

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The SSC meeting will be held on March 24-26, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The SSC will meet at the Caribbean Fishery Management Council headquarters, located at 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSC will meet to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

March 24-26, 2015

- ° Call to Order
- ° Selection Criteria for Exclusion/Inclusion of Species in the Island-Based FMPs
 - A. Brief Review of criteria selection – Status to date
 - B. Continuation of determining selection criteria
 - 1. Data available
 - a. Commercial Landings Data – SEFSC Update

- i. Overview of Landings Data: Species List Ranked by Poundage and Value – Puerto Rico, St. Thomas/St. John, St. Croix
- ii. Monthly landings
- iii. Spatial distribution of landings (EEZ-State)
- iv. Landings by Coast for Puerto Rico as a Proxy to Differentiate Species that Might be Restricted to the State Waters
- v. Landings by Fishing Center-Town: Puerto Rico
- b. SEFSC/DNER revision of the 2005 East Coast Correction Factor Update
- c. Recreational Landings Data – MRIP Update
 - i. Overview of Landings Data: Species List Ranked by Poundage.
 - ii. Spatial distribution of recreational landings
 - iii. Recommendation to CFMC

2. District Advisory Panels Reports

- New ABC control rule dealing with data poor stocks.
- FMUs ACL Overages – SERO Update
 - Accountability Measures
- Red Hind Data Review to develop a separate ACL for red hind
 - 1. Data review SEFSC
 - 2. Recommendation to CFMC
- National SSC V (February 23-25, 2015): Report
- Discussion of 5-year Research Plan
- Federal Permits Options Paper
- Other Business

The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/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, telephone (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 26, 2015.

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