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Caribbean Amendments and Actions Status August 2025

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Amendment/Action	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr CFMC	May	Jun	Jul	Aug CFMC	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec CFMC
Amendment 2 to all FMPs: Trawl, Net Gear, and Descending Devices	Final Rule Pending Approval and Publication											
Amendment 3 to all FMPs: Management Measures for Dolphin & Wahoo	Final Rule					Final Rule Published	Final Rule Effective					
Framework 3 to Puerto Rico FMP: SEDAR 80 Queen Triggerfish	Final Rule Pending Approval and Publication					Final Rule Published	Final Rule Effective					
Framework 3 to USVI FMPs: SEDAR 80 Queen Triggerfish	Finalize action		CFMC Submit to NMFS	Proposed Rule Under Review								
Amendment 4 to Puerto Rico FMP: Reclassify Rainbow Runner as Pelagic	Finalize amendment			Final Action	CFMC Submits to NMFS	Proposed Rule Under Development						

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Actions to take when Pelagic AMs are triggered <i>(2025 PRIORITY)</i>	Information Gathering							Options Paper				
Revision of Accountability Measures for Spiny Lobster <i>(2025 PRIORITY)</i>	Information Gathering							Discussion				
*Revision of Catch Limits for Species with Enhanced Reporting				CFMC to consider as a 2025 priority vs 2026	Matrix development			Matrix Presentation				
Status of Species with Prohibited Harvest (updating SYLs and considering EC species – corals, sea cucumbers, sea urchins, other fish)				Shift to Species Review	Matrix development							

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2025 ACL Monitoring for Puerto Rico and Overfishing Determination	No action			No action	No action	Other NMFS action	Other NMFS action	Council action/decision (Update)				
SEDAR 84 - Yellowtail snapper in PR and STT/STJ and Stoplight Parrotfish STX	No action			Other NMFS action	Other NMFS action	Other NMFS action	Review Wkshp	No action			AP process (SSC Review)	Council action/decision (Discussion)
SEDAR 91 - Spiny Lobster PR, STT/STJ, STX	Data Wkshp	No action	No action	Other NMFS action	Other NMFS action	Other NMFS action	Other NMFS action	Other NMFS action	AP process (SSC Review)			Council action/decision (Discussion)
USVI Compatibility of Regulations with EEZ	No action	No action	No action	No action	No action	No action	No action	No action				

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Federal Permits Management (First presentation in Dec 2023)	Information gathering/ Development of Presentation			Tabled	No action			No action				
Response to STFA Questions regarding Grammanik Bank Management	Information gathering/ Development of Document			Tabled	No action			No action				