

187th CFMC Regular Meeting
August 12-13, 2025
Motions

1. To develop an amendment to move forward with the framework presented by staff to evaluate and revise the FMUs.

Moved by: Sennai Habtes

Second by: Vanessa Ramirez

Votes: all yes (6 voting members), motion carries

2. Motion to develop an amendment to the USVI and PR FMPs to address the SEDAR 91 stock assessments and modify PR accountability measures for spiny lobster.

Moved by: Andy Strelcheck

Second by: Sennai Habtes

Votes: 2 abstentions, 4 yes; motion carries

3. Motion for staff to create an Interdisciplinary Planning Team (IPT) to develop recommendations on corrective actions for accountability measures to pelagics in the Island-Based FMPs.

Moved by: Sennai Habtes

Second by: Vanessa Ramirez

Votes: all yes; motion carries

4. Motion to add text to the SEDAR 103 TORs:
For the species listed in the island-based FMPs, provide recommendations of specific analytical procedures for developing management advice that can be used and implemented by the Council and effectively monitored to best meet legal mandates when using tools that are alternative or complementary to conventional stock assessment.

Original Methods Development Terms of Reference #3:

“For the species listed in the island-based FMPs, provide recommendations of specific analytical procedures for developing management advice that will meet legal mandates when using tools that are alternative or complementary to conventional stock assessment.”

Moved by: Andy Strelcheck

Second by: Sennai Habtes

Votes: all yes; motion carries

5. Motion to approve the SEDAR 103 Terms of Reference as amended

Moved by: Andy Strelcheck
Second by: Sennai Habtes
Votes: all yes; motion carries

6. Motion for staff to prepare a letter to be signed by the CFMC chair to request a revision of present HMS regulations to:
 1. Create and set a retention limit of 20-25 skipjack tunas in the Atlantic HMS Commercial Caribbean Small Boat Permit (CCSBP), and
 2. Allow for skipjack tunas to be used for bait among Caribbean HMS tuna permit holders.

Motion by: Vanessa Ramirez
Second by: Roberto Sabater
Votes: 3 yes, 3 abstention; motion fails

7. Motion DAPs

Moved: Sennai Habtes
Second by: Vanessa Ramirez

8. Motion Council, OEAP

Moved: Sennai Habtes
Second by: Vanessa Ramirez

9. Motion to appoint Skyler Sagarese to the SSC.

Moved by: Andy
Second by: Vanessa Ramirez