

**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
DISTRICT ADVISORY PANELS MEETING
VERDANZA HOTEL
CAROLINA, PUERTO RICO
MARCH 8, 2017**

DAP ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

Species and Species Groupings

Present were Julian Magras, Ruth Gomez, Elizabeth Kadison, Winston Ledee, Dean Greaux, Daryl Bryan, Gregory Ledee, Claude “Buddy” Berry, Lance Magnum, Bill Arnold, Iris Oliveras, Helena Antoun.

The group agreed to keep snappers groups 1, 2, 3, and 4 the way they are right now.

Regarding the groupers, also agreed to keep groupers units 1, 2, 3, and 4 the same.

On GU5, leave yellowedge and yellowmouth together. Move misty grouper to a different group to become GU6. The reason for this is because misty grouper is the deepest of all groupers, around 700'+. GU5 are between GU4 and GU6 depths. Misty is seasonal but deeper than yellowmouth which is found in 300ft+.

The DAP St. Thomas/St. John agreed that the groupings presented for Grunts, Porgies, Jacks, Parrotfish, Surgeonfish, Triggerfish and Hogfishes (wrasses) should remain as they are. The DAP also recommended to remove the sea bream from the Porgies. The DAP St. Thomas/St. John also agreed that the groupings for Dolphin, Wahoo, Queen Conch, Spiny Lobster, Sea Cucumbers, Corals and Urchins should remain as they are now.

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	Scientific Name	Common Name	SSC	DAP	DAP
Lutjanidae -- Snappers					
	<i>Apsilus dentatus</i>	Black snapper	SU1	SU1	
	<i>Lutjanus buccanella</i>	Blackfin snapper	SU1	SU1	
	<i>Lutjanus vivanus</i>	Silk snapper	SU1	SU1	
	<i>Rhomboplites aurorubens</i>	Vermilion snapper	SU1	SU1	
	<i>Etelis oculatus</i>	Queen snapper	SU2	SU2	
	<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	Lane snapper	SU3	SU3	
	<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	Mutton snapper	SU3	SU3	
	<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	Yellowtail snapper	SU4	SU4	
Serranidae -- Sea basses and Groupers					
	<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>	Nassau Grouper	GU1	GU1	
	<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	Goliath grouper	GU2	GU2	
	<i>Epinephelus fulvus</i>	Coney	GU3	GU3	
	<i>Epinephelus guttatus</i>	Red hind	GU3	GU3	
	<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	Black grouper	GU4	GU4	
	<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	Red grouper	GU4	GU4	

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	<i>Mycteroperca tigris</i>	Tiger grouper	GU4	GU4	
	<i>Mycteroperca venenosa</i>	Yellowfin grouper	GU4	GU4	
	<i>Epinephelus mystacinus</i>	Misty grouper	GU5	GU6	Occurs deeper than the other groupers
	<i>Epinephelus flavolimbatus</i>	Yellowedge grouper	GU5	GU5	
	<i>Mycteroperca interstitialis</i>	Yellowmouth	GU5	GU5	
Haemulidae -- Grunts					
	<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	White grunt	Grunts 1	Grunts 1	
	<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	Bluestriped grunt	Grunts 1	Grunts 1	
	<i>Haemulon album</i>	Margate	Grunts 2	Grunts 2	
Sparidae -- Porgies					
	<i>Calamus bajonado</i>	Jolthead porgy	Porgies	Porgies	
	<i>Archosargus rhomboidalis</i>	Sea bream	Porgies	Porgies	
	<i>Calamus penna</i>	Sheepshead porgy	Porgies	Porgies	
	<i>Calamus pennatula</i>	Pluma	Porgies	Porgies	
Carangidae -- Jacks					
	<i>Caranx crysos</i>	Blue runner	Jacks 1	Jacks 1	
Scaridae -- Parrotfishes					

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	<i>Scarus guacamaia</i>	Rainbow parrotfish	Parrot 1	Parrot 1	
	<i>Scarus coeruleus</i>	Blue parrotfish	Parrot 1	Parrot 1	
	<i>Scarus coelestinus</i>	Midnight parrotfish	Parrot 1	Parrot 1	
	<i>Scarus taeniopterus</i>	Princess parrotfish	Parrot 2	Parrot 2	
	<i>Scarus vetula</i>	Queen parrotfish	Parrot 2	Parrot 2	
	<i>Sparisoma rubripinne</i>	Redfin parrotfish	Parrot 2	Parrot 2	
	<i>Sparisoma chrysopterus</i>	Redtail parrotfish	Parrot 2	Parrot 2	
	<i>Sparisoma viride</i>	Stoplight parrotfish	Parrot 2	Parrot 2	
	<i>Sparisoma aurofrenatum</i>	Redband parrotfish	Parrot 2	Parrot 2	
	<i>Scarus croicensis</i>	Striped parrotfish	Parrot 2	Parrot 2	
Acanthuridae - Surgeonfishes					
	<i>Acanthurus coeruleus</i>	Blue tang	Surgeonfish	Surgeonfish	
	<i>Acanthurus bahianus</i>	Ocean surgeonfish	Surgeonfish	Surgeonfish	
	<i>Acanthurus chirurgus</i>	Doctorfish	Surgeonfish	Surgeonfish	
Balistidae -- Triggerfishes					
	<i>Balistes vetula</i>	Queen triggerfish	Queen trigger	Queen trigger	
Labridae -- Wrasses					
	<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	Hogfish	Hogfish	Hogfish	

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Pomacanthidae --Angelfishes					
	<i>Holacanthus ciliaris</i>	Queen angelfish	Angelfish	Angelfish	
	<i>Pomacanthus arcuatus</i>	Gray angelfish	Angelfish	Angelfish	
	<i>Pomacanthus paru</i>	French angelfish	Angelfish	Angelfish	
Coryphaenidae -- Dolphin fish					
	<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>	Dolphin	Dolphin	Dolphin	
Scombridae -- Mackerels and tunas					
	<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>	Wahoo	Wahoo	Wahoo	
Strombidae -- True conchs	<i>Lobatus gigas</i>	Queen conch	QC	QC	
Palinuridae -- Spiny lobsters	<i>Panulirus argus</i>	Caribbean spiny lobster	SL	SL	
Class Holothuroidea -- Sea Cucumbers			Cucumbers	Cucumbers	
Class Echinoidea -- Sea Urchins			Urchins	Urchins	
All Corals (soft, hard, mesophitic, deep)			ACL=0	ACL=0	

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The SSC recommends that sea bream be removed from the proposed list of species for federal management in St. Thomas because it is a near shore species only found in the State waters.					

On other topics, the DAP St. Thomas/St. John discussed the following issues:

Julian was concerned about the ACLs revisiting time for which Bill explained the relationship between ABC, ACL, etc. It is a biological matter and it is not going to change.

Julian expressed that should be revisited every 3 years. Requested to change the ABC buffer from .9 to 1.0 which Bill explained that it is not going to happen and went through the process that has been done to get 0.9. The data that they are going to use is 2000-2016. Fishermen would like to get that data, for which Julian will write a letter to Steve Turner from the Science Center.

Fishers agreed that recreational fishing has to be regulated. Ruth explained that the Division of Fish and Wildlife is working on it, but it's not ready yet.