



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## NOAA Fisheries Seeks Public Comment on an Amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for the Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery of the Atlantic *Comment Period Ends April 29, 2014*

NOAA Fisheries is seeking public comment on Amendment 5 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery of the Atlantic (Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5). The notice of availability for Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 published on **February 28, 2014 (79 FR 11383)**, with a comment period ending on **April 29, 2014**.

Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 would increase the annual catch limits for dolphin and wahoo. The increase is based on updates to the recreational data for these species, as per the new Marine Recreational Information Program, as well as revisions to commercial and for-hire landings. The Marine Recreational Information Program replaced the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey.

Additionally, Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 would modify the accountability measures and update the framework procedure for dolphin and wahoo.

### Request for Comments

Comments on the notice of availability must be received no later than **April 29, 2014**, to be considered by NOAA Fisheries. See the Addresses section for information on where and how to submit comments.

### Addresses

Electronic or hardcopies of the amendment may be obtained from:

- The NOAA Fisheries Web site:  
[http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable\\_fisheries/s\\_atl/dw/2013/am5/index.html](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/s_atl/dw/2013/am5/index.html)
- The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Web site at <http://www.safmc.net>.

You may submit comments by the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0170](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0170), click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
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All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

### More Information

For more information on Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5, please follow this link to the Frequently Asked Questions [http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable\\_fisheries/s\\_atl/dw/2013/am5/index.html](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/s_atl/dw/2013/am5/index.html)