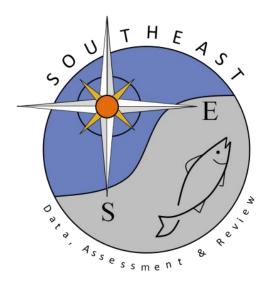
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A Management History database is being compiled, cataloged, and standardized by the Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies of the University of Miami in collaboration with the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service and Southeast Fisheries Science Center, Fisheries Statistics and Sustainable Fisheries Divisions. Support for this project is provided by the Fisheries Information System National Observer Program.

The Management History Database effort involves:

- Identifying Federal Register documentation associated with management actions affecting federally managed species throughout the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and U.S. Caribbean regions.
- Creating standardized records specifying the Fishery Management Plan (FMP), species, jurisdiction, and fishing sector (commercial and recreational) to which each management action is applied.

Once complete, the goal of the database is to provide a comprehensive and standardized record of published management actions to increase the efficiency of fisheries stock assessments, ACL monitoring, and ecosystem approaches. However, the database is still in development and is not yet available to the public. The intention of this working paper is not to replace current management history documents, but provide complementary tables of cited regulations.

We queried a prototype of the database for records related to fishery closures within the Reef Fish Fishery of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The records associated with closures and fishing seasons for both the commercial and recreational fisheries are summarized in Tables 1 through 12, divided by region, applicable species, and closure type.

The list of species included within the Caribbean reef fish species groups can be found at https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-50/part-622/appendix-Appendix%20A%20to%20Part%20622.

Table 1. Seasonal commercial (com) closure records for individual species contained within the Management History database applicable to the entire Caribbean region.

Fishery	Closure Type	Region Affected	Species	Start Year	End Year	Effective Date	End Date	First Day in Effect	Last Day in Effect	FR Citation
			GROUPER, NASSAU	1985	Present	9/22/1985	Present	Jan 1, 12:01 am	Mar 31	50 FR 34850
			GROUPER, BLACK	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Feb 1	Apr 30	70 FR 62073
			GROUPER, RED	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Feb 1	Apr 30	70 FR 62073
			GROUPER, TIGER	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Feb 1	Apr 30	70 FR 62073
			GROUPER, YELLOWEDGE	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Feb 1	Apr 30	70 FR 62073
COM:	Seasonal	Caribbean	GROUPER, YELLOWFIN	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Feb 1	Apr 30	70 FR 62073
ALL	Closure	<u>EEZ</u>	SNAPPER, BLACK	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Oct 1	Dec 31	70 FR 62073
			SNAPPER, BLACKFIN	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Oct 1	Dec 31	70 FR 62073
			SNAPPER, LANE	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Apr 1	Jun 30	70 FR 62073
			SNAPPER, MUTTON	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Apr 1	Jun 30	70 FR 62073
			SNAPPER, SILK	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Oct 1	Dec 31	70 FR 62073
			SNAPPER, VERMILION	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Oct 1	Dec 31	70 FR 62073

Table 2. Seasonal recreational (rec) closure records for individual species contained within the Management History database applicable to the entire Caribbean region.

Fishery	Closure Type	Region Affected	Species	Start Year	End Year	Effective Date	End Date	First Day in Effect	Last Day in Effect	FR Citation
			GROUPER, NASSAU	1985	Present	9/22/1985	Present	Jan 1, 12:01 am	Mar 31	50 FR 34850
			SNAPPER, VERMILION	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Oct 1	Dec 31	70 FR 62073
			SNAPPER, BLACKFIN	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Oct 1	Dec 31	70 FR 62073
			SNAPPER, SILK	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Oct 1	Dec 31	<u>70 FR 62073</u>
			SNAPPER, BLACK	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Oct 1	Dec 31	<u>70 FR 62073</u>
REC:	Seasonal Closure	Caribbean	SNAPPER, LANE	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Apr 1	Jun 30	70 FR 62073
ALL	Closure	<u>EEZ</u>	SNAPPER, MUTTON	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Apr 1	Jun 30	70 FR 62073
			GROUPER, YELLOWEDGE	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Feb 1	Apr 30	70 FR 62073
			GROUPER, RED	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Feb 1	Apr 30	70 FR 62073
			GROUPER, BLACK	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Feb 1	Apr 30	70 FR 62073
			GROUPER, YELLOWFIN	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Feb 1	Apr 30	70 FR 62073
			GROUPER, TIGER	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Feb 1	Apr 30	70 FR 62073

Table 3. Commercial (com) one time closure records for individual species contained within the Management History database applicable to the entire Caribbean region.

