



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Dolphin Wahoo Committee

Town and Country Inn
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407

Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 1:30 P.M. to 3:45 P.M. (Times are subject to change)

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the June 2021 Dolphin Wahoo Committee minutes

1. Status of Amendments under formal review – NMFS SERO
 - a. Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures: Amendment 10
2. Information paper on the minimum size limit for dolphin, retention limits onboard charter and private vessels, and for-hire captain and crew bag limits (***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.

Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members

Kerry Marhefka, Chair
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Rick Bellavance
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Attachments:

Attachment 1: Information paper the minimum size limit for dolphin, retention limits onboard charter and private vessels, and for-hire captain and crew bag limits

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

OVERVIEW

Dolphin Wahoo Committee

The Committee will approve minutes from the June 2021 meeting and the agenda for the September 2021 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 is being prepared for formal submission to NMFS.
Committee Action: None.

2. Information paper on the minimum size limit for dolphin, retention limits onboard charter and private vessels, and for-hire captain and crew bag limits (*Attachment 1*)

Description: At the June 2021 meeting, the Committee directed staff to prepare information on an amendment that would consider:

- Extending the minimum size limit for dolphin that is currently in place off Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina northward,
- Specifying different retention limits for charter and private vessels for both dolphin and wahoo, and
- Removing or reducing captain and crew bag limits.

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

Status of Amendment: No options have been formally developed or approved by the Committee and an amendment has not yet been initiated.

Committee Action: Provide guidance on the structure, general content, and timing of the next potential amendment to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan. In addition to providing direction to staff, this discussion will help inform the Executive Committee's discussion on the Council's scheduled work plan for the remainder of 2021 and into 2022.

Other Business