



190th CFMC Hybrid Public Meeting Motions

August 11-12, 2026

Day 1

Motion#1

Direct staff to develop a white paper evaluating the deep-water snapper fishery (Snapper Unit 1 and Snapper Unit 2) in Puerto Rico to investigate concerns regarding increased fishing pressure and juvenile harvest.

Moved by: Andrew Strelcheck

Second by: Tony Blanchard

Votes: all yes; motion carries

Day 2

Motion #2 (verbal only)

Motion to appoint the committee for CFMC/NOAA Scholarships: Committee members would include Dr. Angeli, Dr. Lopez, Dr. Vicente, the Council chair and a TBD member of NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center with support from Council staff.

Moved by: Carlos Farchette

Second by: Tony Blanchard

Votes: all yes; motion carries

Motion #3

The Council recommends convening a group to provide input on the questions presented in the Grouper Unit 4 presentation. The group should include but is not necessarily limited to the following: the District Advisory Panel chair for St. Thomas/St. John, NMFS Southeast Regional Office and Southeast Fisheries Science Center representatives, USVI Director of Fish and Wildlife, Tony Blanchard, Graciela Garcia-Moliner, St. Thomas Fishery Advisory Committee President, St. Thomas Fisherman Association, USVI Director of Environmental Enforcement or designee and USVI Director of Parks and Protected Areas

Moved by: Andy Strelcheck

Second by: Vanessa Ramirez

Votes: 1 abstention by Tony Blanchard; 7 yes; motion carries



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Motion #4

To appoint Matthias Thomas Bitterwolf as DAP St. Thomas-St. John district member.

Motion by: Vanessa Ramirez

Second by: Tony Blanchard

Votes: 1 absent; 6 yes; motion carries