Fishery	Closure Type	Region Affected	Species	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	FR Citation
			GROUPER, NASSAU	1990	11/29/1990	Present	55 FR 46214 58 FR 53145
			BUTTERFLYFISH, BANDED	1993	11/15/1993	Present	58 FR 53145
			BUTTERFLYFISH, LONGSNOUT	1993	11/15/1993	Present	58 FR 53145
COM:	Prohibited	Caribbean	SEAHORSES	1993	11/15/1993	Present	58 FR 53145
ALL	Species	<u>EEZ</u>	BUTTERFLYFISH, FOUREYE	1993	11/15/1993	Present	58 FR 53145
			PARROTFISH, BLUE	2012	1/30/2012	Present	76 FR 82403
			PARROTFISH, RAINBOW	2012	1/30/2012	Present	76 FR 82403
			PARROTFISH, MIDNIGHT	2012	1/30/2012	Present	76 FR 82403

Table 4. Recreational (rec) one time closure records for individual species contained within the Management History database applicable to the entire Caribbean region.

Fishery	Closure Type	Region Affected	Species	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	FR Citation
			GROUPER, NASSAU	1990	11/29/1990	Present	55 FR 46214 58 FR 53145
			BUTTERFLYFISH, BANDED	1993	11/15/1993	Present	58 FR 53145
			BUTTERFLYFISH, LONGSNOUT	1993	11/15/1993	Present	58 FR 53145
REC:	Prohibited	Caribbean	SEAHORSES	1993	11/15/1993	Present	58 FR 53145
ALL	Species	<u>EEZ</u>	BUTTERFLYFISH, FOUREYE	RFLYFISH,	Present	58 FR 53145	
			PARROTFISH, BLUE	2012	1/30/2012	Present	76 FR 82403
			PARROTFISH, RAINBOW	2012	1/30/2012	Present	76 FR 82403
			PARROTFISH, MIDNIGHT	2012	1/30/2012	Present	76 FR 82403

Table 5. Seasonal commercial (com) closure records contained within the Management History database applicable to certain species and all species within Caribbean sub-regions.

Fishery	Closure Type	Species	Region Affected	Start Year	End Year	Effective Date	End Date	First Day in Effect	Last Day in Effect	FR Citation
			BAJO DE SICO REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	2010	Present	12/2/2010	Present	Oct 1	Mar 31	75 FR 67247
			GRAMMANIK BANK REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Feb 1	Apr 30	70 FR 62073
			HIND BANK MARINE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (MCD) REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT							
			<u>AREA</u>	1990	Present	11/29/1990	Present	Dec 1	Feb 28	55 FR 46214
			MUTTON SNAPPER SPAWNING	1993	1996	11/15/1993	12/6/1996	Mar 1	Jun 30	58 FR 53145
			AGGREGATION REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	1996	Present	12/7/1996	Present	Mar 1	Jun 30	61 FR 64485
COM:	Seasonal	All Species	RED HIND SPAWNING AGGREGATION EAST OF ST. CROIX REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	1993	Present	11/15/1993	Present		58 FR 53145	
ALL	Closure		RED HIND SPAWNING AGGREGATION WEST OF PUERTO RICO - ABRIR LA SIERRA BANK	1996	Present	12/7/1996	Present	Dec 1	Feb 28	61 FR 64485
			RED HIND SPAWNING AGGREGATION WEST OF PUERTO RICO - BAJO DE SICO	1996	Present	12/7/1996	Present	Dec 1	Feb 28	61 FR 64485
			RED HIND SPAWNING AGGREGATION WEST OF PUERTO RICO - TOURMALINE BANK	1996	Present	12/7/1996	Present	Dec 1	Feb 28	61 FR 64485
			RED HIND SPAWNING AGGREGATION WEST OF PUERTO RICO REEF FISH MANAGEMENT AREA	1993	Present	11/15/1993	Present	Dec 1	Feb 28	58 FR 53145
		HIND, RED	WEST OF 67°10'W, LONGITUDE	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Dec 1	Mar 1	70 FR 62073

Table 6. Seasonal recreational (rec) closure records contained within the Management History database applicable to certain species and all species within Caribbean sub-regions.

Fishery	Closure Type	Species	Region Affected	Start Year	End Year	Effective Date	End Date	First Day in Effect	Last Day in Effect	FR Citation					
			BAJO DE SICO REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	2010	Present	12/2/2010	Present	Oct 1	Mar 31	75 FR 67247					
			GRAMMANIK BANK REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Feb 1	Apr 30	70 FR 62073					
		DISTRICT MA	HIND BANK MARINE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (MCD) REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	1990	Present	11/29/1990	Present	Dec 1	Feb 28	55 FR 46214					
			MUTTON SNAPPER SPAWNING	1993	1996	96 11/15/1993 12/6/1996 Mar 1	Jun 30	58 FR 53145							
			AGGREGATION REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	1996	Present	12/7/1996		61 FR 64485							
REC:	Seasonal	All Species	RED HIND SPAWNING AGGREGATION EAST OF ST. CROIX REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	1993	Present	11/15/1993	Present	Dec 1		58 FR 53145					
ALL	Closure		RED HIND SPAWNING AGGREGATION WEST OF PUERTO RICO - ABRIR LA SIERRA BANK	1996	Present	12/7/1996	Present	Dec 1	Feb 28	61 FR 64485					
			RED HIND SPAWNING AGGREGATION WEST OF PUERTO RICO - BAJO DE SICO	1996	Present	12/7/1996	Present	Dec 1	Feb 28	61 FR 64485					
		,		ŀ			Ī	RED HIND SPAWNING AGGREGATION WEST OF PUERTO RICO - TOURMALINE BANK	1996	Present	12/7/1996	Present	Dec 1	Feb 28	61 FR 64485
			RED HIND SPAWNING AGGREGATION WEST OF PUERTO RICO REEF FISH MANAGEMENT AREA	1993	Present	11/15/1993	Present	Dec 1	Feb 28	58 FR 53145					
		HIND, RED	WEST OF 67°10'W. LONGITUDE	2005	Present	11/28/2005	Present	Dec 1	Mar 1	70 FR 62073					

