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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council 191st 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 191st public hybrid meeting to address the items contained in the tentative agenda included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The 191st CFMC public hybrid meeting will be held on December 9, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4:55 p.m., and on December 10, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5:50 p.m., AST. A closed meeting will be held on December 9, 2026, from 5 p.m. to 5:40 p.m., AST. The meeting will be held at the Westin St. Thomas Beach Resort & Spa, 5 Estate Bakkeroe, St. Thomas, U.U. Virgin Islands 00802.

ADDRESSES: You may join the 191st CFMC public hybrid meeting via Zoom, from a computer, tablet or smartphone by entering the following address:

Topic: 191st CFMC Hybrid Public Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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Join by SIP

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Join instructions

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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:

December 9, 2026

9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

-Call to Order

-Roll Call

-Adoption of Agenda

-Consideration of 190th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcription

-Executive Director's Report

9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

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

10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

-Update on Executive Order (E.O.) 14276 NOAA Fisheries Priority Actions - NOAA Fisheries, SERO

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

-Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.

-Scientific and Statistical Committee Report - Vance Vicente, Chair

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

12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

-Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

-Draft Framework Action 4 Under the Puerto Rico FMP to Update Reference Points Based on SEDAR 91 and Accountability Measures - María López-Mercer, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

2:15 p.m. – 4 p.m.

-Evaluation of Managed Stocks Amendment to the Island-Based FMPs - Sarah Stephenson, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

4 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

-Coffee Break

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

-Evaluation of the St. Thomas/St. John Grouper Unit 4 Seasonal Closure Discussion - Sarah Stephenson, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

4:45 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.

-Public Comment Period (5-minute presentations)

-Adjourn for the Day

5 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

-Closed Session

December 10, 2026

9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

-Call to Order

-Roll Call

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

-Update on Electronic Reporting System in Puerto Rico - Alfredo Sfeir, Shellcatch

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

-New CFMC Travel Guidelines - Vivian Ruiz, CFMC

-Caribbean IRA-funded Projects Update - Martha Prada, CFMC Inflation Reduction Act Coordinator

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

-Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

-Report on CFMC Coral Reef Conservation Program Tourmaline Research - Jorge R. García-Sais or designee

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

-Overview of Proposed Action to Review the Seasonal Area Closures of Tourmaline Bank and Abrir La Sierra in Western Puerto Rico - María López-Mercer, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

-Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

-Concerns of the Puerto Rico Deep-Water Snapper Fishery - Liajay Rivera García, CFMC

-Strengthening Recovery of the Nassau Grouper in Puerto Rico, Project Results - Evan Tuohy, Isla Mar Inc.

-Protected Resources Division Updates - Jennifer Lee, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

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

-CFMC 50th Anniversary video - Cristina Olán, CFMC

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

-CFMC Liaison Officers' Reports (10 mins each)

-St. Thomas/St. John, U.S.V.I - Anjolie LaPlace

-Puerto Rico - Wilson Santiago

-St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) - Olivia Walton

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

-District Advisory Panel Reports (10 mins each)

-St. Thomas, USVI - Ruth Gómez, Chair

-St. Croix, USVI - Gerson Martínez, Chair

-Puerto Rico - Nelson Crespo, Chair

3:45 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Coffee Break

4 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.

-Enforcement Reports (10 mins each)

-NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement

-Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources

-USVI Department of Natural and Environmental Resources

-U.S. Coast Guard

4:40 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

-Updated List of Fishery Management Plans Amendments, Actions and Priorities for 2026 - 2027—María Lopez-Mercer, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

4:50 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.

-Other Business

5:10 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

-Public Comment Period (5-minute presentations)

-Next Meetings

5:30 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 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 December 9, 2026, at 9 a.m. AST, and will end

on December 10, 2026, at 5:30 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:

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

For simultaneous interpretation English-Spanish-English follow your Zoom screen instructions. You will be asked which language you prefer when you join the meeting.

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: November 18, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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Office of Sustainable Fisheries,

National Marine Fisheries Service.

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