

DAP STT/STJ Recommendations

Federal Regulations

Territorial regulations

Annual Catch limits for species managed in the EEZ

Leave as is

Review STT/STJ Territorial water regulations for urchins, cucumbers and corals (no harvest?)

Territorial Regulations specified for each fish species as in STT/STJ IBFMP

Aquarium Trade species

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Closed Fisheries:

Nassau Grouper

Closed Fishery (>30 years)
NEED ASSESSMENT

Closed Fishery (>15 years)
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Queen Conch

Closed Fishery
(West of 64°34' W)
Review queen conch population;
involve fishers

Seasonal Closure
Reassess: no harvest or possession June 1
through October 31 and 50,000 lb. quota

Size Limits:

Yellowtail snapper

12" TL

To adopt in territorial waters the minimum size
of 12 inches total length as written in Federal
Regulation

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Seasonal Closures:

**Red, Black, Tiger, Yellowfin, and
Yellowedge Grouper**

**Snappers Seasonal Closures
(lane and mutton) (deep water
snappers)**

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Seasonal closure in place since
2005

Recommendation: Assessment and evaluation
of seasonal closures

To revisit all closed season

Revisit all closed seasons; deep-water snapper
fishery can be developed

Seasonal Closures in the St. Thomas/St. John EEZ and Territorial Waters that apply to both commercial and recreational fishing. Includes the months of the closures and the year(s) in which these were implemented or changed.

	EEZ	STT/STJ
Grouper Unit 4	Feb 1-April 30	Feb 1-April 30
(Year Implemented)	2005	2006
Yellowfin grouper	Feb-April	Feb-April
Tiger grouper	Feb-April	Feb-April
Red grouper	Feb-April	Feb-April
Black grouper	Feb-April	Feb-April
Grouper Unit 5	Feb 1-April 30	Feb 1-April 30
(Year implemented)	2005	2006
Yellowedge	Feb-April	Feb-April
Misty		
Yellowmouth		
Snapper Unit 1	Oct 1-Dec 31	Oct 1-Dec 31
(Year Implemented)	2005	2006
Silk snapper	Oct-Dec	Oct-Dec
Vermillion	Oct-Dec	Oct-Dec
Black	Oct-Dec	Oct-Dec
Blackfin	Oct-Dec	Oct-Dec
Snapper Unit 3	Apr 1- Jun 30	Apr 1- Jun 30
(Year Implemented)	2005	2006
Mutton snapper*	April-June	April-June
Lane snapper*	April-June	April-June

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Recreational Bag limits:
To have compatibility in EEZ and territorial waters

Federal Regulations

Establish bag limit, for all new species under management, for the recreational fishery (dolphinfish, etc.)

Territorial regulations

Establish bag limits for the recreational fisheries, for all fish harvested in state waters (red hind, snappers, dolphinfish, etc.)

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FMU Group	Max/Fisher	Max/Boat	Any Trip max
Snappers	5	15	15
Groupers*			
Parrotfish*			
Angelfish			
Grunts			
Jacks			
Porgy	5	15	15
Triggerfish			
Wrasses			
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Traps

Federal Regulations

Adopt trap mesh size as in territorial waters (2.0 inches only)

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Request language to retain berried lobster in traps

Recreational guys should not be allowed fish or lobster traps in the EEZ and territorial waters

Permits

Establish Fishing permits in federal waters

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Fishing license

Federal Regulations

Territorial regulations

Review changes to the licensing moratorium of the Territory

Federal Permits

Establish fishing permit in federal waters

Establish compatible permit in territorial waters