDA WEST COAST SUBZONE**

The daily vessel trip limit is reduced to 500 pounds beginning 12:01 a.m., Monday, **November 27, 2006**, for commercial hook-and-line vessels fishing for Gulf group king mackerel in the northern Florida west coast subzone. NOAA Fisheries Service is reducing the trip limit after determining 75 percent of the subzone's 168,750-pound (lb) quota has been taken.

The 500-lb trip limit applies to vessels in the commercial fishery for king mackerel in or from the exclusive economic zone in the northern Florida west coast subzone. The 500-lb trip limit will remain in effect until

the quota is reached and the fishery closes or until the end of the current fishing year (June 30, 2007), whichever occurs first.

The northern subzone is the part of the eastern zone between 26°19.8' N. lat. (a line directly west from the Lee/Collier County, FL boundary) and 87°31'06' W. long. (a line directly south from the Alabama/Florida boundary).

To report violations of commercial trip limits or closures, contact NOAA Fisheries Law Enforcement Division at 727-824-5344 or 1-800/853-1964.