Caribbean Fishery Management Council Motions for 170th CFMC Virtual Regular Meeting

August 11, 2020

1. The Council requests staff begins work on an amendment to the island-based FMPs that would allow for the use of the deep-water snapper buoy gear with no more than 25 hooks per line.

Motion by: Carlos Farchette Seconded by: Tony Blanchard Votes: 7 Yes, motion carries

2. The Council request staff to begin work on an amendment to each of the IBFMPs to consider whether gill and trammel nets or any other applicable gear should be authorized gears when fishing for managed species.

Motion by: Carlos Farchette Seconded by: Tony Blanchard Votes: 7 Yes, Motion carries

August 12, 2020

1. The Council request the SSC to coordinate with the Science Center to provide a constant ABC for Spiny lobster for each island group based on SEDAR 57 and based on the first three years of the ABC projection from 2021 to 2023. It is the Council intent to request an interim assessment to be conducted in 2023 to set catch levels for 2024 and beyond.

Motion by: Roy Crabtree Seconded by: Tony Blanchard Votes: 7 Yes, Motion carries

2. To instruct the staff prepare an options paper for the yellowtail recreational fishery of St. Croix that would be considered at the spring meeting of the CFMC meeting 2021.

Motion by: Carlos Farchette Seconded by: Marcos Hanke Votes: 7 Yes, motion carries