SUMMARY REPORT FROM THE DOLPHIN WAHOO COMMITTEE MEETING ST SIMONS ISLAND, GA March 5, 2013

The Dolphin Wahoo Committee met on March 5, 2013. The Committee discussed the comments received from the Dolphin-Wahoo Amendment 5 document taken out to scoping in January of 2013. The Committee discussed further development of the Amendment.

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION#1: Accept the purpose and need as written, but remove reference to sector ACLs.

Motion approved by committee.

MOTION#2: Accept the revised wording for alternative 2 as presented: "Revise the acceptable biological catches (ABCs), annual catch limits (ACLs, including sector ACLs), and annual catch targets (ACTs) for dolphin and wahoo."

Motion approved by committee.

Motion#3. Remove Alternatives 3 and 7 from Action 2 and send to the considered, but rejected appendix.

Motion approved by committee.

Motion#4. Add an Alternative 3 to Action 3 that would look at setting the commercial allocation at its highest percentage of the total catch over the past 5 years (2008 through 2012).

Motion approved by committee.

Guidance to Staff:

Remove reference to "including sector ACLs" for Action 1 throughout the document.

Draft Timing and Task Motion:

Motion. Direct staff to analyze the actions/alternatives and begin the formal development of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5. Bring draft Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 back to the Council at the June meeting for review, selection of preferred alternatives, and vote to send to public hearings in August 2013.