

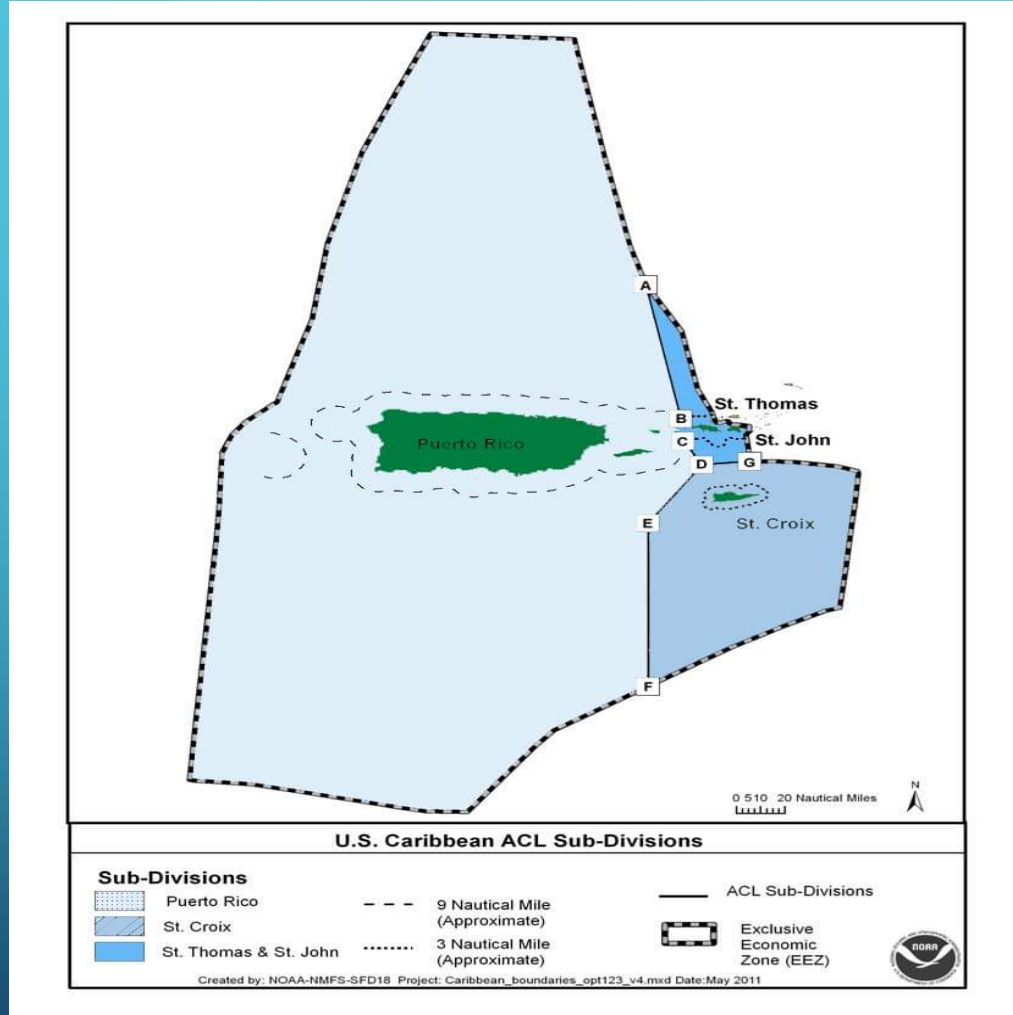
CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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WHERE WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Caribbean Fishery Management Council, headquartered in San Juan, Puerto Rico, is responsible for the creation of management plans for fishery resources (FMPs) in the US Caribbean Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off Puerto Rico (PR) and the the United States Virgin Islands (USVI). The CFMC jurisdiction area extends from nine nautical miles off the state waters of Puerto Rico, and three nautical miles off the territorial waters off the U.S. Virgin Islands (St. Thomas/St. John, and St. Croix). For more information, visit <https://caribbeanfmc.com/>.

1. Over what time frame does your council set priorities (e.g., is it undertaken annually or on a rolling basis)?

Annually or as needed.

2. What factors inform your priority setting process (e.g., linkages to 5 year budget planning cycle, FMP specific priorities, recurring and/or required actions like ACLs)?

We plan based on the five year cycle and the schedule CFMC and SERO develop to prepare and implement the FMPs and amendments.

3. How do you determine the amount of work that is reasonable for the council to undertake in a set period of time?

We have an interdisciplinary plan team that includes staff from SERO and NMFS as well as the Caribbean Branch of Office of SERO that prepare the schedule for the work to be done. This is submitted to the CFMC for approval on a yearly basis or as needed.

4. How do you determine what makes the list? How do you keep track of actions or initiatives that are not selected as short-term priorities?

Same mechanisms as the previous question.

GREETINGS FROM OUR FAMILY AT PUERTO REAL FISHERY VILLAGE IN CABO ROJO, PUERTO RICO

