

SSC hybrid meeting

April 08-10, 2026

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Motions Record

List of Motions

Motion #1:

The SSC considers the assessment for SEDAR 91 U.S. Caribbean Spiny Lobster for Puerto Rico to represent the best available science.

Motion by:

Richard Appledoorn

Second by:

Juan J Cruz Motta

Votes: 9 yes; motion carries

Alternative Motion for Motion #1:



Motion #2:

The SSC finds that the results presented in the SEDAR 91 U.S. Caribbean Spiny Lobster Puerto Rico are useful for providing management advice and developing fishing level recommendations for the Council.

Motion by:

Richard Appeldoorn

Second by:

Jason Cope

Votes:

8 yes; 1 abstention; motion carries

Alternative Motion for Motion #2:

Motion #3:

The current assessment indicates that the stock is currently above target and therefore experiencing a fishing down to the MSY proxy. In addition, the new stock assessment shows an increase in the overall size of the population (i.e., a higher unfished population size), which leads to an increase in catches with all other things being equal. This increase in stock scale is greatly influenced by the final point in the new abundance indices, which adds further uncertainty in the model (as shown in the retrospective analysis). **These conditions lead to a 3-year average ABC that will exceed the proxy-MSY OFL in 2029.** Instead, the SSC recommends to use the ABC that is derived from the OFL based on the proxy-MSY (F at SPR=30%) as a constant catch value for management. Further, the SSC recommends using the 2022-2024 landings average for each fleet as the provisional landings values for 2025 and 2026.

Motion by:

Jason Cope

Second by:

Richard Appeldoorn

Votes:

8 yes; 1 abstention; motion carries

SSC Review and Decisions

	Metric Tons		Pounds	ABC Metric Tons	ABC Pounds
MSY 30% SPR	227.879		502,387	200.970	443,062
				Current ABC	376,452
				Tentative ABC based on CFMC P*	
	OFL Metric Tons	OFL StdDev	OFL Pounds	ABC Metric Tons	ABC Pounds
2027	317.666	49.9339	700,334	280.15	617,633
2028	265.257	35.2679	584,792	233.93	515,735
2029	245.844	30.3821	541,993	216.81	477,991
3-year average	276.256		609,039	243.63	537,120

Decisions for OFL and ABC

Necessary assumptions for recent landings (2025 & 2026)

$P^* = 0.45$ CFMC input for management uncertainty

$\sigma = 0.5$ SSC input scientific uncertainty



Alternative Motion for Motion #3:

Motion #4:

The SSC considers the assessment for SEDAR 84 U.S. Yellowtail Snapper for Puerto Rico to represent the best available science.

Motion by:

Richard Appeldoorn

Second by:

Skyler Sagarese

Votes:

5 yes; 3 abstained, 3 absent; motion passes

Alternative Motion for Motion #4:

Motion #5:

The SSC finds that the results presented in the SEDAR 84 U.S. Yellowtail Snapper for Puerto Rico are not at present useful for providing management advice and developing fishing level recommendations for the Council.

Motion by:

Richard Appeldoorn

Second by:

Jorge R. Garcia Sais

Votes:

7 yes; 1 abstained; 3 absent; motion passes

Alternative Motion for Motion #5:

Motion #6:

The SSC considers the assessment for SEDAR 84 U.S. Caribbean Yellowtail Snapper for St. Thomas and St. John to represent the best available science.

Motion by:

Skyler Sagarese

Second by:

Richard Appeldoorn

Votes:

7 yes; 1 no; 3 absent; motion passes

Alternative Motion for Motion #6:

Motion #7:

Given the uncertainties noted during the Review Workshop, the SSC finds that the results presented in the SEDAR 84 U.S. Yellowtail Snapper for St. Thomas/St. John are not at present useful for providing management advice and developing fishing level recommendations for the Council.

Motion by:

Skyler Sagarese

Second by:

Richard Appeldoorn

Votes:

8 yes; 3 absent; motion passes

Alternative Motion for Motion #7:

Motion #8:

The SSC considers the assessment for SEDAR 84 U.S. Stoplight Parrotfish for St. Croix to represent the best available science.

Motion by:

Skyler Sagarese

Second by:

Richard Appeldoorn

Votes:

7 yes; 1 abstain ; 3 absent; motion passes

Alternative Motion for Motion #8:

Motion #9:

The SSC finds that the results presented in the SEDAR 84 U.S. Stoplight Parrotfish for St. Croix are not at present useful for providing management advice and developing fishing level recommendations for the Council.

Motion by:

Richard Appeldoorn

Second by:

Elizabeth Kadison

Votes:

7 yes; 1 abstain ; 3 absent; motion passes

Motion #10:

The SSC endorses the recommendations made by the data and review panels and also makes the following recommendations related to SEDAR 91 and SEDAR 84.

Motion by:

Richard Appeldoorn

Second by:

Jorge Garcia Sais

Votes:

7 yes; 4 absent; motion passes

Alternative Motion for Motion #1: