



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council 189th Public Hybrid 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 189th public hybrid meeting to address the items contained in the tentative agenda included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The 189th CFMC public hybrid meeting will be held on April 21, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., AST, and on April 22, 2026, from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. AST. The meeting will be held at The Buccaneer Hotel, 5007 Estate Shoys, Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI 00820.

ADDRESSES: You may join the 189th CFMC public hybrid meeting via Zoom, from a computer, tablet, or smartphone by entering the following address:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84328130219?pwd=65MKg0lyTe4hIWvlfAKetKTPEdFAcx.1>

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In case there are problems and we cannot reconnect via Zoom, the meeting will continue using GoToMeeting.

You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/971749317> (copy/paste into URL)

You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 971-749-317.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 398-3717.

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

April 21, 2026

9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

-Call to Order

-Roll Call

-Adoption of Agenda

-Consideration of 188th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcription

-Executive Director's Report

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

-Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) Amendments, Actions and Priorities Update for 2026 - María Lopez-Mercer, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

-Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

-Southeast Fishery Science Center Updates - Kevin McCarthy, Caribbean Fisheries
Branch, NOAA Fisheries, SEFSC

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

-Scientific and Statistical Committee Report - Vance Vicente, Chair

-Final Recommendations of SEDAR 84 and SEDAR 91

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

-Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

-Review and Final Action for Framework Action 4 to the St. Croix and St. Thomas/St.
John FMPs to Revise Spiny Lobster Reference Points Based on SEDAR 91 - Sarah
Stephenson, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

2:15 p.m. - 3 p.m.

-Revision of Accountability Measures for Pelagic Stocks - Options Paper

3 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

-Coffee Break

3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

-Update on NMFS' Risk/Value Prioritization Framework for Managed Stocks - NOAA
Fisheries, SEFSC

-Evaluation of Managed Stocks' Needs for Conservation and Management - Sarah
Stephenson, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

4:45 p.m. - 5 p.m.

-Public Comment Period (5-minute presentations)

-Adjourn for the Day

5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

-Closed Session

April 22, 2026

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

-New App for Fishers, Dealers and Consumers of U.S. Caribbean Seafood –

J. Rivera/Cedric Taquín

8:45 a.m. - 9 a.m.

-Recreational Angler Partnership Improvement Directive (RAPID) - NOAA Fisheries

9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

-Caribbean IRA-Funded Projects Update - Martha Prada, CFMC IRA Coordinator

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

-2026 Annual Catch Limit Monitoring Updates - Andy Strelcheck, NOAA Fisheries,

SERO

9:45 a.m. - 10 a.m.

-Coffee Break

10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

-Caribbean Marine Aquaculture Workshop 2026 Report - José A. Rivera, NOAA

Fisheries

10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

-Information on Permitting and Research on Fish Aggregation Devices (FADS)

11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

-Outreach and Education Advisory Panel (OEAP) Report - Jannette Ramos, Chair

-CFMC Social Networks- Cristina Olán

-CFMC Liaison Officers Reports

-Puerto Rico - Wilson Santiago

11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

-Update Council Priorities Under E.O. 14276 Restoring America's Seafood

Competitiveness - Summary of Comments Received

12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

-Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

-District Advisory Panel Reports (15 mins 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. - 2:45 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

2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Coffee Break

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

-Advisory Bodies Membership

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

-Other Business

-Update on Queen Conch Status Review - NOAA Fisheries

-Red Snapper Aquaculture Exempted Fishing Permit application submitted to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council by Cultimar Technologies - NOAA

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 prior to the date established in this notice. Changes in the agenda will be posted to the CFMC website, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as practical.

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 21, 2026, at 9 a.m. AST, and will end on April 22, 2026, 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 virtual 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: April 3, 2026.

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