



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Dolphin Wahoo Committee

The Beaufort Hotel
Beaufort, NC

Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM EST (Times are subject to change)

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes (June 2023)

1. Advisory panel summary report (*Attachments 1a and 1b*)
 - a. Presentation – Chris Burrows, AP Chair
 - b. **Committee Action:** Review feedback received during AP meeting.
2. Update on the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for Dolphin (*Attachment 2*)
 - a. Presentation – Cassidy Peterson, NMFS SEFSC**Committee Action:** Review progress on the MSE for dolphin.

Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members

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Attachment:

Attachment 1a: Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel Summary Report

Attachment 1b: Revised Wahoo Fishery Performance Report

Attachment 2: Management Strategy Evaluation update presentation

OVERVIEW

Dolphin Wahoo Committee

The Committee will approve the minutes from the June 2023 meeting and the agenda for the December 2023 meeting.

1. **Advisory panel summary report** (*Attachments 1a and 1b*)

Description: The Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel (AP) met November 6-7, 2023 in Charleston, SC to discuss items pertaining to the Dolphin Wahoo fishery. The AP received updates on recent management actions, provided input on the draft Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) reports for dolphin and wahoo, reviewed progress made on the MSE for Atlantic dolphin, and received presentations on the Council’s Citizen Science and Best Fishing Practices Outreach programs. In addition, the AP provided input to update Fishery Performance Report for wahoo. The AP Chair, Chris Burrows, will provide a summary report of the AP meeting and the AP’s recommendations for the Committee’s review.

Committee Action: Review feedback received during AP meeting.

2. **Update on the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for Dolphin** (*Attachment 2*)

Description: The Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) is conducting a management strategy evaluation (MSE) for the Atlantic dolphin fishery. The goal of the MSE is to develop an index-based management procedure that may provide catch level and management advice that best achieves the multiple operational management objectives of the fishery. As part of the MSE process, SEFSC staff and SAFMC staff conducted stakeholder workshops along the U.S. east coast to gather feedback on dolphin management and regional aspects of the dolphin fishery. Work on the MSE has proceeded and a stakeholder working group is being developed to provide input on potential operating models, management objectives, and management procedures. SEFSC staff will provide an update on the MSE progress.

Committee Action: Review progress on the MSE for Atlantic dolphin.

Other Business

Adjourn