

Potential Items for the next Dolphin Wahoo amendment:

At the June 2016 South Atlantic Council meeting, The Dolphin Wahoo Committee compiled a master list of topics to potentially be considered in a future Dolphin Wahoo amendment. Removing the items already considered by the Council during recent meetings (operator card requirement and limited entry for the Atlantic Charter/Headboat for Dolphin/Wahoo Permit), the remaining items are:

- Allow for-hire bag limit sales of dolphin by vessels possessing both an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and an Atlantic Charter/Headboat for Dolphin/Wahoo Permit.
- Modify the Purpose and Need for the Dolphin/Wahoo FMP to allow for a directed commercial fishery for dolphin.
- Make the Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit limited entry.
- Institute a circle hook requirement for the dolphin fishery (clarify if just for longline or all commercial).
- Consider complementing HMS requirements in the directed dolphin longline fishery.
- Change the fishing year start date to better accommodate the growth of the New England fishery.
- Consider using an ACT to monitor the recreational fishery (as opposed modifying the ACL or OY).

Questions for the Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel:

- Should for-hire bag limit sales include both dolphin and wahoo or just dolphin?
- Are there other items that the AP would like to see included in a future Dolphin Wahoo FMP Amendment?