



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual).

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC) will hold the 186th public hybrid meeting to address the items contained in the tentative agenda included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The 186th CFMC public hybrid meeting will be held on April 22, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., AST. A closed session will be held on April 22, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., AST, to discuss personnel matters. The Council will reconvene on April 23, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., AST.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at The Buccaneer Hotel, 5007 Estate, Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S.V.I., 00824.

You may join the 186th CFMC public hybrid meeting via Zoom, from a computer, tablet or smartphone by entering the following address:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items included in the tentative agenda will be discussed:

April 22, 2025

9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

-Call to Order

-Roll Call

-Adoption of Agenda

-Consideration of 185th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcription

-Executive Director's Report

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

-Update NOAA Fisheries/Council Island Based Fishery Management Plans (FMPs)

Actions and Amendments - María López-Mercer, NOAA Fisheries/SERO

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

-Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

-Amendment 4 to the Puerto Rico FMP: Reclassification of the Rainbow Runner as a Pelagic Fish - Final Action; María López-Mercer, NOAA Fisheries/SERO

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

-Scientific and Statistical Committee Report - Vance Vicente, Chair

-Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management Technical Advisory Panel Report - Sennai

Habtes, Chair

11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

-Sea Grant Program Update - Ruperto Chaparro, Director, Sea Grant Program UPR

12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

-Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

-Progress of the eReporting Application After 4 Years Implemented in Puerto Rico –

Daniel Matos Caraballo, Puerto Rico Fisheries Research Laboratory, DNER

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

-Southeast Fishery Science Center Updates - Kevin McCarthy, Caribbean Fisheries

Branch, NOAA Fisheries/ SEFSC

3 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

-Coffee Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

-Federal Permits Discussion and Example - J. Stephen, NOAA Fisheries/SERO

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

-Response to St. Thomas Fishers Association Questions Regarding Grammanik Bank

Management – Sarah Stephenson, NOAA Fisheries/SERO

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

-Public Comment Period (5-minute presentations)

4:45 p.m.

-Adjourn for the day

5 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

-Closed Session

April 23, 2025

9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

-IRA Update - Martha Prada, CFMC IRA Coordinator

9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

-Protected Resources Division Update - J. Lee, NOAA Fisheries/SERO

10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

-Recap Social Science in the U.S. Caribbean: a 23-year perspective - Brent Stoffle,
NOAA Fisheries/SEFSC

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

-Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

-Outreach and Education Advisory Panel Report - Jannette Ramos, Chair

-CFMC Social Networks - Cristina Olán

-CFMC Liaison Officers Reports (10 minutes each)

-St. Thomas/St. John, U.S.V.I. - Nicole Greaux

-Puerto Rico - Wilson Santiago

-St. Croix, U.S.V.I.

11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

-Sargassum Season Update - Julio Morell/Lorraine Martel, CARICOOS, Inc.

12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

-Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

-District Advisory Panel Reports (15 minutes each)

-St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. - Julian Magras, Chair

-St. Croix, U.S.V.I. - Gerson Martinez, Chair

-Puerto Rico - Nelson Crespo, Chair

2:15 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

-Enforcement Reports (10 minutes each)

-Puerto Rico DNER

-U.S.V.I. DPNR

-U.S. Coast Guard

-NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement

2:55 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

-Ecosystem Risk Assessment - Leigh Fletcher, Bioimpact Inc.

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

-Advisory Bodies Membership

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

-Other Business

3:45 p.m. – 4 p.m.

-Public Comment Period (5-minute presentations)

-Next Meetings

4 p.m.

-Adjourn

NOTE (1): Other than starting time and dates of the meetings, the established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. To further accommodate discussion and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from or completed before the date established in this notice. Changes in the agenda will be posted to the CFMC website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as practicable.

NOTE (2): Financial disclosure forms are available for inspection at this meeting, as per 50 CFR part 601.

The order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the

completion of agenda items. The meeting will begin on April 22, 2025, at 9 a.m. AST, and will end on April 23, at 4 p.m., AST. Other than the start time on the first day of the meeting, interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated in the agenda, at the discretion of the Chair.

Special Accommodations

For any additional information on this public hybrid meeting, please contact Diana Martino, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 226-8849.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 21, 2025.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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