



Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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Opportunity for Public Comment on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Actions to Establish Annual Catch Limits in the U.S. Caribbean

Comment Period Ends September 7, 2010

NOAA Fisheries Service is seeking public comment on the draft environmental impact statement for Amendment 2 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Queen Conch Fishery of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and Amendment 5 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This amendment, if implemented through rulemaking, would: 1) Modify the snapper and grouper fishery management units; 2) revise management reference points and status determination criteria for Caribbean queen conch, parrotfish, snapper, and grouper; 3) establish island-specific annual catch limits; 4) specify accountability measures and framework measures; and, 5) implement management measures to constrain recreational harvest and the harvest of certain parrotfish species (specifically midnight, rainbow, and blue parrotfish).

Request for Comments

Written comments on this DEIS must be received no later than September 7, 2010, in order to be considered by NOAA Fisheries Service. See the **Addresses** section for information on where and how to submit comments.

Addresses

Electronic copies of Amendment 2 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Queen Conch Fishery of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and Amendment 5 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgins Islands may be obtained from the e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Caribbean Fishery Management Council's Web site at <http://www.caribbeanfmc.com>, or:

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You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Electronic Submissions: Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NOAA Fisheries Service will accept anonymous comments. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only. Comments received through means not specified in this bulletin or the proposed rule may not be considered.
- Mail: Dr. William S. Arnold
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