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July 7, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Bonnie Ponwith

From: Robert K. Mahood

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Subject: Dolphin Landings Report/Presentation for September 2015 Council Meeting

The recent dolphin commercial closure has raised a number of questions from both Council members and the public. We are requesting that you please provide a report for the September 14-18, 2015 Council meeting addressing the items shown below. The first briefing book will be distributed on August 20th so if we have your report by COB August 19th the Council would have time to review your report prior to the meeting.

1. Dolphin pounds landed (dealer data) & number of trips by year (2010-2015), by month, by gear, by state or region (SA, MA & NE) if confidentiality is an issue.
2. Dolphin pounds landed (logbook data) & number of trips by year (2010-2015), by month, by gear, by logbook grid.
3. Catch data should include all commercial landings from Florida through Maine.
4. Quota Monitoring: Explain how the Greater Atlantic landings are tracked and combined with the SE dealer reports.
5. Logbook Reporting: Explain how the HMS logbook data are tracked and combined with the SE commercial logbook landings. This should include the steps taken to ensure there is no double counting of vessels reporting both to HMS logbook and the SE logbook.
6. Explain how the coding issue in 2014 (dolphin versus dolphinfish) was resolved, steps taken to prevent this issue in the future, and whether this was/is an issue in 2015.
7. Provide compliance reports on dealers and fishermen completing their respective reports and any delays.
8. Provide any input on why catches were so much higher this year (e.g., good recruitment of dolphin, effort shifts, etc.).
9. Provide any updated stock identification information.

Memo Mahood to Ponwith 6/7/15

Thanks for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact Gregg Waugh or me.

cc: Council Members and Staff
Jack McGovern and Rick DeVactor
Monica Smit-Brunello
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