

**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
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**SCOPING MEETING  
ANNUAL CATCH LIMITS (ACLs) AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES (AMs)  
MAYAGUEZ, PUERTO RICO  
MAY 4, 2009**

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

The scoping meeting was held at the Mayaguez Resort and Casino, in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and was chaired by Mr. Marcos Hanke, CFMC Member.

Mr. Miguel Rolón gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the proposed management measures for ACLs/AMs, and explaining the new requirements of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Following are the comments offered by the attendees:

**1. Nelson Crespo - Commercial Fisherman**

- **A written statement was provided and read for the record. (Attached as part of the minutes.)**

**2. Fred Lentz – Commercial Fisherman**

- **A written statement was provided and read for the record. (Attached as part of the minutes.)**

**3. Jasmin Seda - Commercial Fisher**

- **Recommends to divide ACLs by Islands (Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John)**
- **Monitoring is very important. How will it be done?**
- **The port agents should be the ones collecting the statistics from the fishermen as they used to do before. It is more effective if it is done this way.**

**4. Alexander Hernández Rodríguez – Commercial Fisherman**

- **The problem is that there is not good enforcement of the existing regulations.**
- **The recreational fishers are selling their catch to the local restaurants, and this is an illegal practice since recreationals cannot sell their catches. This hurts the commercial fishermen who depend on selling the catch to support their families.**
- **The recreational fishermen should also report their catches.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

(A copy of the tapes recorded at this meeting is available upon request to the Caribbean Fishery Management Council's office).