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SUBJECT:Regulatory Amendment 6 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands: Triggering Accountability Measures in the Puerto Rico Exclusive Economic Zone

After reviewing the documentation received and discussing the same with member of the commercial fishing community we are in support of the implementation of **alternative #2** that “proposes to trigger an accountability measure when the total annual catch limit for a stock or stock complex is exceeded. This alternative could result in fewer accountability measures triggered and applied when compared to **Alternatives 1 and 3**” as described.

This will benefit the comercial fishing sector financially if the recreational sector is bellow the annual catch limit and still protecting the fish population.