

**SUMMARY REPORT
JOINT DOLPHIN WAHOO AND SNAPPER GROUPER COMMITTEE**

Cocoa Beach, Florida

June 14, 2016

The Joint Dolphin Wahoo and Snapper Grouper Committee met June 14, 2016 and received updates on the status of commercial and recreational landings for dolphin and wahoo species. The Joint Committee received an update by Amber von Harten on the Council's new online comment system and how to access submitted comments.

The Committee discussed potential actions that could be in Joint Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 and decided on a list of items for consideration in a future dolphin wahoo amendment.

The Committee voted on the following motions as recommendations to the Council:

MOTION #1: Take out for scoping:

- Common pool allocation
- Reserve category as discussed today
- Temporary allocation shift (Bosarge suggestion for King Mackerel)
- Temporary allocation shift (similar to bluefish)
- Combined ACL

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MOTION #2: Take out for scoping a permanent allocation shift for dolphin

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MOTION #3: Take out for scoping a permanent allocation shift for yellowtail snapper

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MOTION #4: Take out for scoping allocation by gear type for the commercial sector in the dolphin fishery.

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DIRECTION TO STAFF:

Keep the potential actions for scoping in a more general format, not necessarily the specific actions and alternatives voted on in March 2016.

The Committee compiled a master list of items for items to be considered in a future dolphin wahoo amendment:

- For-hire bag limit sales of dolphin by dually permitted vessels

- Modification of the Purpose and Need for the Dolphin/Wahoo FMP to allow for a directed commercial fishery for dolphin
- Make the commercial Atlantic Dolphin Wahoo Permit limited entry
- Make the for-hire Dolphin Wahoo Permit limited entry
- Institute a circle hook requirement for the dolphin fishery (clarify if just for longline or all commercial)
- Change fishing year start date to better accommodate the growth the NE fishery
- Consider using an ACT to monitor the recreational fishery (as opposed modifying the ACL or OY)
- Remove operator card requirement for DW charter vessels
- Consider complementing HMS requirements in the directed dolphin longline fishery

DRAFT Timing and Task Motion:

Direct staff to develop a scoping document, send Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 out for scoping in August of 2016 via webinar, and bring scoping comments back to the Council for consideration at the September 2016 Council meeting.
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Note that the SAFMC in their Full Council session while reviewing Snapper-Grouper Committee motions passed a motion to establish a control date of June 15, 2016 for all three for-hire permits, including the Atlantic For-Hire Dolphin Wahoo Permit, The South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerels & Cobia) For-Hire Permit, and the South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper For-Hire Permit.