

**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
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**153<sup>rd</sup> REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAYAGUEZ HOLIDAY INN  
MAYAGUEZ, PUERTO RICO  
AUGUST 19-20, 2015  
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**August 19, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

- °Call to Order
- °Adoption of Agenda
- °Consideration of 152<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions
- °Executive Director's Report
- °SSC National Workshop Report – Dr. Richard Appeldoorn
- °Island-Based Fishery Management: Choosing Species to be Included for Federal Management Within Each Island Group

- Outcomes from the Panel of Experts and District Advisory Panel Meetings
  - Participation
  - Presentations
- Review Draft List of Species Selected for Management
  - Puerto Rico
  - St. Croix
  - St. Thomas/St. John
- Next Steps in Developing Island Based
  - Action 2 – Species Complexes
  - Action 3 – Reference Points
  - Other Needed Actions

°Comprehensive Amendment: Application of Accountability Measures in the Council Fishery Management Plans

- Review Draft Comprehensive Amendment/Select Preferred Alternative
- Final Action/Revisit Codified Text, Including:
  - Clarifying Queen Conch Minimum Size Limits
  - Addition of Accountability Measures-Based Closure Language

**----PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD----**  
(5-minutes presentations)

**5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

- °Administrative Matters
  - Budget Update FY 2015/16
  - Other Administrative Business
  - **Closed Session**

**August 20, 2015**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

° ABT Public Hearing

**10:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

°Abrir/Bajo/Tourmaline: Revision of Management Regulations in Federal Portion of Each Area

- Review Draft Amendment
- HMS input on requests from CFMC
- Discuss Outcomes of Public Hearing
- Final Action
- Review Codified Text, Including:
  - Coordinate-Based Definition of State/Federal Closure Boundaries

°Timing of Accountability Measures-Based Closures Amendment

- Review Public Hearing Draft Document/Select Preferred Alternatives
- Schedule Public Hearings; Discuss Next Steps

°Saltonstall-Kennedy Funding Program: Caribbean Projects – Dr. Bonnie Ponwith

°Outreach and Education Report – Dr. Alida Ortíz

°Enforcement Issues:

- Puerto Rico-DNER
- U.S. Virgin Islands-DPNR
- U.S. Coast Guard
- NMFS/NOAA

°Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff

**----PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD----**  
(5-minute presentations)

°Other Business

°Next Council Meeting

**NOTE (1): The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. To further accommodate discussion and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.**

**NOTE (2): Financial disclosure forms are available for inspection at this meeting, as per 50 CFR Part 601.**