

Overview

Dolphin Wahoo Committee

September 16, 2013

The Charleston Marriott Hotel
170 Lockwood Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29403

The Committee will receive a report regarding public hearing comments on Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5. The Committee will then modify Amendment 5 as necessary, recommend the full Council approve it for formal review, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate. The Committee will discuss the issue of bringing dolphin and wahoo fillets from the Bahamas into the Atlantic EEZ and address issues under Other Business as appropriate.

Dolphin Wahoo Public Hearing Comments and Report (*Attachment 1*)

The Committee will receive an oral report about the outcome of the public hearing comments received regarding Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 in August 2013.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss the public hearing comments and make revisions as necessary under the next item.

Amendment 5 (dolphin wahoo; *Attachments 2 and 3*)

At the June 2013 meeting, the Council made changes to Amendment 5. Using the Decision Document (*Attachment 2*) Council staff will provide an overview of the changes to the document since the June 2013 Council meeting and capture any further changes the Committee wishes to recommend to the Council, including any suggestions received during the public hearings and comment period. Amendment 5 is scheduled to be approved for submission to the Secretary of Commerce for formal review at the September 2013 meeting.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Modify draft Amendment 5 as appropriate, choose preferred alternatives where for those actions that do not already have a preferred alternative, approve for formal review and deem the codified text necessary and appropriate.

Dolphin Wahoo fillets from the Bahamas (*Attachment 4*)

At the June 2013 meeting, the committee received a comment from Dolphin Wahoo AP Member Tim Nettles regarding an issue with anglers being cited for bringing dolphin fillets from the Bahamas into the EEZ, a practice that is allowed for snapper grouper species. The Council directed staff to develop, in the future, a dolphin wahoo amendment that would allow dolphin and wahoo to be brought back filleted from the Bahamas. The Committee will review an issue paper and other documents (*Attachment 4*) related to this issue.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary.

Other Business

The Committee will address items under Other Business as appropriate.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary.