

Dolphin Wahoo SAFE Report background document and discussion questions

Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel, November 2023

Background

Council staff have started to develop Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Reports. These reports are required through National Standard 2 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The report should contain the best scientific information available on the condition of the stock, essential fish habitat, marine ecosystems, and the fishery. These reports can serve as regular updates to the AP, Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), and Council to aid in discussing the condition of the stock and potential need for adjusting management measures. The SSC has provided feedback on information that is crucial for a SAFE report and information that would be good to include based on draft SAFE reports for Dolphin Wahoo and Snapper Grouper fishery management plans (FMPs). SAFE reports will be developed and updated every two years for each FMP and provided at the spring SSC meeting and June Council meeting. These reports will also be provided to any interested constituents on the Council's website.

Link to SAFE reports: <https://rpubs.com/chipcollier/954965>

Requested AP action

Chip Collier, SAFMC staff, will brief the AP on the draft SAFE reports for dolphin and wahoo and solicit input on changes that the AP would like to see in the reports before they are finalized. Provide feedback on the draft SAFE reports and input on any additional information that may be useful in relation to the dolphin and wahoo fishery.

Discussion questions

- 1) Out of the information provided, which items do think are most useful for managers or constituents?
 - a. Specifically dolphin?
 - b. Specifically wahoo?

- 2) Are there additional pieces of readily available information that should be added to the SAFE reports?
 - a. Specifically dolphin?
 - b. Specifically wahoo?