

request, the SEFSC has developed a sampling procedure which will require additional commercial trip interview with fishers in the Caribbean. This data collection is authorized under 50 CFR part 622.5.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: October 18, 2016.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XE947**

#### 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 meet in Puerto Rico.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 17, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at CFMC Office, 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 OEAP will meet to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- OEAP Chairperson's Report
  - Status of:

- Responsible Seafood Consumption Campaign
- CFMC Report 157th Regular Meeting
- 2017 Calendar
- *Fuete y Verguilla* Issue Celebrating 40 Year of the Magnusson Stevens Act and the CFMC
- Caribbean Fishery App
- USVI Activities
- Social Media for Council Communications with Stakeholders
- PEPCO
- MREP Caribbean
- Island-Based Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs)
- Other Business

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.

#### Special Accommodations

This 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: October 19, 2016.

**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

**RIN 0648-XE971**

#### Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of scoping meetings on Federal permits to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper (Snapper Unit 2) from Puerto Rico EEZ waters.

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council is considering establishing federal permits to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper (Snapper Unit 2) from Puerto Rico EEZ waters and is conducting scoping

meetings to obtain public comments regarding this matter.

#### Dates and Addresses

November 14, 2016, 7 p.m.–10 p.m.—  
Corporación de Pescadores Unidos,  
Playa Húcares, Sector El Morillo, Carr.  
#3 Km. 65.9, Naguabo, Puerto Rico;  
November 15, 2016, 7 p.m.–10 p.m.—  
Mayagüez Holiday Inn, 2701 Hostos  
Avenue, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 766-5926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The goal of these scoping meetings is to allow the public to comment on the options listed below and to provide alternative options not yet considered by the Council and NMFS, on federal permits to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper (Snapper Unit 2) from Puerto Rico EEZ waters.

#### Actions and Alternatives

**Action 1:** Establish a commercial permit to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper (Snapper Unit 2 [SU2]) from the Puerto Rico exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**Option 1 (No Action):** Do not require a commercial permit for harvest of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ.

**Option 2:** Require a commercial permit for harvest of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ. If Option 2 is selected, the Council must also select Option 3, 4, or 5.

**Sub-option A:** Establish an open access commercial permit for harvest of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ, with no limit on the number of permits that may be issued.

**Sub-option B:** Establish a limited entry commercial permit for harvest of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ in which, following some period of eligibility, no new permits would be issued. If this sub-option is chosen, guidelines for transferring permits would need to be established.

**Option 3:** Recognize the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (PRDNER) commercial queen snapper and cardinal snapper harvest permit as the required commercial permit for harvest of queen snapper and cardinal snapper in the Puerto Rico EEZ.

**Option 4:** Require a federal permit as the required commercial permit for harvest of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ.

*Sub-option A:* The required federal permit would be assigned to the individual fisher or to their business, and therefore valid regardless of the vessel from which the fisher is operating.

*Sub-option B:* The required federal permit would be assigned to a vessel and therefore valid for all licensed fishers operating from that vessel.

*Option 5:* Require either the Puerto Rico commercial queen snapper and cardinal snapper harvest permit, or a separate federal commercial SU2 harvest permit, for commercial harvest of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ.

*Action 2:* Permit eligibility.

*Option 1 (No Action):* Do not establish eligibility requirements for obtaining a commercial permit to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ.

*Option 2:* Require the applicant for a commercial permit to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ to hold a valid commercial license to fish in the U.S. EEZ.

*Option 3:* Require the applicant for a commercial permit to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ to provide proof of previous queen snapper or cardinal snapper harvest activity during a specific period of time.

*Sub-option A:* Use the most recent three years of reported commercial landings of queen snapper and/or cardinal snapper to determine eligibility.

*Sub-option B:* Require the fisher to provide evidence of commercial queen snapper and/or cardinal snapper landings for at least three of the most recent five years for which landings data are available.

*Sub-option C:* Other.

*Option 4:* Require the applicant for a commercial permit to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ to provide proof of average annual landings of queen snapper and cardinal snapper during the specific period of time identified in Option 3.<sup>1</sup>

*Sub-option A:* Minimum reported average annual landings of x pounds whole weight.

*Sub-option B:* Minimum reported average annual landings of y pounds whole weight.

*Sub-option C:* Minimum reported average annual landings of z pounds whole weight.

*Option 5:* Other/Alternate Eligibility Requirements?

*Action 3:* Allowable gear.

*Option 1 (No Action):* Do not define allowable gear for commercial harvest of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from Puerto Rico EEZ waters.

*Option 2:* Define the allowable gear for commercial harvest of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from Puerto Rico EEZ waters.

*Sub-option A:* Manual hook-and-line (no power retrieval).

