



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA Dolphin Wahoo Committee

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020 – 9:00 am – 3:45 pm (times are subject to change)**

Approval of Agenda

Approval of June 2020 Dolphin Wahoo Committee minutes

1. Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures: Amendment 10 (*Attachments 1a* and *1b*)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. **Committee Action:** Review and provide guidance on amendment content and timing – Anna Beckwith
2. Adding Bullet Mackerel and Frigate Mackerel to the FMP as Ecosystem Component Species: Amendment 12 (*Attachments 2a* through *2c*)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. **Committee Action:** Review and consider recommending for formal review – Anna Beckwith
3. Dolphin tagging research presentation (*Attachment 3*)
  - a. Overview – Dr. Wessley Merten
  - b. **Committee Action:** None required
4. Topics for the October 2020 Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel meeting (*Attachment 4*)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. **Committee Action:** Discuss and approve list of topics for the AP meeting– Anna Beckwith

Other Business – Anna Beckwith

Adjourn

### Committee Members

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**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1a:** Decision document for Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)
- Attachment 1b:** Draft Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)
- Attachment 2a:** Decision document for Amendment 12 (Bullet Mackerel and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species)
- Attachment 2b:** Draft Amendment 12 (Bullet Mackerel and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species)
- Attachment 2c:** Draft codified text for Amendment 12 (Bullet Mackerel and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species)
- Attachment 3:** Presentation slides for the dolphin tagging research presentation
- Attachment 4:** List of potential topics for the Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel to discuss at their October 2020 meeting

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# OVERVIEW

## Dolphin Wahoo Committee

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

1. **Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures: Amendment 10 (*Attachments 1a* and *1b*)**

**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 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 June 2020 meeting.

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

**Required Committee Action:** Discuss and provide guidance to staff on how to proceed with the development of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10.

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

**Description:** Amendment 12 would add bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (FMP) as ecosystem component species. Staff will present an overview of the expected effects for the proposed action.

**Status of Amendment:** The Council has approved one action in the amendment and selected a preferred alternative that would add bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel as ecosystem component species in the Dolphin Wahoo FMP. The Committee approved the amendment for public hearings to be held at the September 2020 Council meeting and the amendment is scheduled for final approval at this meeting.

**Required Committee Action:** Modify as necessary and consider recommending for formal review.

3. **Dolphin Tagging Research Presentation (*Attachment 3*)**

**Description:** Dr. Wessley Merten, Director of the Dolphinfish Research Program, will present on recent research into dolphin movements, migration patterns, and population dynamics in the North Atlantic. This presentation is meant to inform the Committee on recent research that has been conducted on the topics and address a previous request from the Committee for such information. This agenda item will be a summarized version of the more detailed presentation provided at the Dolphinfish Research Program Seminar that took place on August 26<sup>th</sup> via webinar.

**Required Committee Action:** None required

4. **Topics for the October 2020 Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel meeting (*Attachment 4*)**

**Description:** The Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel (AP) is scheduled to meet on October 28, 2020 via webinar. A list of topics for which the Council may want to request feedback from the AP are included in *Attachment 4*.

**Required Committee Action:** Approve the list of agenda items for the October 2020 Dolphin Wahoo AP meeting.

**Other Business**