

Subject: Atlantic dolphin management Amendment 10

I am writing you to respectfully request consideration of tightening commercial and recreational catch limits for Atlantic Dolphin. This fish as you know is a one of the key species in maintaining a dynamic and healthy offshore ecosystem. Dramatic drops in recreational catches in Florida are only one sign that this fishery is in decline and a more sustainable yield could be achieved by **acting now to reduce recreational vessel limits to 30 fish per day, create a 2,000 pound commercial catch limit, and set a 20inch minimum size limit.** The catch drops have been noted all up the coast even with more intensive fishing from both recreational and commercial interests.

Thank you for your careful consideration in this matter.

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