



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## **AGENDA**

### **Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel**

#### Webinar

Other than the starting and ending times of the meeting, times indicated on the agenda are approximate, and the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items.

Interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated.

Public comment will be solicited at the beginning and at the end of the meeting. Those wishing to comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment.

### **Thursday, August 22, 2018 – 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON**

Approval of Agenda – Ray Rosher

Approval of April 2017 AP minutes – Ray Rosher

1. Update on Recent Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan Amendments (*Attachment 1*)
  - a. Amendment 9 (For-hire Electronic Reporting Amendment)
  - b. Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)
  - c. Amendment 11 (ABC Control Rule Revisions)
2. Revising the goals and objectives of the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (*Attachment 2*).
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Discuss and provide recommendations, as appropriate – Ray Rosher
3. Bullet and frigate mackerel as ecosystem components to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (*Attachments 3a - 3c*).
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Discuss and provide recommendations, as appropriate – Ray Rosher
4. Other Business – Ray Rosher

Adjourn – Ray Rosher

**Advisory Panel Members:**

Ray Rosher, Chair

Christopher Burrows, Vice-Chair

Wendell Barnett

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Robert Frevert

Richard Harris

Earl Harris, Jr.

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Charles Yeomans

**Attachments**

**Attachment 1:** Update on recent Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan amendments

**Attachment 2:** Discussion document for revising the goals and objectives of the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan

**Attachment 3a:** Presentation slides for bullet and frigate mackerel as ecosystem components in the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan

**Attachment 3b:** Discussion document for bullet and frigate mackerel as ecosystem components in the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan

**Attachment 3c:** Summary of scoping comments for bullet and frigate mackerel as ecosystem components in the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan

**Staff Contact:** John Hadley

# **OVERVIEW**

## **Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel**

The AP will approve minutes from the April 2017 meeting and the agenda for the current meeting.

**1. Update on recent Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan amendments (*Attachment 1*)**

**Description:** Council staff will update the AP on the status of amendments under development and recently submitted for formal review.

**Requested AP Action:** None.

**2. Revising the goals and objectives of the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (*Attachment 2*)**

**Description:** The Fisheries Allocation Review Policy (NMFS Policy Directive 01-119) issued in July 2016 encourages the use of adaptive management in respect to allocation revisions, which includes “periodic re-evaluation and updating of the management goals and objectives to ensure they are relevant to current conditions and needs.” As part of the South Atlantic Council’s process for creating an Allocation Review Trigger Policy, the goals and objectives of all fishery management plans (FMPs) that include sector allocations will be reviewed and updated as appropriate.

The goals and objectives of the Dolphin Wahoo FMP were implemented in the original plan that went into place in 2004 and have not been revised since that time. The South Atlantic Council is in the process of updating the Dolphin Wahoo FMP goals and objectives to reflect the current vision for management of the fisheries for dolphin and wahoo.

**Requested AP Action:** Discuss the revised goals and objectives of the Dolphin Wahoo FMP and provide recommendations on edits or additional items that the South Atlantic Council should consider.

**3. Adding bullet and frigate mackerel as ecosystem components to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (*Attachments 3a - 3c*).**

**Description:** At the December 2018 meeting, the South Atlantic Council received a presentation on the presence of bullet and frigate mackerel in the diets of dolphin and wahoo and discussed a request from the Mid-Atlantic Council to manage the two species as ecosystem component (EC) species in the Dolphin Wahoo FMP. The South Atlantic Council decided to further investigate the topic and have a more in-depth discussion on the prospect of adding bullet mackerel, frigate mackerel, and potentially other prey species as ecosystem components at the March 2019 meeting.

At the March 2019 meeting, the South Atlantic Council discussed a white paper on mechanisms and regulatory parameters for adding EC species to a FMP, ways that other councils have addressed EC species in FMPs, as well as background information on fisheries for bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel. The South Atlantic Council voted to send the topic of adding bullet and frigate mackerel to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP as EC species out for scoping in the spring of 2019. At the June 2019 meeting, the South Atlantic Council

reviewed the scoping comments received and directed staff to start work on Amendment 12 that would add bullet and frigate mackerel to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP as EC species.

**Requested AP Action:** Discuss and provide input as appropriate.

#### **4. Other Business**