

OVERVIEW

Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel

August 19-20, 2009
Hilton Garden Inn
5265 International Boulevard
North Charleston, SC

At this first ever meeting of the Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel (AP), the Advisory Panel needs to: (A) receive an overview of fishery management & the Council process; the new requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act of 2006; and the status of the FMP, assessments & stock assessment determinations; (B) receive a status report on the South Atlantic Council's work with the New England & Mid-Atlantic Councils on Dolphin Wahoo; (C) review the decision document and provide recommendations to the Council.

A. Overview of Fishery Management/Council Process, Reauthorized MSA and Status of Recent Assessments & Stock Status Determinations

Kim Iverson will give a presentation on fishery management and the Council process with special emphasis on the role of the Advisory Panel.

Gregg Waugh will give an overview of the new requirements of the Reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act of 2006, status of the FMP (**Attachment 1**) & assessments, and stock assessment determinations.

B. Status of Work with the New England & Mid-Atlantic Councils

The South Atlantic Council is Lead for the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan which means they are responsible for preparing the documents, etc. Gregg Waugh is the South Atlantic staff lead.

The SAFMC conducted scoping for dolphin wahoo changes as a part of scoping for the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit (ACL) Amendment.

The South Atlantic Councils, with input from the New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils through their voting seats (1 NEFMC & 1 MAFMC) on the South Atlantic Council's dolphin wahoo committee, intend to complete the document so that the changes can be implemented during the 2011 fishing year.

Comprehensive ACL Interdisciplinary Team:

- (i) SAFMC: Rick DeVictor (SAFMC Lead); Gregg Waugh (Dolphin Wahoo issues); Myra Brouwer (Coral issues); Roger Pugliese (EFH/Ecosystem); Kate Quigley (Economics); and John Carmichael.
- (ii) NMFS Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Leads); Jack McGovern (NMFS Co-lead); Karla Gore (SERO); Kate Michie (SERO); David Dale (HCD); Otha Easley (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); David Keys (NEPA); Jim Berkson (NOAA RTR Unit, Virginia Tech); Mike Jepson (NMFS Anthropologists); and Mike Travis (Economist). NMFS is determining whether additional NMFS staff will be added for dolphin/wahoo, golden crab, coral, Sargassum, and wreckfish.
- (ii) NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.

C. Decision Document (Attachment 2)

The decision document includes items discussed thus far by the South Atlantic Council. The South Atlantic Council's dolphin wahoo committee reviewed and revised these actions/alternatives at the June 9, 2009 meeting. The intent was to have all actions and a reasonable range of alternatives identified at the June 2009 meeting. The SAFMC Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel is now getting an opportunity to provide recommendations to the SAFMC's Dolphin Wahoo Committee for their September 2009 meeting. These actions/alternatives will then be incorporated into the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit (ACL) document.