The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council



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April 2025 Dolphin Wahoo AP Meeting

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	First Name: Garry Last Name: Salyers Email:	City: Tavernier State: Florida	Private Recreational, Commercial, For- Hire	I was a rod and reel commercial fisherman and a charter boat captain .The lack of action to manage the dolphin fishery has destroyed both my livelihoods and for what? Iet a few guys hammer what's left of the remaining stock ?The fact the council did not take proper action already has put everyone in a terrible place ,including myself ar my business
	First Name: Benjamin Last Name: Spaulding Email:	City: Islamorada State: Florida	For-Hire	The management of Dolphin by the SAFMC is nothing short of criminal. It is the Council's responsibility to take action to ensure long term sustainability. There has been action taken while the stock continues to decline further and further. There has been widespread support for strict commercial regulations, smaller vessel limits in both sectors and a size limit for the Atlantic and Gulf. The Council not taking action is clearly mismanagement.
	First Name: brian Last Name: cone Email: 33contagious@gmail.com	City: islamorada State: Florida	For-Hire	There should be no further recreational/charter restrictions except a minimum size limit until commercial gear restrictions and regulations are implemented.
	First Name: Joseph Last Name: Spaulding Email: Legaseacharters@gmail.com	City: Tavernier State: Florida	Private Recreational, For- Hire	This fishery is being completely mismanaged. The Council continues to attack a highly regulated recreational industry, charter fishing industry included, while allowing ar open access commercial fishery to longline dolphin with no regulation whatsoever. Dolphin is far too important of an economic driver to prioritize the wants a a few fishermen with short-sighted, unsustainable practices.
	First Name: Janice Last Name: Drimer Email: hagfishin@gmail.com	City: Cary State: North Carolina	Private Recreational, For- Hire	I've been fishing for Dolphin for over 20 years in the Atlantic, from North America to the Florida Keys. I used to catch a lot of large fish. In the last 10 years or so, it's tougi to catch a single large Dolphin on any given day of fishing. Everyone I know that fishes agrees! I'm certain that the landings data shows this decline. It's disgraceful that nothing has been done about this.
	First Name: David Last Name: Galen Email: galen13.dg@gmail.com	City: Islamorada State: Florida	For-Hire	For dolphin there should be a very small commercial trip limit put into place, a reduction in bag or vessel limits for recreational fisherman and a minimum size limit for everyone.
	First Name: Chris Last Name: Harman Email: Chris@proagc.com	City: Cape Coral State: Florida	Private Recreational, For- Hire	It's sad and maddening watching such a vibrant fishery that is so important to so many people dwindle away to nothing. I've witnessed the Dolphin fishery go from a healthy stock full of large fish to a collapsing fishery in the last 10-15 years. It's a shame that my kids don't have an opportunity to experience real dolphin fishing all because of short sighted, irresponsible management.
	First Name: Kit Last Name: Carson Email: Kit@dirtyboat.com	City: Islamorada State: Florida	Private Recreational, For- Hire, Non-Govt Org (NGO)	The dolphin fishery is the most critical recreational fishery, and its sustainability is in serious jeopardy. Immediate and decisive action is essential to prevent further stock depletion, which directly threatens my charter business and our entire local economy. Current management decisions are insufficient and the inaction is deeply concerning. We urgently need the implementation of commercial limits, a consistent size limit across the Gulf and Atlantic, and a 40-fish recreational boat limit.
	First Name: Crsig Last Name: Bullinger Email: Craigbbbbb@gmail.com	City: Howell State: Michigan	Private Recreational	The Dolphin stock is definitely suffering. There needs to be some serious regulation changes before we end up with a closure of the fishery. The current situation is alreat ruining charter business and killing travel and tourism.
	First Name: Bob Last Name: Zachelmayer Email: zglassing@gmail.com	City: Honolulu State: Hawaii	Commercial	I commercially longline fished in the U.S. and Caribbean throughout the 1990's. We would never target Dolphin back then. Swordfish and tunas were the targets and we knew that Dolphin were only a bycatch. This business of targeting Dolphin on longline gear is ludicrous. Look at the stock now. This situation is a major management failure. I can't believe you allowed this to go this far.
	First Name: Justin Last Name: Hann Email: hannjone305@gmail.com	City: Key largo State: Florida	For-Hire	The resilience of mahi-mahi is incredible. The commercial fishing of them is sustainable but some kind of regulations for the amount of them needs to be in play. For-hir boats as I am one them has had regulations for years and have had them diminished. Please do something.