

**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
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**159th REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REINAISSANCE ST. CROIX CARAMBOLA
BEACH RESORT & SPA
ST. CROIX, USVI
APRIL 18-19, 2017
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**April 18, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

- °Call to Order
- °Adoption of Agenda
- °Consideration of 158th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions
- °Executive Director's Report
- °Scientific and Statistical Committee Report
 - February 6-10, 2017 Meeting
 - April 3-7, 2017 Meeting
- °District Advisory Panel Report from March 7-8, 2017 Meeting
- °Island-based Fishery Management Plans
 - Review and Comment on Final Draft of Goals and Objectives for each Island Group
 - Review of Proposed Actions and Alternatives
 - Action 1: Species to Manage (Final Draft Alternatives Complete)
 - Action 2: Species Groupings (Review Final Draft Alternatives)
 - Action 3: Reference Points (Review Final Draft Alternatives)
 - Action 4: Essential Fish Habitat
 - 5-year Review Status and Timeline
 - Action 5: Framework Measures
 - Status and Suggested Additions
 - Select Preliminary Preferred Alternative(s) for Each Action
 - Schedule Public Hearings
 - Next Steps/Roadmap
- °Regulatory Amendment 6 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan: Triggering Accountability Measures in the Puerto Rico Exclusive Economic Zone
 - Review Proposed Action and Alternatives
 - Select Preferred Alternative
- °Review of Annual Catch Limit Overages and Resultant 2017 Accountability Measure-Based Closures
- °Other Business

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

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

- °Administrative Matters
 - CY 2017
 - Closed Session

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm

- °Public Hearings on Regulatory Amendment 6 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan: Triggering Accountability Measures in the Puerto Rico Exclusive Economic Zone

April 19, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- °St. Thomas/St. John’s Fishery Management Update and Concerns – Julian Magras

- °Spiny Lobster Fisheries Workshop Report – Tony Iarocci

- °Electronic Reporting System Update – Ricardo López

- °Regulatory Amendment 6 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan: Triggering Accountability Measures in the Puerto Rico Exclusive Economic Zone

- Results from Public Hearings
- Next Step: Consider Taking Final Action/Review Codified Text

- °Fishery Ecosystem Plan Status Report

- °Outreach and Education Report

- °Enforcement Issues:

- Puerto Rico-DNER
- U.S. Virgin Islands-DPNR
- U.S. Coast Guard
 - 1991 DNER/NMFS Memorandum of Understanding
- NMFS/NOAA

- °Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff

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

- °Other Business

- °Next Meeting(s)

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.