

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 622 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 622--FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read **as** follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

3. In § 622.384, revise paragraphs (b) (1) (i), (b) (1) (ii), and (b) (1) (iii) to read as follows:

§ 622.384 Quotas.

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(i) *Western zone*. The quota is 1,199,360 lb (544,021 kg) for the 2021-2022 fishing year, 1,244,160 lb (564,341 kg) for the 2022-2023 fishing year, and 1,278,720 lb (580,018 kg) for the 2023-2024 fishing year and subsequent fishing years.

(ii) *Northern zone*. The quota is 539,712 lb (244,809 kg) for the 2021-2022 fishing year, 559,872 lb (253,954 kg) for the 2022-2023 fishing year, and 575,424 lb (261,008 kg) for the 2023-2024 fishing year and subsequent fishing years.

(iii) *Southern zone*. (A) The hook-and-line quota is 629,664 lb (285,611 kg) for the 2021-2022 fishing year, 653,184 lb

Commented [SS1]: Note: There are currently no preferred alternatives selected for this framework but the codified was drafted based on Alternative 2 since Alternative 1 is the status quo.

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quotas are from table 2.1.4 in amendment

(296,279 kg) for the 2022-2023 fishing year, and 671,328 lb (304,509 kg) for the 2023-2024 and subsequent fishing years.

(B) The run-around gillnet quota is 629,664 lb (285,611 kg) for the 2021-2022 fishing year, 653,184 lb (296,279 kg) for the 2022-2023 fishing year, and 671,328 lb (304,509 kg) for the 2023-2024 and subsequent fishing years.

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4. In § 622.388, revise paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2) to read as follows:

§ 622.388 Annual catch limits (ACLs), annual catch targets (ACTs), and accountability measures (AMs).

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(ii) The commercial ACL for the Gulf migratory group of king mackerel is 2,998,400 lb (1,360,051 kg) for the 2021-2022 fishing year, 3,110,400 lb (1,410,854 kg) for the 2022-2023 fishing year, and 3,196,800 lb (1,450,044 kg) for the 2023-2024 and subsequent fishing years. The ACL is further divided into a commercial ACL for vessels fishing with hook-and-line and a commercial ACL for vessels fishing with run-around gillnets. The hook-and-line ACL (which applies to the entire Gulf) is 2,368,736 lb (1,074,441 kg) for the 2021-2022 fishing year, 2,457,216 lb (1,114,574 kg) for the 2022-2023 fishing year, and

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Values from Table 2.1.4 in the amendment

2,525,472 lb (1,145,535 kg) for the 2023-2024 and subsequent fishing years. The run-around gillnet ACL (which applies to the southern zone) is 629,664 lb (285,611 kg) for the 2021-2022 fishing year, 653,184 lb (296,279 kg) for the 2022-2023 fishing year, and 671,328 lb (304,509 kg) for the 2023-2024 and subsequent fishing years.

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(2) Recreational **sector**. If recreational landings, as estimated by the SRD, reach or are projected to reach the recreational ACL of 6,371,600 lb (2,890,109 kg) for the 2021-2022 fishing year, 6,609,600 lb (2,998,064 kg) for the 2022-2023 fishing year, and 6,793,200 lb (3,081,344 kg) for the 2023-2024 and subsequent fishing years, the AA will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register to implement bag and possession limits for Gulf migratory group king mackerel of zero, unless the best scientific information available determines that a bag limit reduction is unnecessary.

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Recreational ACLs from table 2.1.3 in amendment