

Strategic Planning Discussion and Update

Caribbean Fishery Management Council
September 25, 2020



Process Update

- March 2020: Survey launch
- April 2020: Survey extension (July 31)
- June 2020: Updates to DAPs, OEAP, Council on survey participation
- July 2020: Development of alternative approach to survey
- August 2020: OEAP, DAPs participate in alternative approach
- September 2020: Council participation in alternative approach



Discussion Themes

- Resource Health
- Social, Cultural, Economic Concerns
- Management & Operational Issues
- Communication & Outreach

Resource Health

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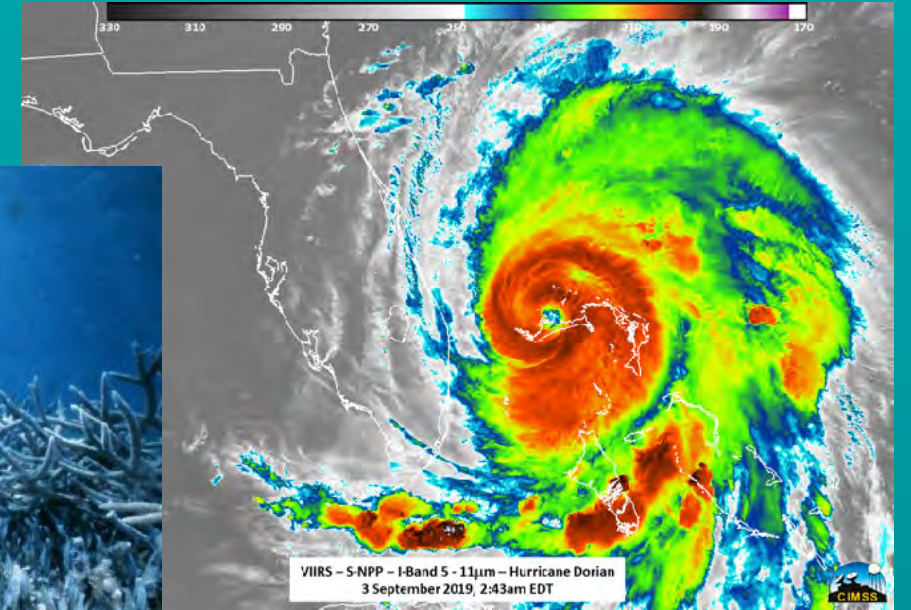


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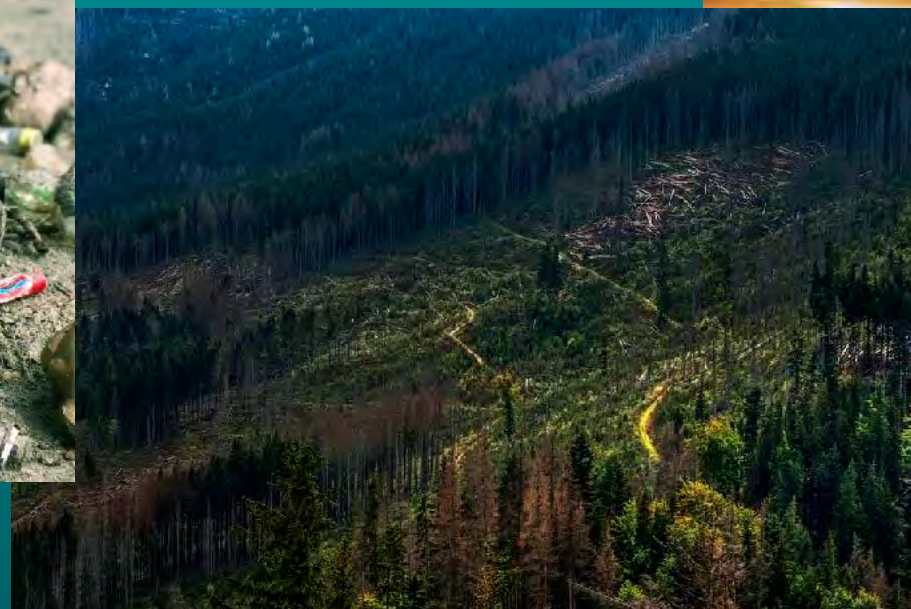


