



## **SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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### **AGENDA**

#### **Dolphin Wahoo Committee**

Hilton Garden Inn/Outer Banks  
5353 N. Virginia Dare Trail  
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

#### **Tuesday, December 4, 2018 – 11:00 am – 2:30 pm**

Approval of Agenda – Anna Beckwith

Approval of June 2017 Dolphin Wahoo Committee Minutes – Anna Beckwith

1. Status of commercial and recreational landings vs. ACLs (*Attachments 1a and 1b*) –
  - a. Presentation – NMFS SERO
  - b. **Committee Action:** Discuss and take action as necessary
  
2. Potential for the addition of frigate and bullet mackerel to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (*Attachments 2a through 2d*)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Presentation – Steve Poland
  - c. **Committee Action:** Provide guidance to staff – Anna Beckwith
  
3. Proceeding with future Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan amendments: Actions from Amendment 10 and potential items for a future amendment (*Attachments 3a through 3c*)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. **Committee Action:** Provide guidance to staff – Anna Beckwith

Other Business – Anna Beckwith

Adjourn – Anna Beckwith

**Committee Members**

Anna Beckwith, Chair  
Chester Brewer  
Mark Brown  
Roy Crabtree  
Jessica McCawley  
Art Sapp  
David Whittaker  
Mid-Atlantic Liaison, Tony DiLernia/Dewey Hemilright  
New England Liaison, Rick Bellavance

Doug Haymans, Vice-Chair  
Kyle Christiansen  
Chris Conklin  
Tim Griner  
Steve Poland  
LCDR Jeremy Montes

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1a:** NMFS SERO Commercial ACL Report for Dolphin and Wahoo
- Attachment 1b:** NMFS SERO Recreational ACL Report for Dolphin and Wahoo
- Attachment 2a:** Background document on the potential for the addition of frigate and bullet mackerel to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan
- Attachment 2b:** Letter from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council requesting consideration of managing frigate and bullet mackerel as an ecosystem component in the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan and response letter from the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
- Attachment 2c:** Response letter from the National Marine Fisheries Service to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council regarding frigate and bullet mackerel
- Attachment 2d:** Presentation slides on the ecological importance of *Auxis* spp. as prey for Dolphin and Wahoo
- Attachment 3a:** Summary of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 and potential items for a future amendment
- Attachment 3b:** Amendment 10 decision document from the March 2017 Council meeting
- Attachment 3c:** Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel Summary Report from April 2017

**Staff:** John Hadley

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Dolphin Wahoo Committee**

The Committee will approve of minutes from the June 2017 meeting and the agenda for the December 2018 Committee meeting.

1. **Status of commercial and recreational landings vs. ACLs (*Attachments 1a and 1b*) –**  
**Description:** National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office (NMFS SERO) staff will update the Committee on the status of commercial and recreational landings of dolphin and wahoo relative to their respective ACLs.  
**Required Committee Action:** None.
  
2. **Potential for the addition of frigate and bullet mackerel to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (*Attachments 2a – 2d*)**  
**Description:** Council staff will provide background information on frigate mackerel (*Auxis thazard*) and bullet mackerel (*Auxis rochet*) (*Attachment 2a*). In March 2018, the Mid-Atlantic Council requested that the South Atlantic Council consider the possibility of managing frigate mackerel and bullet mackerel as ecosystem components in the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (*Attachment 2b*). NMFS disapproved inclusion of the two species in the Mid-Atlantic's Unmanaged Forage Omnibus Amendment, citing concerns over inconsistency with National Standard 2 and an insufficient connection to that Council's FMPs (*Attachment 2c*). This will be followed by a presentation from Steve Poland, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, on dietary studies of highly migratory species and the prevalence of bullet and frigate mackerel in the diets of dolphin and wahoo (*Attachment 2d*).  
**Required Committee Action:** Discuss and provide guidance to staff.
  
3. **Proceeding with future Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan amendments: Actions from Amendment 10 and potential items for a future amendment (*Attachments 3a – 3c*)**  
**Description:** Development of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 is suspended until revised MRIP data are available, per guidance from the March 2017 Council meeting. With revised recreational data now available, Council staff will provide an overview of current and potential future items that the Committee has identified for amendments to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (*Attachment 3a*). The intent is to discuss how the Committee would like to move forward with Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10.  
**Status of Amendment:** Development of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 is suspended, per guidance from the March 2017 Council meeting.  
**Required Committee Action:** Discuss and provide guidance to staff on how to proceed with the development of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10.

#### **Other Business**