

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
NOAA FISHERIES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (the Council), established by Section 302 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-265, as amended) known as the Magnuson-Stevens Act, will hold its 154th regular meeting to discuss the topics included in the agenda below.

The Council will convene on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The meetings will take place at the Conference Room of the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Hotel, in St. Thomas, USVI.

The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding the agenda items presented below. Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

December 15, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Consideration of 153rd Council Meeting Verbatim
- Executive Director's Report
- Report of Public Hearings on Timing of Accountability Measures-Based Closures Amendment
- SSC Report
- SEDAR 46 Workshop (Nov. 2015) Report
- Island Based FMP Developments Status and Next Steps
- AM-Based Season Closure Schedule for 2016
- NOAA Fisheries Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management Policy and Planning – Heather Sagar

----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**

December 16, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- Outreach and Education Report – Dr. Alida Ortíz
- MREP Update – Helena Antoun
- USVI Coral Reef Initiative – Ms. Leslie Henderson
- Coral Habitat and Queen Snapper Ecosystem – Dr. Jorge R. García-Sais
- 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 Meetings in 2016
- DAPs/SSC Meeting in March 2016

The established time 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.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or requests for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 766-5926, at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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