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Resource Health

- Invasive species
- Climate change
- Erosion & sedimentation
- Coastal development
- Natural disasters
- Habitat loss/destruction & creation/rehabilitation
- Enforcement
- Pollution
- Bycatch & discard mortality
- Abundance of bait fish/forage
- Lack of biological or ecosystem information, data mining
- Overfishing
- Illegal fishing

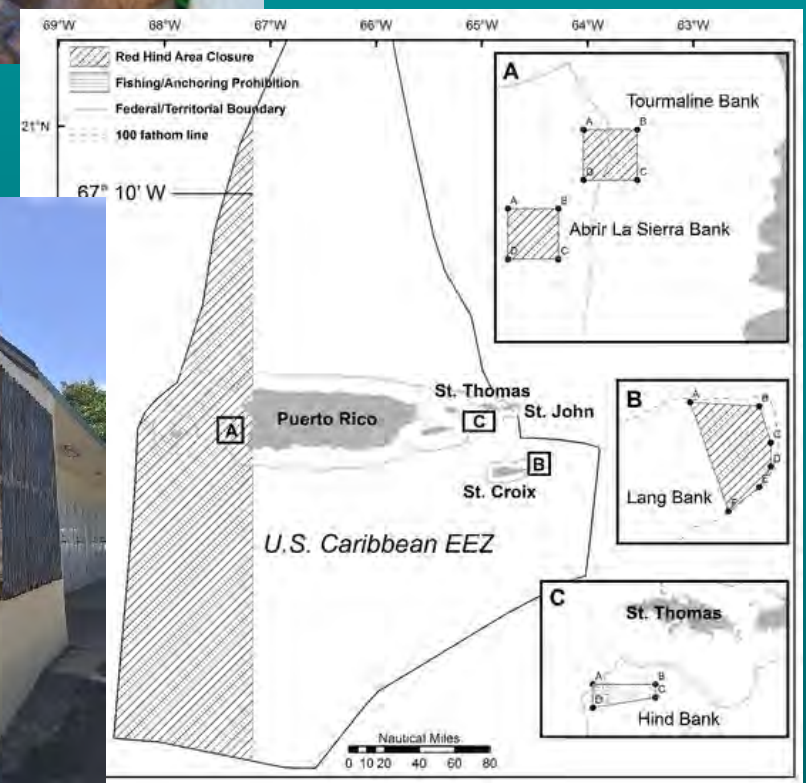
Social, Cultural, Economic Concerns



Credit: CFMC



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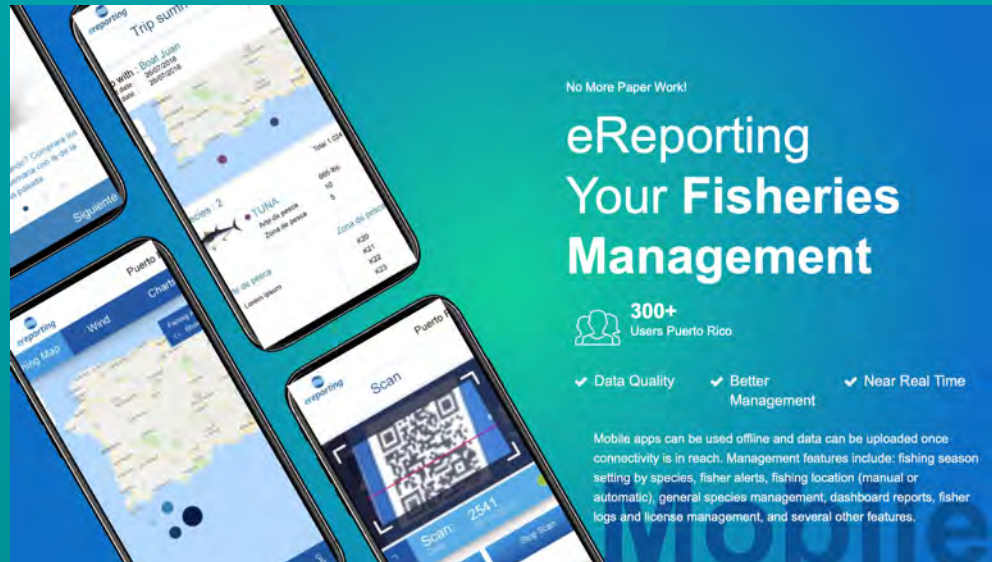


