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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 13822) on March 23, 2026, for further information.

The original deadline for public comments on the AMR and SeaX applications was May 22, 2026. Due to issues with the *regulations.gov* e-Portal, the AMR and SeaX application materials were unavailable for public comment for 1 business day. NOAA is therefore extending the deadline for comments to May 26, 2026, to ensure the public has the required 60 days for public comment under DSHMRA. 30 U.S.C. 1426(a)(1).

Authority: 30 U.S.C. 1426(a)(1).

Neil A. Jacobs,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council 189th Public Hybrid Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual).

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC) will hold the 189th public hybrid meeting to address the items contained in the tentative agenda included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: The 189th CFMC public hybrid meeting will be held on April 21, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., AST, and on April 22, 2026, from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. AST. The meeting will be held at The Buccaneer Hotel, 5007 Estate Shoys, Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI 00820.

ADDRESSES: You may join the 189th CFMC public hybrid meeting via Zoom, from a computer, tablet, or smartphone by entering the following address:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84328130219?pwd=65MKg0lyTe4h1Wv1fAKetKTPeDFAcx.1>
Meeting ID: 843 2813 0219.

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Join instructions <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/84328130219/invitations?signature=b92qQFAEhejZ6qk-OEv5AyZRE1oQnb3iNwa70NWCvK8>.

In case there are problems and we cannot reconnect via Zoom, the meeting will continue using GoToMeeting.

You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/971749317> (copy/paste into URL). You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 971-749-317.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 398-3717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items included in the tentative agenda will be discussed:

April 21, 2026

9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Consideration of 188th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcription
- Executive Director's Report

9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

- Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) Amendments, Actions and Priorities Update for 2026—María Lopez-Mercer, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

- Coffee Break

10:30 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

- Southeast Fishery Science Center Updates—Kevin McCarthy, Caribbean Fisheries Branch, NOAA Fisheries, SEFSC

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

- Scientific and Statistical Committee Report—Vance Vicente, Chair
- Final Recommendations of SEDAR 84 and SEDAR 91

12:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

- Lunch Break

1:30 p.m.–2:15 p.m.

- Review and Final Action for Framework Action 4 to the St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John FMPs To Revise Spiny Lobster Reference Points Based on SEDAR 91—Sarah Stephenson, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

2:15 p.m.–3 p.m.

- Revision of Accountability Measures for Pelagic Stocks—Options Paper

3 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

- Coffee Break

3:15 p.m.–4:45 p.m.

- Update on NMFS' Risk/Value Prioritization Framework for Managed Stocks—NOAA Fisheries, SEFSC
- Evaluation of Managed Stocks' Needs for Conservation and Management—Sarah Stephenson, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

4:45 p.m.–5 p.m.

- Public Comment Period (5-minute presentations)
- Adjourn for the Day

5 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

- Closed Session

April 22, 2026

—8:15 a.m.–8:45 a.m.

- New App for Fishers, Dealers and Consumers of U.S. Caribbean Seafood—J. Rivera/Cedric Taquín

8:45 a.m.–9 a.m.

- Recreational Angler Partnership Improvement Directive (RAPID)—NOAA Fisheries

9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

- Caribbean IRA-Funded Projects Update—Martha Prada, CFMC IRA Coordinator

9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

- 2026 Annual Catch Limit Monitoring Updates—Andy Strelcheck, NOAA Fisheries, SERO

9:45 a.m.–10 a.m.

- Coffee Break

10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

- Caribbean Marine Aquaculture Workshop 2026 Report—José A. Rivera, NOAA Fisheries

10:30 a.m.–11 a.m.

- Information on Permitting and Research on Fish Aggregation Devices (FADS)

11 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

- Outreach and Education Advisory Panel (OEAP) Report—Jannette Ramos, Chair
- CFMC Social Networks—Cristina Olán
- CFMC Liaison Officers Reports
- Puerto Rico—Wilson Santiago

11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

- Update Council Priorities Under E.O. 14276 Restoring America's Seafood

Competitiveness—Summary of
Comments Received

12 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

—Lunch Break

1:30 p.m.–2:15 p.m.

—District Advisory Panel Reports (15
mins each)

—St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.—Julian Magras,
Chair

—St. Croix, U.S.V.I.—Gerson Martinez,
Chair

—Puerto Rico—Nelson Crespo, Chair

2:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

—Enforcement Reports (10 minutes
each)

—Puerto Rico DNER

—U.S.V.I. DPNR

—U.S. Coast Guard

—NOAA Fisheries Office of Law
Enforcement

2:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

—Coffee Break

3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

—Advisory Bodies Membership

3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m.

—Other Business

—Update on Queen Conch Status
Review—NOAA Fisheries

—Red Snapper Aquaculture Exempted
Fishing Permit application submitted
to the South Atlantic Fishery
Management Council by Cultimar
Technologies—NOAA

3:45 p.m.–4 p.m.

—Public Comment Period (5-minute
presentations)

—Next Meetings

4 p.m.

—Adjourn

Note (1): Other than starting time and dates of the meetings, the established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. To further accommodate discussion and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice. Changes in the agenda will be posted to the CFMC website, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as practical.

Note (2): Financial disclosure forms are available for inspection at this meeting, as per 50 CFR part 601.

The order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. The meeting will begin on April 21, 2026, at 9 a.m. AST, and will end on April 22, 2026, at 4 p.m. AST. Other than the start time on the first day of the meeting,

interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated in the agenda, at the discretion of the Chair.

Special Accommodations:

For any additional information on this public virtual meeting, please contact Diana Martino, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 226–8849.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 3, 2026.

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Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion Project, Norfolk, Virginia

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to Hampton Roads Connector Partners (HRCPP) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion Project, Norfolk, Virginia.

DATES: This authorization is effective from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Pauline, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

MMPA Background and Determinations

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Among the exceptions is section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) which directs the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking by harassment of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed IHA.

Specifically, NMFS will issue an IHA if it finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least [practicable] adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to here as “mitigation”). NMFS must also prescribe requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings. The definitions of key terms, such as “take,” “harassment,” and “negligible impact,” can be found in the MMPA and the NMFS’ implementing regulations (see 16 U.S.C. 1362; 50 CFR 216.103).

On February 27, 2026, a notice of NMFS’ proposal to issue an IHA to HRCPP for take of marine mammals incidental to the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion Project, Norfolk, Virginia was published in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 9815). In that notice, NMFS indicated the estimated numbers, type, and methods of incidental take proposed for each species or stock, as well as the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting measures that would be required should the IHA be issued. The **Federal Register** notice also included analysis to support NMFS’ preliminary conclusions and determinations that the IHA, if issued, would satisfy the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for issuance of the IHA. The **Federal Register** notice included web links to a draft IHA for review, as well as other supporting documents.