

Internal Communications and Mechanisms by NOAA Fisheries for US Caribbean Fisheries Efforts

Summary

A primary goal of the Southeast Fisheries Science Center's (SEFSC) Caribbean Strategic Planning project is to improve communication of knowledge to better engage stakeholders in fisheries management processes. The first step in accomplishing that goal is to discover and inventory all known communication mechanisms between the commercial and recreational fishing communities and managers, within agencies, and between external stakeholders and managers engaged in fisheries management in the US Caribbean. A working group was established to define all organizations in outreach and education on fisheries in the US Caribbean, identify the different sources and mechanisms of communication available, and develop an infographic explaining outreach and education methods used by the organizations. This document contains the internal communications and mechanisms used by NOAA Fisheries for US Caribbean fisheries efforts.



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All Hands Annual Meeting: SEFSC and SERO

The purpose of this annual meeting is for NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office (SERO) and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) to speak directly about the goals for the region and plans for forward progress. This meeting is hosted by SERO Regional Administrator, [Andy Strelcheck - NOAA Federal](#) , and SEFSC Director,

[Clay Porch - NOAA Federal](#) . Meeting attendees include all staff at SERO and SEFSC. This meeting is not open to the general public.

All Hands Biweekly Meeting: SEFSC

The purpose of this biweekly meeting is to provide general information that pertains to contractor task orders, contractual operations, employee relations, facilities management, communications, and directorate remarks of SEFSC. This meeting is hosted by the SEFSC Directorate nmfs.sefsc.dir@noaa.gov . Meeting attendees include all staff from SEFSC including federal staff, contractors, volunteers, and Cooperative Institute employees. This meeting is not open to the general public.

Caribbean Seminar Series

The purpose of this monthly seminar is for NOAA Fisheries staff and regional partners to showcase recent and ongoing Caribbean fisheries and ecological research. Seminars are hosted by SEFSC Caribbean Fisheries Branch Chief, [Kevin McCarthy - NOAA Federal](#) , and University of Miami's Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies Associate, [Rachel Banton - NOAA Affiliate](#) . Seminar attendees include fisheries management bodies, territorial governments, university researchers, and NOAA Fisheries staff that operate in the US Caribbean. This seminar is not open to the general public.

Caribbean Fishery Management Council Triannual Meeting

The purpose of this triannual meeting is for the Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC) to receive updates on the progress of current stock assessments, amendments to fishery management plans or catch limits, and ongoing Caribbean fisheries and ecological research to discuss, vote, and create management plans for fishery resources in the US Caribbean Exclusive Economic Zone off Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. This meeting is hosted by the CFMC Executive Director, miguel_rolon_cfmc@yahoo.com . Meeting attendees include fishery management bodies, NOAA fisheries staff, territorial governments, university researchers, fishers, and other stakeholders. This meeting is open to the public; information to attend the meeting in person or virtually can be found in the Federal Register.

Cross-agency Caribbean Updates Monthly Meeting

The purpose of this monthly meeting is to provide concise updates to foster collaboration, prevent duplication of efforts, and leverage opportunities to advance federal fisheries science

and management in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. This meeting is hosted by the SEFSC Caribbean Fisheries Branch nmfs.sefsc.sfd.caribbean@noaa.gov. Meeting attendees include the CFMC, SERO, Office of General Counsel, and SEFSC staff who contribute to advancing fisheries science and management in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. This meeting is not open to the general public.

Ecosystem Based Fishery Management TAP Meeting

The purpose of this occasional meeting is to share updates on the progress of developing and implementing Ecosystem Based Fishery Management plans in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. This meeting is hosted by the Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Technical Advisory Panel Chair, sennai.habtes@dpr.vi.gov. Meeting attendees include fishery management bodies, NOAA fisheries staff, territorial governments, university researchers, fishers, and other stakeholders. This meeting is open to the public; information to attend the meeting in person or virtually can be found in the Federal Register.

NOAA In the Caribbean Community Group Bimonthly Meeting

The purpose of this bimonthly meeting is to improve engagement, communication, coordination, and collaboration between NOAA and partners working in the Caribbean to more effectively and efficiently deliver services. Specifically, these meetings allow for the identification of local and regional needs and opportunities, advancement of collaboration across NOAA and Caribbean partners, and maintaining of relationships and shared resources. This meeting is hosted by NOAA in the Caribbean Chair, [Lisamarie Carrubba - NOAA Federal](#). Meeting attendees include the Caribbean Fishery Management Council, Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute, territorial governments, Sea Grant, university researchers, NOAA and NOAA Fisheries staff, and other stakeholders. This meeting is open to the public; if interested in registering or receiving information, indicate which notifications you would like to receive using this [form](#).

NOAA In the Caribbean Partner Annual Meeting

The purpose of this annual meeting is to share updates from NOAA and partners on activities and projects taking place in the Caribbean region, identify opportunities for new partnerships and continue engagement with partners, and make space for dialogue on issues of critical importance to the region. This meeting is hosted by NOAA in the Caribbean Chair, [Lisamarie Carrubba - NOAA Federal](#). Meeting attendees include Caribbean Fishery Management Council, Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute, territorial governments, Sea Grant, university researchers, NOAA and NOAA Fisheries staff, and other stakeholders. This meeting is open to the public; if interested in registering or receiving information, indicate which notifications you would like to receive using this [form](#).