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Caribbean Amendment and Action Status and Priorities for 2025

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Caribbean Amendment and Action Status and Priority

Year: 2024



Amendment/Action	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr CFMC	May	Jun	Jul	Aug CFMC	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec CFMC
Framework 2 to all FMPs: Spiny Lobster Update Assessment	Proposed Rule Comment Period 1/31 – 3/1			Final rule Published 4/30 Effective 5/30								
Amendment 2 to all FMPs: Trawl, Net Gear, and Descending Devices	Finalize Amendment.		CFMC submits to NMFS	Develop Notice of Availability (NOA) and Proposed Rule (PR)					Comment Period		Develop FR	Publish FR
Amendment 3 to all FMPs: Management Measures for Dolphin & Wahoo	Develop Amendment			Final Action	Finalize Amendment		CFMC submits to NMFS	Develop NOA and PR	Comment Period		Develop FR	Publish FR
Framework 3 to Puerto Rico FMP: SEDAR 80 Queen Triggerfish	Develop Framework			Final Action	Finalize Framework		CFMC submits to NMFS	Develop Proposed Rule			Publish PR	
Amendment 4 to Puerto Rico FMP: Reclassify Rainbow Runner as Pelagic	Options Paper/ Action Discussion			SSC review	Develop Amendment							Review Action
Framework 3 to USVI FMPs: SEDAR 80 Queen Triggerfish				Request Amdt.	Develop Framework							Select Pref. Final Action

Completed. No additional action needed
No action
Council action/decision
AP process
IPT process
Information gathering/Scoping
Rule Phases

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Amendment 4 to St. Croix FMP: Modify Seasonal Closure for Pelagic Fishing	Action discussion			Discuss	Information gathering (DAP meeting, other)			Discuss				*
Federal Permits	Action discussion							Mock Permit				*

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Other Actions				
ACL and Overfishing Monitoring 2024	SERO ACL Monitoring and SEFSC Review (USVI stocks)	Inform CFMC	SERO ACL Monitoring and SEFSC Review (Puerto Rico stocks)	Discuss

Caribbean Potential Priority Actions for Year 2025

SEDAR 84 - Yellowtail snapper in PR and STT/STJ and Stoplight Parrotfish STX - Potential Amendments based on outcomes

SEDAR 91 - Spiny Lobster PR, STT/STJ, STX - Potential Amendments based on stock assessment outcomes

Spiny Lobster potential revision of accountability measures - to address ACL and OFL exceedances

Revision of catch limits for stocks that may continue to exceed their ACLs due to enhanced reporting - All FMPs

Federal Permits

Management of Sea Cucumbers, Corals, and Sea Urchin - Potential amendment (updating SYLs and considering EC species)

Other