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U.S. Caribbean Island-Based Fisheries Management

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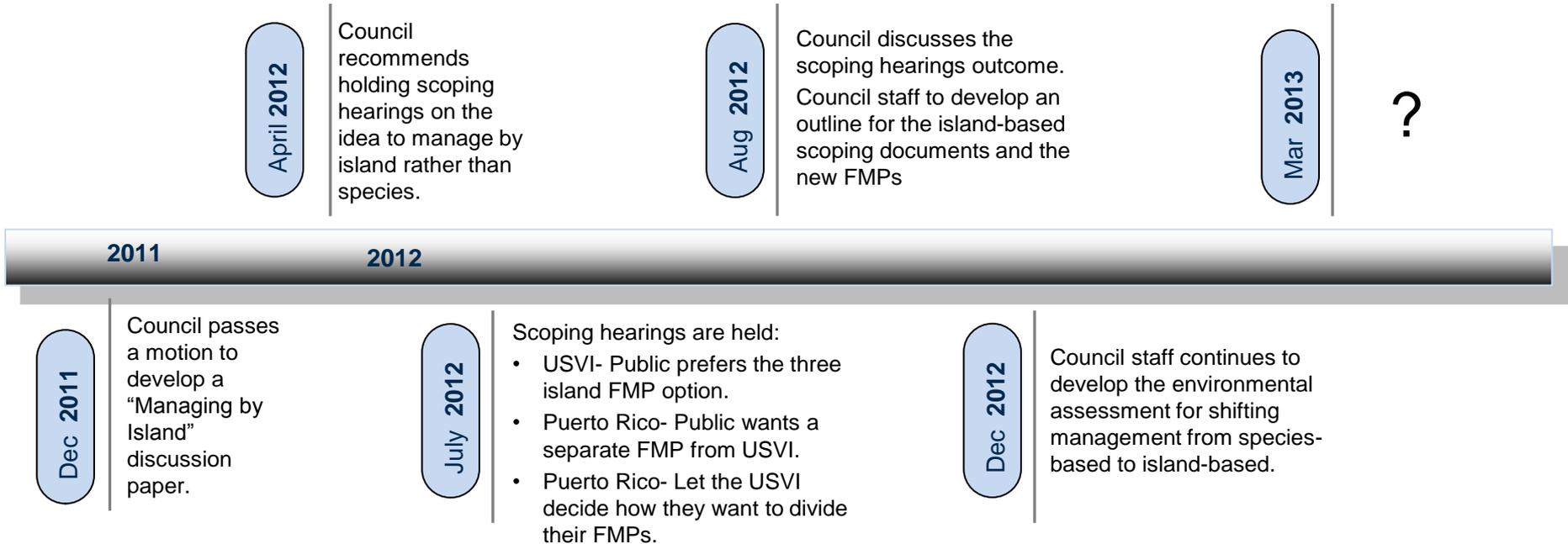
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Timeline of recent island-based actions.





Proposed Steps for Developing Island-Based Fishery Management Plans (FMPs)

1. Develop the Environmental Assessment regarding the shift from species-based to island-based management – Completed.
2. Initiate the NEPA process associated with the development of new island-based FMPs.
3. Develop draft island-based FMPs based on Council recommendation.



Environmental Assessment (EA)

- The EA will analyzed the management shift from species-based to island-based FMPs.
- The EA is the first step in modifying fisheries management in the U.S. Caribbean EEZ.



Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

- Will describe and analyze the process of establishing each new island-based FMP.
- Will analyze the impact to the human environment of possible changes to extant fishery regulations when developing the new island FMPs (e.g., addition or removal of fishery management units).



Actions Included in the Draft Island-Base Scoping Documents

- Establish the fishery management units for the island FMPs.
- Revise the species composition of the new island FMPs.
- Establish management reference points (SDC, MSY, ABC, and ACL) if new species are added to the island FMPs.
- Modify or establish additional management measures.



Questions?