



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA Dolphin Wahoo Committee

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – 8:30 am – 12:00 pm (times are subject to change)**

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the September 2020 Dolphin Wahoo Committee minutes

1. Status of Amendments under formal review – NMFS SERO
  - a. Amendment 12 (Bullet Mackerel and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species) – Sent to NMFS on \_\_\_\_\_
2. Summary report for the October 2020 Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel meeting (*Attachments 1a and 1b*)
  - a. Overview – Christopher Burrows, AP Chair
  - b. **Committee Action:** Discuss and provide feedback as appropriate. – Anna Beckwith
3. Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures: Amendment 10 (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. **Committee Action:** Provide guidance on amendment content and approve for public hearings – Anna Beckwith

Other Business – Anna Beckwith

Adjourn

### Committee Members

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**Attachments:**

**Attachment 1a:** Summary report of the October 2020 Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel meeting

**Attachment 1b:** Wahoo Fishery Performance Report

**Attachment 2a:** Decision document for Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)

**Attachment 2b:** Draft Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)

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# **OVERVIEW**

## **Dolphin Wahoo Committee**

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

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

**Description:** NMFS SERO staff will update the Committee on the status of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 12 that adds bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan as Ecosystem Component species.

**Committee Action:** None.

2. **Summary report for the October 2020 Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel meeting**  
(*Attachments 1a* and *1b*)

**Description:** The Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel (AP) met on October 28, 2020 via webinar to discuss items pertaining to the dolphin wahoo fishery. The AP received updates on recent Council actions, developing amendments, and other relevant topics. In addition, the AP provided input for a Fishery Performance Report on wahoo. A summary report of the AP meeting will be provided for the Committee's review.

**Committee Action:** Provide input as appropriate.

3. **Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures: Amendment 10** (*Attachments 2a* and *2b*)

**Description:** Amendment 10 includes actions that accommodate updated recreational data from the Marine Recreational Information Program by revising the annual catch limits and sector allocations for dolphin and wahoo. The amendment also contains actions that implement various other management changes in the fishery including revising recreational accountability measures, accommodating possession of dolphin and wahoo on vessels with certain unauthorized gears onboard, removing the operator card requirement, reducing the recreational vessel limit for dolphin, and allowing filleting of dolphin at sea onboard for-hire vessels North of the Virginia/North Carolina border.

Council staff will review the revised actions in the amendment that incorporate input from the Committee's September 2020 meeting.

**Status of Amendment:** The amendment is currently in development and working towards approval for public hearings potentially at the December 2020 Council meeting.

**Committee Action:** Discuss and provide guidance to staff on how to proceed with the development of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10. The Committee may want consider approval of the amendment for public hearings.

### **Other Business**