Social, Cultural, Economic Concerns

- Closed seasons & stock assessments for impacted species, and evaluation of area/season closures
- Increasing costs
- Competition with foreign fishermen
- Recreational & commercial user conflicts
- Displacement of fishing communities
- Ability to support a family
- Illegal/unlicensed commercial fishers
- Lack of new entrants into fishery
- Lack of social & economic data
- Excess gear
- Market instability (new ways to virtually advertise product [social media], prioritizing locally caught seafood)
- Infrastructure needs (landing and market sites)
- Inadequate enforcement
- Excess fishing capacity

Management & Operational Issues

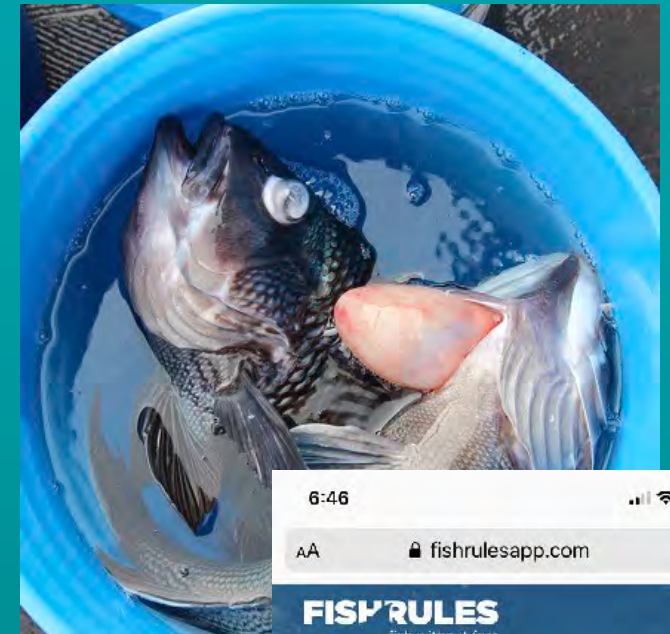
Credit: NC Sea Grant



Credit: Alfredo Sfeir, CFMC 169th Meeting



Credit: Carolos Farchette



Credit: Megan Davis, 169th CFMC Meeting



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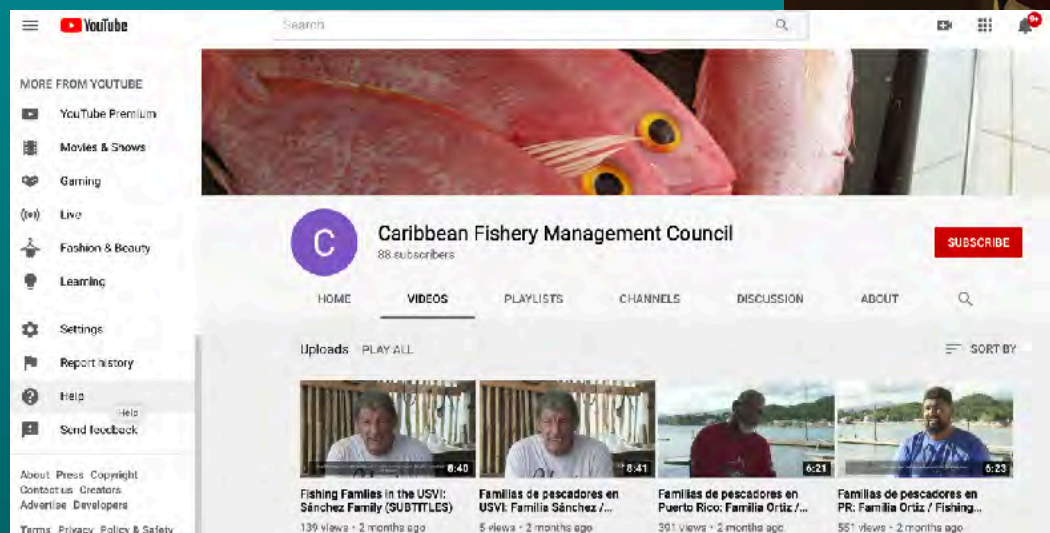
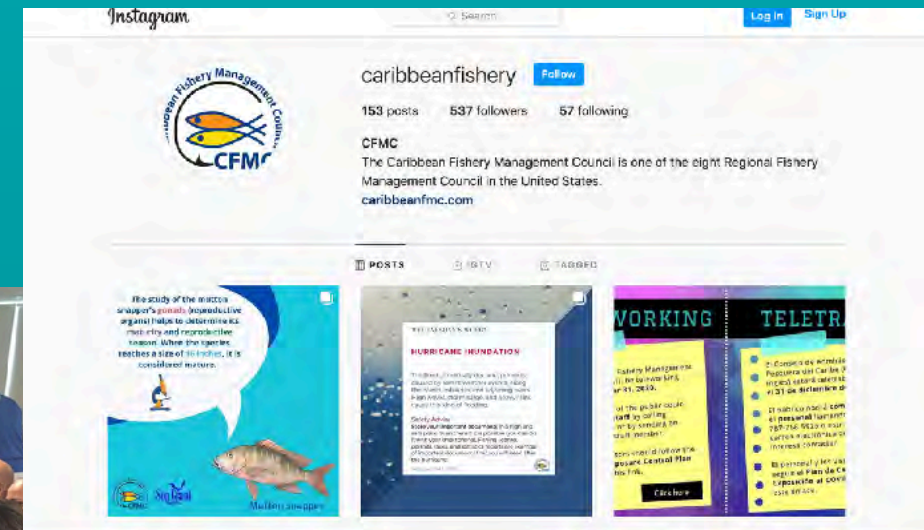
Management & Operational Issues

- Accurate/timely commercial & recreational catch data (e.g. mandatory reporting for all sectors)
- Enforcement of existing regulations
- Fisher involvement in data collection
- Regulatory consistency (federal & territorial — where such compatibility is feasible)
- Clear management objectives
- Bycatch/regulatory discards
- Gear limits
- Cost-effective data collection technology
- Balancing commercial & recreational concerns
- Incorporation of climate change into management
- Federal permit program
- Territorial licensing requirements (e.g. consider recreational licensing requirement to improve reporting)

Communication & Outreach



Credit: CFMC 168th Meeting
(MREP presentation)



Communication & Outreach

- Frequency of communication (alerts/reminders of scoping meetings and council meetings)
- Variety of tools used in communication (e.g. email, website, social media, paper, text message alerts)
- Educational resources (e.g. science & stock assessment, business planning, restaurant choices, etc.; include other jurisdictions/agencies such U.S. Coast Guard, National Park Service, etc. that have marine interests)
- Improving general public awareness of fisheries issues
- Expand communications to other groups (divers, dive shop owners, etc.)
- Regular in-person outreach workshops on important topics
- Clarity and simplicity of presentations
- Expand role of fishery liaisons beyond participation on OEAP to increase liaison understanding of fishery issues, and to increase public understanding of the role of liaisons (e.g. have liaisons give presentation of each island's activities at Council meetings)

Next Steps

- Launch of comment form (open through October 31)
- Analysis and summary of input and report preparation
- December 2020: Report presentation to Council
- Early 2021: Draft strategic plan development



Council Input & Discussion

Questions?

**Please send additional comments
and input by October 30, 2020 to:**

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