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Trip Limit Decreased to 300 Pounds Per Day for Commercial Harvest of Golden Tilefish in the South Atlantic

The daily vessel trip limit for the commercial harvest of golden tilefish in the South Atlantic is **reduced to 300 pounds**, **effective 12:01 a.m.** (**local time**) **February 18, 2013**. NOAA Fisheries has determined 75 percent of the 541,295-pound annual catch limit will be landed by February 18, 2013.

Reduction of the commercial golden tilefish trip limit in the South Atlantic complies with regulations implemented under the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region. The 300-pound trip limit applies to vessels with a South Atlantic Unlimited Snapper-Grouper Permit, fishing for golden tilefish in or from the exclusive economic zone in the South Atlantic region. Vessels with a South Atlantic 225 Pound Snapper-Grouper Permit are restricted to 225 pounds per trip. The 300-pound trip limit will remain in effect until the quota is reached and golden tilefish closes or until the end of the current fishing year (December 31, 2013), whichever occurs first.