



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Dolphin Wahoo Committee

Westin Hotel
110 Ocean Way
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM (Times are subject to change)

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the September 2021 Dolphin Wahoo Committee minutes

1. Status of Amendments under formal review – NMFS SERO
 - a. Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures: Amendment 10
 - b. **Committee Action:** The amendment was formally submitted to NMFS SERO on October 19, 2022. No action is necessary from the Committee.
2. Modifications to the minimum size limit, recreational retention limits, and for-hire captain and crew bag limits for dolphin (DW Regulatory Amendment 2) (*Attachment 1*)
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. **Committee Action:** Provide guidance on the structure, general content, and timing of the next potential amendment to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan. Consider approving the amendment for scoping.
3. Approve topics for the Spring 2022 Dolphin Wahoo AP Meeting
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. **Committee Action:** Provide guidance on the topics that the Committee would like for the Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel (AP) to discuss at their Spring 2022 meeting that is scheduled to take place April 20-21, 2022.

Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members

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Attachment:

Attachment 1: DW Regulatory Amendment 2 options paper on modifications to the minimum size limit, recreational retention limits, and for-hire captain and crew bag limits for dolphin

Staff Lead: John Hadley (john.hadley@safmc.net)

OVERVIEW

Dolphin Wahoo Committee

The Committee will approve minutes from the September 2021 meeting and the agenda for the March 2022 meeting.

1. **Status of Amendments under Formal Review**

Description: NMFS SERO staff will update the Committee on the status of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 which revises the total ACL, sector allocations, sector ACLs, and recreational AMs for dolphin and wahoo. Amendment 10 also contains actions that will allow the retention of dolphin and wahoo when trap, pot, or buoy gear are onboard a vessel, remove the operator card requirement, and reduce the recreational vessel limit for dolphin from 60 fish to 54 fish. The amendment was submitted to NMFS on October 19, 2021 and is undergoing rule making.

Committee Action: None.

2. **Modifications to the minimum size limit, recreational retention limits, and reducing for-hire captain and crew bag limits for dolphin (DW Regulatory Amendment 2) (Attachment 1)**

Description: Per guidance received at the September 2021 Council meeting, this amendment will include measures that potentially extend the applicable range of the minimum size limit, establish separate recreational retention limits onboard for-hire and private vessels, and remove or reduce captain and crew bag limits for dolphin.

Council staff will review the Committee's previous guidance on the topics identified and draft options to help facilitate discussion of the Committee's plans for the next amendment to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan.

Status of Amendment: The amendment has not been approved for scoping.

Committee Action: Review the options paper and consider approving the amendment for scoping.

3. **Approve topics for the Spring 2022 Dolphin Wahoo AP meeting**

Description: The Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel (AP) is scheduled to meet from April 20-21, 2022 in Charleston, SC. Below is a draft list of topics to develop the AP's agenda:

- Update on Amendment 10 (Revise dolphin and wahoo management measures)
- Regulatory Amendment 2 (Modifications to the minimum size limit, recreational retention limits, and reducing for-hire captain and crew bag limits for dolphin)
- Fishery Performance Report for Dolphin
- Gather input on other management measures?
 - Previously, Council members have discussed the potential need to examine:
 - Making the commercial dolphin wahoo permit a limited access permit
 - Changing the commercial trip (currently 4,000 lbs whole weight once 75% of the sector ACL is landed)
 - Regional management needs
 - Other measures?

- Council previously identified for-hire bag limit sales, which was discussed at the AP's previous meeting in October 2020.
 - Other Updates: Citizen Science and Climate Change Scenario Work Group
 - Other topics?
- Committee Action:** Modify the list of topics as needed and approve.

Other Business