

**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
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**SCOPING MEETING
ANNUAL CATCH LIMITS (ACLs) AND
ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES (AMs)
ST. THOMAS, USVI
MAY 6, 2009**

SUMMARY MINUTES

The scoping meeting was held at the Fishermen's Community Center, in St. Thomas, U.S.V.I., and was chaired by Mr. Eugenio Piñeiro, CFMC Chairman.

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. Julian Magras – Chairman of the Board, St. Thomas Fishermen's Association and Commercial Fisherman**
 - **No action on all issues.**
 - **A socio-economic impact study must be done.**
 - **Completely opposed to any additional closures.**
 - **A written statement was provided and read for the record. (Attached as part of the minutes.)**

- 2. Eddie Delagarde – Office of the Delegate to Congress**
 - **A written statement was provided and read for the record. (Attached as part of the minutes.)**

- 3. Malik Sekou – Senator Sprawve Office**
 - **A written statement was provided and read for the record. (Attached as part of the minutes.)**

- 4. Senator Shawn-Michael Malone – Chairman Committee of Planning and Environmental Protection**
 - **The Senator offered his help to propose a limit on closures and to hold the document until data collection is done properly.**

- 5. Roy Otway – Fisherman**
 - **No action on all issues.**

6. Germaine & George Smith – Commercial Fishermen

- **No action on all issues.**
- **Will not stand for anymore closures.**
- **Fishermen need to feed their families.**

7. David Bryan – Commercial Fisherman

- **Other problems exist besides fishing, pollution is not being taken into account.**
- **Development, hotels, tourist industry.**
- **The problem of over zoning is also affecting the fisheries.**

8. Drew Russo – Friends of Christmas Cove

- **If fishermen would be the ones overfishing, they would be putting themselves out of business.**

9. David Olsen – St. Thomas Fishermen’s Association Scientists

- **Recommends no action to all the proposed measures.**
- **A written statement was provided and read for the record. (Attached as part of the minutes.)**

10. Kevin LaPlace – Commercial Fisherman

- **No action on all issues.**

11. David Berry – Commercial Fisherman

- **There are enough closures already.**
- **There is a need to establish quotas**
- **No more closures.**

12. Jimmy Magner – President St. Thomas Fishermen’s Association

- **No action on all issues.**

13. Ernest Quetel – Commercial Fisherman

- **Do not support closing any additional areas.**
- **Turn back all the areas for the fishermen to manage them.**
- **Fishermen should be the ones who should manage their fisheries.**

14. Patrick Greaux – Commercial Fisherman

- **No action to this document.**
- **Written statement read for the record by Julian Magras included as part of the minutes.**

Mr. Julian Magras spoke on behalf of the Governor John DeYoung and said that he will be sending a letter via email on this matter.

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).