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—Recommendations to CFMC Regarding the Variables Affecting ACLs and Suggested Course of Actions

October 31, 2012

—Recommendations to CFMC Regarding 5-year Priority Research Needs

November 1, 2012

—Recommendations to CFMC Regarding 5-year Priority Research Needs (Continuation)
—Queen Conch Listing Update
—Other Business
—Adjourn

The SSC will convene on October 30th, 31st and November 1st, 2012, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., to discuss several issues related to the catch limits (ACLs). At the 143rd CFMC, it was reported that some ACLs are expected to be overrun in the US Caribbean.

The final Rule triggers accountability measures (AMs) if an ACL has been exceeded based on a moving multi-year average of landings. If the ACL for a species or species group is exceeded, the fishing season for the affected species will be reduced. The AM will be triggered unless NMFS SEFSC, in consultation with the CFMC and its SSC determine the ACL was exceeded because of enhanced data collection and monitoring efforts instead of an increase in total catch of the species or species group.

The SSC was charged with the determination of whether the numbers provided are a result of better data gathering or “real” overrun of the ACLs.

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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.

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Dated: September 28, 2012.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC); 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) Outreach and Education Advisory Panel (OEAP) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The OEAP meeting will be held on October 30, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Verdanza Hotel, 8020 Tartak St., Isla Verde, Puerto Rico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1920, telephone: (787) 766–5926.

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

- Call to order
- OEAP President report
 - 143rd CFMC meeting
 - 2013 Calendar subgroup meeting
- Status of Outreach and Education Strategic Plan
 - Recommendations received
 - O & E Proposals received (USVI, UPRSG)

—Ongoing activities

- 2013 Calendar
- Newsletter
- Web page
- Fact Sheets
- CFMC brochure

—Other Business

—Next OEAP meeting

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Migratory Bird Conservation; Executive Order 13186

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the final signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and