*Sub-option B:* Bandit gear.

*Sub-option C:* Other.

*Action 4:* Allowable number of fishing trips.

*Option 1 (No Action):* Do not specify a maximum number of allowable fishing trips per year for commercial harvest of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ.

*Option 2:* Specify a maximum number of allowable fishing trips per year for commercial harvest of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ.

*Sub-option A:* x trips.

*Sub-option B:* y trips.

*Sub-option C:* z trips.

*Sub-option D:* Other.

*Action 5:* Commercial trip limits.

*Option 1 (No Action):* Do not specify a commercial trip limit for queen snapper and cardinal snapper harvested from the Puerto Rico EEZ.

*Option 2:* Specify a commercial trip limit (in pounds) for queen snapper and cardinal snapper harvested from the Puerto Rico EEZ.

*Sub-option A:* x pounds whole weight.

*Sub-option B:* y pounds whole weight.

*Sub-option C:* z pounds whole weight.

*Sub-option D:* Other.

*Action 6:* \* Reporting method for fishers commercially permitted to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ.

*Option 1 (No Action):* Do not establish a method to report landings of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ. PRDNER requires commercial catch reporting forms be used to report commercial harvest of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from Puerto Rico territorial and EEZ waters. Forms can be submitted in-person, by fax, or by email.

*Option 2:* Require permitted commercial fishers to report landings of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ using a form specifically designed for this purpose. Forms can be submitted in-person, by fax, or by email.

*Option 3:* Require fishers to record and report landings of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ using an electronic methodology. Forms will be submitted

electronically via a pre-established communications conduit.

*Option 4:* Allow fishers reporting landings of queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ to choose between the PRDNER commercial catch reporting form or an electronic reporting method.

\* *Note*—Fishers permitted to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ, who also harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper from territorial waters, would be required to report landings from both areas.

*Action 7:* Frequency of reporting for fishers permitted to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper from Puerto Rico EEZ waters.

*Option 1 (No Action):* Do not specify a frequency for submitting landings reports of queen snapper and cardinal snapper. Puerto Rico requires that fishers submit landings reports of commercially harvested queen snapper and cardinal snapper from territorial waters within 60 days of the fishing activity.

*Option 2:* Require fishers permitted to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ to submit landings reports daily, regardless of fishing activity or lack thereof.

*Option 3:* Require fishers permitted to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ to submit landings reports within 24 hours following completion of a fishing trip for which queen snapper and cardinal snapper were harvested from the Puerto Rico EEZ.

*Option 4:* Require fishers permitted to harvest queen snapper and cardinal snapper from the Puerto Rico EEZ to submit landings reports weekly, regardless of fishing activity or lack thereof.

*Option 5:* Other?

Copy of the Scoping Document can be found at the Caribbean Council Web site at [caribbeanfmc.com](http://caribbeanfmc.com).

Written comments can be sent to the Council not later than November 30, 2016, by regular mail to the address below, or via email to [graciela\\_cfm@yahoo.com](mailto:graciela_cfm@yahoo.com)

### Special Accommodations

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<sup>1</sup> Choosing Option 4 assumes that Option 3 was first chosen.

Dated: October 19, 2016.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC's) *Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass* Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting via Webinar, jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC's) *Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass* Advisory Panel.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016, to view the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place via Webinar with a telephone-only connection option. The Webinar can be accessed, at [http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/scup\\_quota\\_ap/](http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/scup_quota_ap/). To access via telephone, dial 1-800-832-0736 and use room number 5068871.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their Web site, at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Agenda**

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's *Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass* Advisory Panel, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Advisory Panel, will meet on Monday, November 14, 2016, via Webinar (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential changes to the dates of the three commercial quota periods for

the *Scup* fishery. The three quota periods are each allocated a different percentage of the annual commercial quota and different possession limits are in effect during each period. The Council is considering initiating a framework adjustment, or other management action, to modify the dates of these quota periods, based on past requests from Advisory Panel members. During this meeting, advisors will review a preliminary analysis of the potential impacts of modifying the quota period dates, will review recommendations from the Monitoring Committee, and will have an opportunity to provide the Council with additional input on a potential management action to modify these dates.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on the Council's Web site, at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org), prior to the meeting.

#### **Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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*Acting 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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#### Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 51 Stock Identification (ID) webinar for Gray Snapper.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 51 assessment of the Gray Snapper will consist of a data workshop, a review workshop, and a series of assessment webinars.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 51 Stock ID webinar will be held November 14, 2016, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

#### **ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

*SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; telephone: (843) 571-4366; email: [Julie.neer@safmc.net](mailto:Julie.neer@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Stock ID webinars are as follows: