

Recent Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan Amendments

Dolphin Wahoo Amendment	Summary	Effective Date
Amendment 5	<p>This amendment increased the ABCs and ACLs (both commercial and recreational sectors), and the recreational ACTs for dolphin and wahoo; added a pay-back provision to the AMs for dolphin and wahoo; and modified the current framework procedure. These revisions were made to incorporate updates to recreational data for these species, as per the Marine Recreational Information Program, as well as revisions to commercial and for-hire landings. Specific items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual catch limit for the commercial sector for dolphin increased by 91,477 pounds whole weight (lbs ww), from 1,065,524 lbs ww to 1,157,001 lbs ww. • The annual catch limit for the recreational sector for dolphin increased by 657,153 lbs ww, from 13,530,692 lbs ww to 14,187,845 lbs ww. • The annual catch limit for the commercial sector for wahoo increased by 6,395 lbs ww, from 64,147 lbs ww to 70,542 lbs ww. • The annual catch limit for the recreational sector for wahoo increased by 296,780 lbs ww, from 1,427,638 lbs ww to 1,724,418 lbs ww. • Accountability measures for dolphin and wahoo include a pay-back provision when the total annual catch limit is exceeded and if the stock is overfished. 	07/09/14
Amendment 7	<p>This amendment allowed recreational fishermen to bring fillets of dolphin and wahoo from The Bahamas into the U.S. federal waters. Specific items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifying that two fillets are equivalent to one fish for dolphin and wahoo brought into the U.S. federal waters from The Bahamas. • Requiring keeping skin on the entire fillet of dolphin or wahoo. • Requiring fishing gear to be stowed while transiting the U.S. federal waters from The Bahamas. A vessel carrying fillets of dolphin or wahoo lawfully harvested in Bahamian waters are not allowed to stop in the U.S. federal waters during the transit. • Requiring stamped and dated passports, as well as valid current Bahamian cruising and fishing permits to prove fishery participants were in The Bahamas. 	01/27/16
Amendment 8	<p>Revised commercial and recreational sector allocations, and annual catch limits for dolphin in the Atlantic. Specific items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The commercial sector allocation for dolphin increased from 7.54% to 10% and the commercial annual catch limit increased from 1,157,001 to 1,534,485 lbs ww (+377,484 lbs ww). • The recreational sector allocation for dolphin decreased from 92.46% to 90% and the recreational annual catch limit decreased from 14,187,845 to 13,810,361 lbs ww (-377,484 lbs ww). 	02/22/16
Regulatory Amendment 1	<p>Established a commercial trip limit for dolphin of 4,000 pounds whole weight after 75% of the commercial sector annual catch limit (ACL) has been reached (1,150,864 lbs ww). This trip limit will remain in place until the end of the fishing year or until the entire commercial ACL is met, whichever comes first.</p>	03/31/17
Amendment 9	<p>This amendment is part of the generic for-hire reporting amendment that will require a logbook for all SAFMC for-hire permit holders that is to be submitted electronically to the Southeast Fisheries Science Center on a weekly basis.</p>	TBD
Amendment 10	<p>This amendment would potentially redefine optimum yield for dolphin, revise the recreational ACT for dolphin, establish a commercial ACT for dolphin, allow adaptive management of sector annual catch limits for dolphin, modify accountability measures for dolphin, modify authorized gear that may be onboard when possessing dolphin or wahoo, and remove the operator card requirement for the dolphin wahoo fishery.</p>	TBD