

**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
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**163rd REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BUCCANEER HOTEL
ST. CROIX, USVI
AUGUST 28-30, 2018**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

August 28, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- °New Council Members Oath
- °Election of New Officers
- °Call to Order
- °Adoption of Agenda
- °Consideration of 162nd Council Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions
- °Executive Director's Report
- °Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting Report – Richard Appeldoorn
- °Island-based Fishery Management Plans
 - Review of Draft Environmental Impact Statements
 - Puerto Rico
 - St. Thomas/St. John
 - St. Croix
 - Council selection of preferred alternatives
 - Council decision as to whether to take DEIS to public hearings
- °Spiny Lobster Control Rule
 - PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD----
 - (5-minute presentations)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

- ° Administrative Issues
- ° **Closed Session**

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August 29, 2018

8:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

- ° Outreach and Education Report – Alida Ortiz
- °Lionfish Project Report – Dr. J. Tookes
- °Puerto Rico Fisheries Socio-Economic Project Update – Dr. T. Seara
- °Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC)
 - Overview and Status of Working Groups
 - Proposal for a Regional Fishery Management (RFMO) – DOS
- °2018 Okeanos Expedition to PR and the USVI – Daniel Wagner

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- °Field Trip to Visit St. Croix Fishing Communities

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August 30, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

°Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

- Review and Accept Public Comment on EFP Applications
- Council Recommendations on EFP Applications

°Emergency Location and Removal of Lost Fishing Gear in Puerto Rico: Avoiding Long Term Impacts of Ghost Gear Raimundo Espinoza.

°Enforcement Issues:

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

°Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff

°Other Business

----PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD----
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°Next Meeting

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