

Overview

Joint Dolphin Wahoo, Snapper Grouper and Mackerel/Cobia Committees

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Marina Inn at Grande Dunes
8121 Amalfi Place
Myrtle Beach, SC

The Committee will receive reports from SERO staff regarding the status of catches for the commercial sector for dolphin and wahoo (*Attachments 1*). The Committee will discuss Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44. The Committee will discuss an options paper for the For-Hire Permit Limited Entry amendment, give directions to staff, and then address issues under Other Business as appropriate.

Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 (*Attachments 2 - 7*)

The Committee will receive a summary of the scoping comments received during the comment period for DW 10/SG 44 (*Attachment 2*). Using the Decision Document (*Attachment 4*), Council staff will provide a draft Purpose and Need, as well as some potential actions the committee might recommend for Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44. *Attachment 3* is the document used for scoping DW 10/ SG 44. *Attachments 4 – 7* are NMFS policy statements released on July 27, 2016 that provide guidance to the Councils on reviewing allocations. The Committee will discuss the relevance of these policy statements to this amendment and guidelines for reviewing allocations for all species.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee will give direction to the staff for the Purpose and Need and actions development and other direction regarding amendment development.

For-Hire Permit Limited Entry – Joint DW, SG, and M/C amendment (*Attachment 8*)

Attachment 8 is an options paper describing potential actions for instituting a program of limited entry for the Atlantic Dolphin Wahoo, South Atlantic Snapper Grouper, and Atlantic King Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel, and Cobia For-Hire permits.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Review the Options Paper, give direction to staff for further development of the For-Hire Permit Limited Entry Amendment

Other Business

The Committee will address items under Other Business as appropriate.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary.