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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XD955**

#### Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's (Council) Panel of Experts will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on June 16-18, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the CFMC Headquarters, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918, telephone: (787) 766-5926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Panel of Experts will meet to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

#### Tuesday, June 16, 2015

9 a.m.-9:20 a.m.: Call to Order

9:20 a.m.-9:30 a.m.: Adoption of Agenda

9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.: Charge from Council: Developing a Draft List of Species to Manage Using Criteria Defined in Action 1 alternatives

10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Review of National Standards Guidelines on General Factors to Consider when Determining if a Fishery Needs Management

10:30 a.m.-noon: Species Selection for the Island Base FMPs Management Units (Puerto Rico)

Noon-1:30 p.m.: Lunch

1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.: Species Selection for the Island Base FMPs Management Units (Puerto Rico)

#### Wednesday, June 17, 2015

9 a.m.-noon: Species Selection for the Island Base FMPs Management Units (Puerto Rico)

Noon-1:30 p.m.: Lunch

1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.: Species Selection for the Island Base FMPs Management Units (Puerto Rico)

#### Thursday, June 18, 2015

9 a.m.-noon: Species Selection for the Island Base FMPs Management Units (St. Thomas/St. John)

Noon-1:30 p.m.: Lunch

1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.: Species Selection for the Island Base FMPs Management Units (St. Croix)

—Other Business

—Adjourn

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.

The meeting is 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 agenda issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be subjects for formal action during the meeting. Actions 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 that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request 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, telephone (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 29, 2015.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. This Exempted Fishing Permit would allow four commercial fishing vessels to fish outside of the limited access sea scallop regulations in support of bycatch reduction research.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed Exempted Fishing Permits.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 18, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line "DA15-036 CFF Dredge Speed on Bycatch Reduction Study EFP."

- *Mail:* John K. Bullard, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "DA15-036 CFF Dredge Speed on Bycatch Reduction Study EFP."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shannah Jaburek, Fisheries Management Specialist, 978-282-8456.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA awarded the Coonamesset Farm Foundation (CFF) a grant through the 2015 Atlantic sea scallop research set-aside program, in support of a project titled, "Determination of the Impacts of Dredge Speed on Bycatch Reduction and Scallop Selectivity."

CFF submitted a complete application for an EFP on March 30, 2015. The project would look at how high towing speeds using the Turtle Deflector Dredge (TDD) impact scallop catch per unit of