

**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
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**SCOPING MEETING ON TIMING OF ACCOUNTABILITY
MEASURED-BASED SEASONAL CLOSURES
ST. THOMAS, USVI
JUNE 23, 2014**

SUMMARY MINUTES

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

Mrs. Kate Quigley gave a presentation (attached) on Timing of Accountability Measure-Based Seasonal Closures.

Following are the comments provided:

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

- Requested a list of all different units to determine what months they would like to have the closure.
- Not only should it be done by species but also by areas.
- Areas should be separated because of the different cultures of each island for this.
- another concern is that no study has been done on what the stock situation is, and has seen no results from the closures already made.

2. Tony Blanchard – Commercial Fisher, St. Thomas, USVI Council Member

- Second or third approach. A customized approach might be the best approach because customizing it may be like a glove to the hand. Closing the species by area and year.

3. Claude Berry – Commercial Fisher, St. Thomas, USVI

- There is no supporting data for a lot of this stuff.
- Choses approach number 3.

4. Roy Pemberton – Chief, USVI Division of Fish and Wildlife, DPNR

- A quarterly assessment to tally where the fishes are in terms of ACL should be done.
- Concerned about the data poor.
- After the first year there should be some response.

5. Mark Quetel – Commercial Fisher, St. Thomas, USVI

- Number 3 seems to be confusing. How specific will it be per species?

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