



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA

### **Dolphin Wahoo Committee**

Westin Jekyll Island  
110 Ocean Way  
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm**

Approval of Agenda

Approval of December 2019 Dolphin Wahoo Committee Minutes

1. Status of commercial landings versus ACLs –Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO (*Attachment 1*)
  - a. Presentation – NMFS SERO
  - b. **Committee Action:** Discuss and take action as necessary – Anna Beckwith
2. Adding Bullet and Frigate Mackerel to the FMP as Ecosystem Component Species: Amendment 12 (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. **Committee Action:** Review and provide guidance to on amendment content and timing– Anna Beckwith
3. Update on the Dolphin Wahoo Participatory Workshops (*Attachment 3*)
  - a. Overview – Julia Byrd
  - b. **Committee Action:** None required

Other Business – Anna Beckwith

Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Anna Beckwith, Chair  
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Mid-Atlantic Liaison, Tony DiLernia/Dewey Hemilright  
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LCDR Jeremy Montes

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1:** NMFS SERO Commercial ACL Report for Dolphin and Wahoo  
**Attachment 2a:** Response to the Council's motion requesting guidance on the parameters of regulatory measures that can accompany listing bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel as ecosystem component species  
**Attachment 2b:** Amendment 12 (Bullet Mackerel and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species) decision document  
**Attachment 3:** Summary flier for the Dolphin Wahoo Participatory Workshops

**Staff:** John Hadley

# OVERVIEW

## Dolphin Wahoo Committee

The Committee will approve the agenda for the March 2020 meeting and minutes from the December 2019 meeting.

1. **Status of commercial landings versus the ACLs (*Attachment 1*)**

**Description:** National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office (NMFS SERO) staff will update the Committee on the status of commercial landings of dolphin and wahoo relative to their respective ACLs.

**Required Committee Action:** Discuss and take action as necessary.

2. **Adding Bullet and Frigate Mackerel to the FMP as Ecosystem Component Species: Amendment 12 (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)**

**Description:** Amendment 12 would add bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP as ecosystem component (EC) species. At the September 2019 meeting, the Committee discussed the amendment and initially intended to explore regulatory measures to compliment listing the two species as ecosystem components, but eventually decided to delay further discussion on these regulatory measures until more information could be provided at a later date on the ability of the Council to implement such measures. NMFS SERO staff will provide this guidance to the Committee.

**Status of Amendment:** The Council approved a single action in the amendment that would add bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel as ecosystem component species in the Dolphin Wahoo FMP. Inclusion of other potential actions is pending guidance from the National Marine Fisheries Service (*Attachment 2a*).

**Required Committee Action:** Discuss and provide guidance to staff on the timing and content of Amendment 12. Specifically, guidance is requested on the following:

- Edits to the purpose and need statements.
- Is the designation of bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel as EC species (Action 1) intended to apply outside of the South Atlantic Region?
- Should the additional draft actions be further considered in Amendment 12?
- Does the Committee want to review Amendment 12 at the June 2020 meeting?

3. **Update on the Dolphin Wahoo Participatory Workshops (*Attachment 3*)**

**Description:** In March the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, along with South Atlantic Council staff, will be conducting a series of participatory workshops with dolphin wahoo fishermen at locations in Virginia Beach, VA, Manteo, NC, and Beaufort, NC. These workshops will seek to gather information on major factors affecting fisheries for dolphin and wahoo, risks to these fisheries, how changes in the ecosystem have affected fishing businesses and communities, and what targeted research is needed. A similar set of workshops is being planned for locations in South Florida and the Florida Keys for the summer months of 2020. Preliminary findings from the workshops will be provided to the Committee later in the year or early 2021.

**Required Committee Action:** Discuss and provide input as necessary.

## **Other Business**