

LAND & WATER RESOURCES DIVISION
Notice of Coastal Consistency Review
State of Connecticut

Federal Consistency Determination for Amendment 10 for the Wahoo Dolphin Fisheries Management Plan

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has received a request submitted by the NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office (NMFS) pursuant to Section 307(c)(1) of the Coastal Zone Management Act to review a proposed action affecting coastal resources for consistency with the enforceable policies of Connecticut's federally approved Coastal Management Program as contained in Sections 22a-90 through 22a-112 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 would revise the catch levels (acceptable biological catch and annual catch limits), sector allocations, accountability measures, and management measures for dolphin and wahoo. Management measures would address authorized gear and the operator card requirement in the dolphin and wahoo fishery, as well as the recreational vessel limit for dolphin. The purpose of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 is to base conservation and management measures on the best scientific information available and increase net benefits to the Nation, consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and its National Standards.

Questions regarding this proposed action should be directed to Nikhil Mehta at NOAA's NMFS Southeast Regional Office by email at Nikhil.Mehta@noaa.gov. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/amendment-10-changes-catch-levels-sector-allocations-accountability-measures-and-management>. The coastal consistency determination from NOAA's NMFS is available for inspection at the Land & Water Resources Division, DEEP, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or by email upon request.

All interested parties are invited to express their views on this action. Written comments must be submitted to the Department no later than fifteen (15) days from the publication date of this notice. Comments or questions regarding this notice should be sent in writing through email to Karen Michaels in the Land & Water Resources Division, DEEP, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 at Karen.Michaels@ct.gov.

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Approved by: _____
Brian P. Thompson, Director

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