

**SUMMARY REPORT  
FROM THE  
DOLPHIN WAHOO COMMITTEE MEETING  
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA  
December 3, 2012**

The Dolphin Wahoo Committee met on December 3, 2012. The Committee reviewed sector landings versus their quotas for the current fishing year and discussed an options paper for Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5. The Committee reviewed four actions prepared by staff to 1) update the ABC, ACLs (including sector ACLs), sector allocations, and the recreational ACT for dolphin and wahoo; 2) adjustments to the framework to reflect the fisheries management language from the revised Magnuson-Stevens Act; 3) revisions to the sector allocations for the dolphin fishery; and 4) whether or not to allow for hire bag limit sales of dolphin and/or wahoo. The Committee discussed AMs and consistency across species, and directed staff to develop an action that could possibly revise AMs to take out to scoping as a part of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5. The Committee gave direction to staff to change the wording of the title of Action #1 in the amendment to indicate that the updates are due to MRIP values (as specifically indicated in the alternatives). Direction was given by the committee to add a table showing how many pounds the commercial and recreational sectors landed in recent years indicating whether they were over or under the different allocation scenarios in the discussion for Actions 1 and 3. The Committee recommended the Council vote to send the actions listed in the options paper out for scoping in January 2013.

**The Committee made the following motions:**

MOTION: Add option 4 [to Action 4] – [Allow a] Crew from a properly licensed for hire sector vessel to sell a limited number of dolphin bag limits to a licensed Federal Dealer.

Sub-alt a. 2 bag limits per for hire permit.

Sub-alt b. 3 bag limits per for hire permit.

Motion fails.

**MOTION #1: Direct staff to develop revisions to include additional AMs for both dolphin and wahoo in the scoping document.**

**Motion approved by committee.**

**MOTION #2: Recommend the Council vote to send Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 options paper to public scoping.**

**Motion approved by committee.**