

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council's Outreach and Education Advisory Panel; Public Hybrid 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 (CFMC) Outreach and Education Advisory Panel (OEAP) will hold a public hybrid meeting to address the items contained in the tentative agenda included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: The OEAP public hybrid meeting will be held on June 24, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Caribbean Fishery Management Council's office, at 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918.

You may join the OEAP public hybrid meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone by visiting the following addresses:

Topic: OEAP Meeting June 2026.

Time: Jun 24, 2026 09:30 a.m., EST (Puerto Rico).

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84737237065?pwd=7yNUkfjZKald2gJSrV08No8D56wkUQ.1>.

Meeting chat link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/launch/jc/84737237065>.

Meeting ID: 847 3723 7065.

Passcode: 071548.

OEAP Meeting

June 24, 2026, 9:30 a.m. EST (Puerto Rico)

In case there are problems and we cannot reconnect via zoom, the meeting will continue using GoToMeeting.

You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/169353053>.

You can also dial in using your phone.

Access Code: 169–353–053.

United States: +1 (646) 749–3122.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Miguel Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401,

San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 398–3717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items included in the tentative agenda will be discussed:

June 24, 2026

9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

—Call to Order

—Adoption of Agenda

9:45 a.m.–10 a.m.

—Chair Report—Jannette Ramos

10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

—AP Members Share (15 mins. each)

—South Atlantic Fishery Management

Council—Nick Smiley

—Gulf of Mexico Fishery

Management Council—Emily

Muehlstein

10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

—Break

10:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

—Liaison Reports (15 mins. each)

—Puerto Rico Liaison Officer—

Wilson Santiago Soler

—St. Croix, U.S.V.I. Liaison Officer—

Olivia Walton

11:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

—Social Media Report—Cristina Olan

11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

—Review of Outreach Material

Proposals and Updates

12 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

—Lunch Break

1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

—Continue Review of Outreach Material

Proposals and Updates

2:30 p.m.–3 p.m.

—Outreach Events and Community Participation

—Educational and Outreach Materials for Schools

—Future Educational Initiatives

3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

—OEAP Members Comments and

Recommendations

—Public Comment Period

—Other Business

—Adjourn

The order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. The meeting will begin on June 24, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. EST, and will end on June 24, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. EST. Other than the start time, interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated, at the discretion of the chair.

Special Accommodations

For any additional information on this public virtual meeting, please contact Diana Martino, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 226–8849.

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

Dated: May 20, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XF786]

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 (EFP) application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The EFP would allow federally permitted fishing vessels to fish outside fishery regulations in support of exempted fishing activities proposed by Coonamesett Farm Foundation (CFF). 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 EFPs.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 8, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by email: nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line “Great South Channel Habitat Management Area Surfclam Compensation Fishing EFP.” All comments received are a part of the public record and may be posted for public viewing without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by

the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “anonymous” as the signature if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Ford, Fisheries Management Specialist, *christine.ford@noaa.gov*, 978–281–9185.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant submitted a complete

application for an EFP to conduct commercial fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict. This EFP would exempt the participating vessels from the following Federal regulations:

TABLE 1—REQUESTED EXEMPTIONS

CFR citation	Regulation	Need for exemption
50 CFR 648.370(h) ..	Habitat Management Areas prohibition on using bottom-tending mobile gear.	To conduct compensation fishing with hydraulic clam dredges.

TABLE 2—PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title	Compensation Fishing in Support of Great South Channel Habitat Management Area Study Phase II: An Acoustic Mapping Survey of Davis Bank East.
Project start	07/15/2026.
Project end	09/30/2026.
Project objectives	Compensation surfclam fishing to fund a habitat mapping project using multibeam sonar and drop cameras.
Project location	Great South Channel Habitat Management Area (GSC HMA): Davis Bank East (DBE), and Rose and Crown (RC).
Number of vessels	4.
Number of trips	Up to 64.
Trip duration (days)	1–2.
Total number of days	Up to 128.
Gear type(s)	Hydraulic clam dredge.
Number of tows or sets	30 per trip.
Duration of tows or sets	5–20 minutes.

Project Narrative

The original EFP in support of this project was issued May 24, 2024, authorizing 260 compensation fishing trips to harvest surfclams from the DBE for the purpose of generating funds for acoustic and visual DBE habitat surveys (Letter of Acknowledgement #24028 issued May 7, 2025). This was later expanded to include compensation fishing in the RC, and the EFP was extended through March 31, 2026, due to poor DBE harvest. On March 3, 2026, the applicant requested an additional 90 compensation fishing trips and another extension. The applicant stated that additional trips and time were needed to generate the funds needed to conduct the final acoustic survey (Letter of Acknowledgement #26040 issued April 17, 2026). On April 24, 2026, a minor EFP extension and expansion was issued, adding 26 trips (a 10-percent increase of the original 260 permitted trips) to the EFP, and extending the EFP out to July 15, 2026.

This EFP would authorize the harvest of surfclams from two areas closed to hydraulic clam dredges for the purpose of generating funds for the above-mentioned habitat survey and final project report. Four commercial surfclam vessels would take up to 64 total trips into either the eastern portion of DBE or into the RC, defined by these coordinates:

DBE

Latitude	Longitude
41.325° N	69.558° W
41.238° N	69.539° W
41.238° N	69.508° W
41.3° N	69.508° W
41.325° N	69.531° W

RC

Latitude	Longitude
41.19996° N	69.70669° W
41.22955° N	69.6906° W
41.27988° N	69.71163° W
41.27766° N	69.62776° W
41.23004° N	69.60022° W
41.21001° N	69.58873° W
41.19856° N	69.59788° W
41.19996° N	69.70669° W

The vessels would use 48-inch-wide hydraulic surfclam dredges that would be towed between 2 to 3 knots for 5–20 minutes per tow with a trip limit of 14 cages. Approximately 30 tows would be conducted per trip. A CFF scientist would be onboard 20 percent of trips to collect surfclam catch per unit effort and catch composition data. The vessel owners have committed 15 percent of the value of each trip to cover the full cost of the research trips and data analysis. At an estimated \$30 per bushel ex-vessel value, this will just cover the total research budget of roughly \$505,000. The participating vessel

owners have agreed to make up the difference if the price falls below \$30 per bushel.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: May 20, 2026.

David R. Blankinship,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”), this notice announces that the