

**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
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**PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT TO
THE US CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS (FMPS))
AND ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT CONTROL RULE
ST. THOMAS, USVI
JUNE 23, 2014**

SUMMARY MINUTES

The public hearing was held at the Windward Passage hotel, in St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. It was chaired by Mr. Carlos Farchette, Council Chairman.

Mr. Miguel A. Rolón gave a presentation (attached) on the proposed options.

Following are the comments provided:

1. Julian Magras –Commercial Fisherman. St. Thomas Fishermen Association

-Speaking on behalf of the St. Thomas Fishermen's Association, Mr. Magras agreed with alternative 3, with exceptions A, B, C, D, E. He added that there is no need to change what is in place right now.

2. Roy Pembleton –Chief, USVI Division of fish and Wildlife, DPNR

-In favor of alternative 3.

-One point of clarification regarding parrot and surgeon fish, is that he believes that there are going to be problems with the NGOs with regards to the coral reef and these fishes. This situation needs to be clarified and looked into

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.