

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
DOLPHIN WAHOO COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Ponte Vedra, FL
June 13, 2017

The Committee approved minutes from the March 2017 meeting and the agenda.

Status of Commercial and Recreational Landings vs. ACLs

SERO staff presented an overview of 2016 and preliminary 2017 dolphin and wahoo landings in comparison to sector ACLs. In 2016, the commercial sector landed 65% of the sector ACL for dolphin and 95% of the sector ACL for wahoo. The recreational sector landed 46% of the sector ACL for dolphin and 91% of the sector ACL for wahoo.

Update on status of Dolphin Wahoo Regulatory Amendment 1

SERO staff gave an update on Dolphin Wahoo Regulatory Amendment 1, which became effect March 21, 2017.

Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel Meeting Report

The Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel (AP) met on April 21, 2017 in North Charleston, SC. Ray Rosher, AP Chair, delivered a summary report and recommendations from the AP to the Committee. During their meeting, the AP discussed several items related to management of the dolphin wahoo fishery including Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 and allowing the sale of dolphin and wahoo caught on for-hire trips.

SSC Report

Council staff provided an update on the Committee's request that the SSC examine the maximum PSE above which recreational catch estimates would be unreliable for management purposes. Members of the South Atlantic SSC will be discussing this issue at a joint meeting with members of the Gulf of Mexico SSC that will take place in the fall of 2017.

The Committee made no motions.

Timing and Task(s)

None