

2022-2026 Strategic Plan

Caribbean Fishery Management Council
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Overview

- Previous actions
- Review of public comments
- Review of recommended changes
- ACTION: Approval of final 2022-2026 Strategic Plan
- Draft 2021 Implementation Plan

Previous Actions

- **March 2021**: DAP review of draft island-specific objectives, initial feedback on strategies.
- **April 2021**: Council selection of draft Vision, Mission, and Goal statements, approval of island-specific objectives reviewed by DAPs.
- **June 2021**: DAP final review and edits to island-specific strategies.
- **July 2021**: Council review and approval of draft Strategic Plan for public input (August-September).
- **TODAY**: Review suggested edits and approve final Strategic Plan

Public Comment Summary

- Online public comment form (Spanish and English) open August 6 — September 3
- Three comments received
- One recommended language change
- Many suggestions to enhance implementation of various strategies
- No comments on Communication and Outreach

Public Comment Summary

- **Vision, Mission, Core Values**
 - One comment stated they were not very inclusive, one supported all as written
- **Management**
 - Gather fisher input for collaborative research by gear and region
 - Develop educational campaign using regional workshops to gather fisher input for stock assessments
- **Ecosystem and Resource Health**
 - Support dialogue between Council and Puerto Rico agencies on impacts of non-fishing activities
 - Compensate fishers monetarily for participation in ecosystem research, and recognize contributions in publications
 - Add Sargassum influxes to natural disasters in Puerto Rico objective

Public Comment Summary

- **Social, Cultural, and Economic Issues**
 - Overall goal is essential to increase confidence in management and compliance with regulations by commercial sector
 - Multiple suggestions specific to Puerto Rico:
 - Consider communities by gear type, mode, geography
 - Conduct study on fish mislabeling
 - Strengthen food security through better understanding of underutilized local markets
 - Include university social workers and Department of Correction and Rehabilitation in efforts to promote recruitment of young fishers.

Recommended Changes

- Consolidate objectives that are identical across all districts, maintain island-specific strategies
 - **Management:** All five objectives identical
 - **Ecosystem and Resource Health:** Three objectives identical, one PR-specific, two STT/STJ-specific, two STX-specific (8 total)
 - **Social, Cultural, and Economic Issues:** Three objectives identical, one island-specific objective for each district (6 total)

Recommended Changes

- **Ecosystem and Resource Health:** Insert “(e.g., hurricanes, earthquakes, Sargassum blooms)” in Objective 9 (Puerto Rico)
 - Response to public comment

Objective 9. Collaborate with management partners to address the impacts of natural disasters (e.g., hurricanes, earthquakes, Sargassum blooms) on ecosystem structure and function.

- **Social, Cultural, and Economic Issues:** Insert “and dissemination” in Objective 14
 - Originally added by STX DAP

Objective 14. Promote the collection and dissemination of social and economic data that informs management decisions.

Discussion and Council Action

- Questions/Discussion
- **Council Action:** Approval of 2022-2026 CFMC Strategic Plan with recommended changes

Draft 2022 Implementation Plan

Purpose...

- A tool that complements 2022-2026 Strategic Plan
- Identifies and prioritizes 2022 activities necessary to achieve Council's goals and objectives
- New and ongoing activities mapped to objectives
- Aligns activities with available resources
- Allows Council to track progress annually
- Provides stakeholders with comprehensive view of how activities contribute to Vision
- **Not all activities can be addressed at the same time!**

Draft 2022 Implementation Plan

Process...

- Three groups are proposed to assist the Council in identification, prioritization, and tracking of annual activities
 - OEAP: track and recommend communication & outreach priorities
 - 5-Year SP IPT: SERO, SEFSC, CFMC staff to review and help prioritize science needs and tasks
 - 5-Year SP AP: Subset of Council members & DAP chairs to review OEAP and IPT priorities, other management projections, and provide recommendations to Council for approval
- Annual process to prioritize activities in an appropriate sequence for available resources
- **Council action:** Approval of workgroup-type process to identify Implementation Plan priorities

Example Implementation Activities Table

Objective	2022 Priority Tasks and Activities	Timeframe	Lead Organization	Funding Source
All Districts				
1. Support the development and implementation of accurate, timely, and cost-effective data collection, reporting, and monitoring programs.	Participate in selection of a <u>modified</u> non-commercial fishing survey for Puerto Rico (PR).	Ongoing	OST	
	Participate in development of a <u>new</u> non-commercial/ fishery dependent survey in the USVI (STT-STJ, STX)	Ongoing	OST	
	Support SEFSC rapid sampling electronic monitoring pilot in the U.S. Caribbean (PR, STT-STJ, STX)	2022	Partner	
	Support improvements to Puerto Rico commercial port sampling recommendations from MER report (PR)	Ongoing	OST/SEFSC	
	USVI port sampling design activities (STT-STJ, STX)	Ongoing	OST/SEFSC	
	Promote DRNA commercial e-reporting outreach (PR)	Ongoing		
2. Promote fisher involvement and other collaborative research approaches to meeting island-specific science and information needs.	Support completion of queen triggerfish assessment, SEDAR 80 (PR, STT-STJ, STX)	2022		
	Provide support for lane snapper life history sampling by USC (PR, STT-STJ, STX). <i>*Also meets #11</i>	2022		

Questions?

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