

Annotated Agenda
MAFAC Meeting – San Juan, Puerto Rico
May 10-12, 2022

1. Title of Discussion: Recreational Fisheries Update

2. Presenter: Russell Dunn
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3. Objective/Purpose

Provide an overview of the 2022 Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit and other activities.

4. Background/Synopsis

NOAA Fisheries is committed to supporting sustainable recreational/non-commercial fisheries for the benefit of the nation, including the marine and estuarine habitats on which these fisheries depend.

To help guide our work, NOAA Fisheries partnered with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to co-host the 2022 Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit. Guided by a steering committee of anglers, the two-day event included discussions on climate change, new and emerging ocean uses, recreational fisheries data collection and management. The agency will provide an overview of summit discussions and will share the primary interests raised by participants for each of these topics.

Updates on additional activities will include habitat restoration partnerships that are engaging recreational fishermen around the country, the recreational fishery photo contest organized in partnership with the Bonnier Corporation, and expanded engagement with the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council, managed by the Department of the Interior.

5. Action to be taken by MAFAC members

NOAA Fisheries encourages MAFAC members who attended the Summit to provide their reactions and take-ways during the discussion.