

**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 Buccaneer Hotel, in St. Croix, U.S.V.I. It was chaired by Mr. Carlos Farchette, Council Chairman.

Mr. Miguel A. Rolón gave a presentation (attached) on Timing of Accountability Measure-Based Seasonal Closures.

Following are the comments provided:

1. Tom Nolan – USVI Division of Fish and Wildlife, DPNR, St. Croix

-April or May would be a better date to close lobster, since December is the tourist season. April would be the best month.

-The model is not being explained well so people may understand it.

-Offered to have DFW work with the Council to develop better information to take to the fishers so they may understand this more, and have more and better outreach.

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