

**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
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**162nd REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARRIOTT STELLARIS
CONDADO, PUERTO RICO
APRIL 3-4, 2018
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**April 3, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

°Call to Order

°Adoption of Agenda

°Consideration of 161th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions

°Executive Director's Report

°Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting Report – Richard Appeldoorn

°Island-based Fishery Management Plans:

- Action 1: Review of Stocks to be Managed
- Action 2: Review of Proposed Stock Complexes
- Action 3: Management Reference Points for Stocks/Stock complexes in each of the Puerto Rico, St. Thomas/St. John and St Croix FMPs
- Tiered Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule – Language changes
- Process for determining the buffer from the Sustainable Yield Level (SYL) (instead of overfishing limit (OFL)) to ABC (scientific uncertainty buffer) used in the Tiered ABC Control Rule.
- Results from the application of Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule
- Action 4: Essential Fish Habitat for Stocks Not Previously Managed in Federal Waters
- Action 5: Framework Measures
- Next Steps/Timeline Review

°Other Business

----PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD----(5-minutes presentations)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

| °Closed Session

April 4, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

°Outreach and Education Report – Alida Ortiz

°Emergency Location and Removal of Lost Fishing Gear in Puerto Rico: Avoiding Long Term Impacts of Ghost Gear” Raimundo Espinoza.

°Enforcement Issues:

- Puerto Rico-DNER
- U.S. Virgin Islands-DPNR
- U.S. Coast Guard
- NMFS/NOAA

°Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff

°Other Business

----PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD----
(5-minute presentations)

°Next Meeting

NOTE (1): 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.

NOTE (2): Financial disclosure forms are available for inspection at this meeting, as per 50 CFR Part 601.