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Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Supplemental Stakeholder Engagement Project

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Background

- In 2017, CFMC began developing a FEP for the U.S. Caribbean.
 - ❖ Pew staff met with CFMC staff and offered to support stakeholder engagement efforts.
- In 2019, the CFMC initiated the development of draft conceptual models for the FEP and engaged the DAP's and the SSC in the process.



Target Stakeholder Groups

- Coastal businesses
 - ❖ Examples: restaurants, hotels, dive shops, rental shops, scuba gear shops, fish market owners, surf shops, tour shops
- Conservation and non-governmental groups

Common thread

These groups don't often engage with the Council but have important perspectives that can inform the development of the overall conceptual model for the FEP.

Project Objectives

- Provide information on the purpose and content of a FEP and how it can inform management actions by the CFMC
- Conduct small group meetings to engage stakeholders & solicit their input on developing a conceptual model for Puerto Rico, St. Thomas/St. John, and St. Croix.
- Information from small group meetings will be summarized and shared with CFMC members, staff and stakeholders



Project Overview

- Six **virtual** listening sessions with stakeholders in Puerto Rico, St Croix and St. Thomas/ St. John.
 - ❖ One meeting for each stakeholder group on each island.
 - ❖ 5-10 participants in each session.
 - ❖ Approximately 2 hours per session.
 - ❖ Goal: Each group develops a conceptual model



Who will do this?



- Pew will engage a contractor to organize & facilitate these small group meetings.
- The facilitator will prepare a report that summarizes the input received.
- CFMC staff will participate in planning calls and in the small group meetings as co-facilitators and / or recorders.
- Pew staff will also provide support for the meetings.

Project Outcomes

- Produce a stakeholder group-specific draft conceptual model for each meeting in a consistent format.
- A presentation to the CFMC that describes how the project was executed, the composition of the stakeholder groups, and summarizing the feedback and findings from each small group meeting.

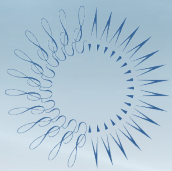


Questions & Comments

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