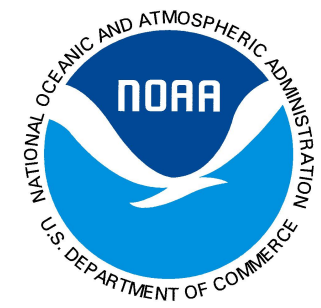
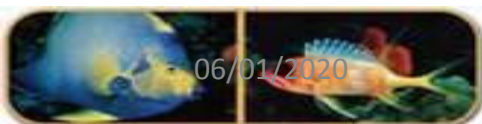




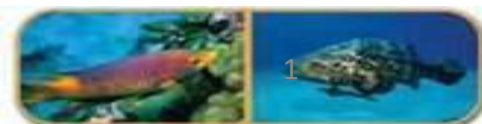
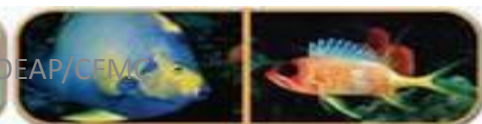
Fishery Ecosystem Plan-Technical Advisory Panel (FEP-TAP) June 1-2, 2020 Meeting **Stakeholder Strategy**



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Who are the stakeholders that need to be reached for the Caribbean FEP?

- **Fishers and their communities:** people engaged in different ways with fishing in the region. They may be commercial, recreational and sport fishers.
- **Consumers:** anyone who buys fish and seafood for family or commercial preparation such as fishmongers, small micro-enterprises, restaurants and roadside vendors.
- **Tourism:** especially nautical and marine recreation tourism, since tourists visiting the islands within the CFMC jurisdiction engage in fishing and consume fish and seafood in their visits.

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- **Management entities**, government agencies that share responsibilities for the formulation and application of laws and regulations related to fisheries. These include different levels of government such as: **State, Municipal and Federal agencies**. For a wider Caribbean scope, other agencies as well as Fishery Management Councils are included.

Who are the stakeholders that need to be reached for the Caribbean FEP?

- **Scientists and Academics** conducting research on issues related to fisheries in different universities and research institutions. **Not related to SSC.**
- **NGOs** that work closely with fishers and their communities.
- **Educators:** formal and informal teachers from different disciplines and levels of education and informal education in Marine Protected Areas and in different scenarios.

Important:

- The number and variety of stakeholders to be approached will vary within each island.
- Some entities may serve the interests of Puerto Rico, St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix and will present information and recommendations for all of them.
- Others will address the issues specific for each island.

Stakeholder engagement rules

- ***Transparent***: engagement will be open, with transparent purpose, expectations, goals, constraints and accountabilities.
- ***Timely***: we will allow sufficient time for meaningful dialogue, consultation and modification. The process will not be hurried.
- ***Inclusive***: all relevant stakeholders should be aware of the work we are doing, should be able to contribute to its success, and feel empowered to use the information and tools we produce to support decision making in the coastal zone. Engagement will be a dialogue and not a one-way information feed.

Stakeholder engagement rules

- ***Appropriate***: we will use levels and methods of engagement that best suit both the group being consulted and the goals of the engagement. Stakeholders should be involved in ways in which they are comfortable and are most likely to respond fully and openly. We will ensure that engagement is targeted at relevant stakeholders to avoid time wasting.
- **Accessible**: We will provide clear, timely accessible and comprehensive information to stakeholders to facilitate their involvement.

Stakeholder engagement rules

- **Balanced:** We will balance the participation and influence of stakeholder groups. We will respect the opinions of stakeholders and aim to integrate a multiplicity of views into the work we do.
- **Accountable:** We will monitor the effectiveness of stakeholder engagement strategies and implement improvements where needed. We will recognize the contribution of stakeholders and ensure that they are aware of how we use their input to the project.

Strategies recommended

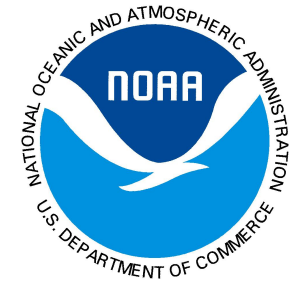
- Create **Questionnaire** based on the DAPs and SSC products of Conceptual/Mental Maps and Risk Assessment for Puerto Rico, St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John. Details of questions to be included for discussion will come out of the results from DAPs and SSC documents.
- The Council/FEP-TAP Convene **group meetings** of **Municipal, State and Federal agencies, ngos, academics/scientists, tourism** that have impact on fisheries from each island: Puerto Rico, St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix.
- **Internet survey** with the same questions used in group meetings available through the Council's social media.

Important...

- Stakeholders may be subjected to over consultation and the results may not be the one expected for the FEP.
- All stakeholders approached should get regular information as to the progress of the FEP, so that they can see the positive aspect of their contributions. This may be accomplished by regular notes on the CFMC webpage and social media.



In Process...



- Finalize Conceptual Models
- Risk Assessment by SSC
- Identify Stakeholders in PR, St.Thomas/St. John and St. Croix:
 - Government agencies (local, state and federal)
 - Academics and research entities
 - NGOs
 - Other community entities (i.e., Fishers Associations)