

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

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on August 17–19, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Council Office: 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, 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 Caribbean Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a three-day meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Island Based Fishery Management Plans (IBFMPs)
  - Review Goals and Objectives of the IBFMPs
- Finalize Action 1: Species to include for federal management in each IBFMP
- Recommendations to the Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC)
- Review/Finalize Action 2: Review Consolidated List of Stocks and Stock Complexes/Species Complexes—NMFS Southeast Regional Office (SERO) Update
- Recommendations to CFMC
- Review Action 3: Reference Points
- Update SEDAR 46 US Caribbean Data Limited Species—Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC)
- Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule Work Group Report
- Brief review of ABC Control Rule
- Examples of ABC Control Rules: South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, Western Pacific Councils
- Discussion on tiers ABC Control Rule
- Evaluation of components of uncertainty
- Potential guidance coming out of data poor models (Overfishing Limit (OFL) and ABC advice)
- Review U.S. Caribbean landings data (commercial and recreational) for entire historical series
- Recommendations to the SSC from the ABC Working Group
- Recommendations to the CFMC on ABC Control Rule
- Consider Action 4: Framework Procedures for the IBFMP
- Finalize 5-year CFMC—Other Business

### 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, 00918–1903, telephone (787) 766–5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 19, 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### International Whaling Commission; 66th Meeting; Announcement of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the date, time, and location of the public meeting to be held prior to the 66th International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held October 3, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held in the NOAA Science Center Room, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jordan Carduner at [jordan.carduner@noaa.gov](mailto:jordan.carduner@noaa.gov) or 301–427–8483.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of Commerce is responsible for discharging the domestic obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. IWC Commissioner has responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. The U.S. IWC Commissioner is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and other U.S. Government agencies.

A draft agenda for the upcoming IWC meeting will be posted on the IWC Secretariat's Web site at <http://www.iwc.int>.

NOAA will hold a public meeting to discuss the tentative U.S. positions for the October 2016 IWC meeting in Slovenia. Because the NOAA public meeting will address U.S. positions, the substance of the meeting must be kept confidential. Any U.S. citizen with an identifiable interest in U.S. whale conservation policy may participate, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interests of any person who appears at the meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation. In particular, persons who represent foreign interests may not attend. Persons deemed by NOAA to be ineligible to attend will be asked to leave the meeting. These stringent measures are necessary to protect the confidentiality of U.S. negotiating positions.

The October 3, 2016, meeting will be held in the NOAA Science Center Room, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Photo identification is required to enter the building.

### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jordan Carduner, [jordan.carduner@noaa.gov](mailto:jordan.carduner@noaa.gov) or 301–427–8483, by September 19, 2016.

Dated: July 19, 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648–XE748**

#### 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 ABC Control Rule Group will hold a two-day meeting.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on August 15 and 16, 2016.