

# **OVERVIEW**

## **Dolphin Wahoo Committee Meeting**

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Following approval of the agenda and the December 2016 minutes, the committee will (1) receive an update on commercial and recreational dolphin and wahoo landings versus the respective ACLs, (2) receive an update on the status of Dolphin Regulatory Amendment 1, (3) review the draft amendment and decision document for Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Definition of OY/quota sharing/operator card requirement/allowable gears) and provide guidance to staff, and (4) discuss other business as appropriate.

### **1. Update on commercial dolphin and wahoo catches versus the ACLs (*Attachment 1*)**

NMFS SERO staff will present to the committee an update on preliminary 2016 and 2017 commercial landings of dolphin and wahoo from the Atlantic Ocean.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Committee discussion and take action as necessary.

### **2. Update on the status of Dolphin Wahoo Regulatory Amendment 1**

NMFS SERO staff will provide the committee an update on Dolphin Wahoo Regulatory Amendment 1 (sent to NMFS on 2/16/16), which would establish a commercial trip limit for dolphin of 4,000 pounds whole weight after 75% of the commercial sector annual catch limit (ACL) has been reached during the fishing year.

### **3. Review the draft amendment and decision document for Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Definition of OY/quota sharing/operator card requirement/allowable gears) and decide whether to approve for public hearings (*Attachment 2 and Attachment 3*)**

The committee will review the draft amendment and decision document for Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 which contains actions that cover redefining optimum yield (OY) for the dolphin fishery, modifying the recreational annual catch target (ACT) for dolphin and establishing a commercial ACT for dolphin, allowing quota sharing and adaptive management of sector annual catch limits (ACLs), revising accountability measures for dolphin, revising the acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rule for dolphin and wahoo, allowing vessels with gears onboard that are not authorized for use in the dolphin wahoo fishery to possess dolphin or wahoo, and removing the Operator Card requirement from the dolphin wahoo fishery.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide direction to staff and take action as necessary.

### **4. Other Business**

The Committee will address other items as appropriate.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Committee discussion and take action as necessary.