Table 7. Commercial (com) one time closure records contained within the Management History database applicable to all species within Caribbean sub-regions.

Fishery	Closure Type	Species	Region Affected	Subsector	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	FR Citation
			HIND BANK MARINE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (MCD) REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	ALL	1989	12/6/1989	2/28/1990	54 FR 50624
				ALL	2005	2/1/2005	4/30/2005	70 FR 300
			GRAMMANIK BANK REEF FISH	BOTTOM LONGLINE	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073
			FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	GILLNETS OR TRAMMEL NETS	2005	11/28/2005	Present	Citation 90 54 FR 50624 05 70 FR 300 1t 70 FR 62073 1t 70 FR 62073
				POTS AND TRAPS	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073
			MUTTON SNAPPER SPAWNING	BOTTOM LONGLINE	2005	11/28/2005	/2005 4/30/2005 70 FR 300 /28/2005 Present 70 FR 62073 /28/2005 Present 70 FR 62073	
COM	Closure	All Species	AGGREGATION REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	GILLNETS OR TRAMMEL NETS	2005	11/28/2005		70 FR 62073
				POTS AND TRAPS	2005	11/28/2005		70 FR 62073
			RED HIND SPAWNING	BOTTOM LONGLINE	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073
			AGGREGATION EAST OF ST. CROIX REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	GILLNETS OR TRAMMEL NETS	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073
			MCA	POTS AND TRAPS	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073
			RED HIND SPAWNING	BOTTOM LONGLINE	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073
			AGGREGATION WEST OF PUERTO RICO - ABRIR LA SIERRA BANK	GILLNETS OR TRAMMEL NETS	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073
				POTS AND TRAPS	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073

Table 7 Continued. Commercial (com) one time closure records contained within the Management History database applicable to all species within Caribbean sub-regions.

Fishery	Closure Type	Species	Region Affected	Subsector	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	FR Citation
			RED HIND SPAWNING	BOTTOM LONGLINE	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073
			AGGREGATION WEST OF PUERTO RICO - BAJO DE SICO	GILLNETS OR TRAMMEL NETS	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073
				POTS AND TRAPS	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073
			RED HIND SPAWNING	BOTTOM LONGLINE	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073
COM	Closure	All Species	AGGREGATION WEST OF PUERTO RICO - TOURMALINE BANK	GILLNETS OR TRAMMEL NETS	2005	11/28/2005		70 FR 62073
				POTS AND TRAPS	2005	11/28/2005	Present	70 FR 62073
				BOTTOM LONGLINE	2010	12/2/2010	Present	75 FR 67247
			BAJO DE SICO REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	GILLNETS OR TRAMMEL NETS	2010	12/2/2010	Present	75 FR 67247
				POTS AND TRAPS	2010	12/2/2010	Present	75 FR 67247

Table 8. Recreational (rec) one time closure records contained within the Management History database applicable to all species within the Caribbean sub-regions.

Fishery	Closure Type	Species	Region Affected	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	FR Citation
REC:	Clasuma	All	HIND BANK MARINE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (MCD) REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	1989	12/6/1989	2/28/1990	54 FR 50624
ALL	Closure	Species	GRAMMANIK BANK REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA	2005	2/1/2005	4/30/2005	70 FR 300

Table 9. Commercial (com) one time closure records contained within the Management History database applicable to species groups within Caribbean sub-regions.

Fishery	Closure Type	Region Affected	Species	Start Year	Start Day	End Day	FR Citation
			BALISTIDAE—TRIGGERFISHES	2016	10/16/2016, 12:01am	12/31/2016	81 FR 34283
			DALISTIDAE—TRIOGERI ISTIES	2017	8/13/2017, 12:01am	9/30/2017	82 FR 31489
			LABRIDAE—WRASSES	2014	10/20/2014, 12:01am	12/31/2014	79 FR 62575
			LADRIDAL—WRASSES	2016	11/16/2016, 12:01am	12/31/2016	81 FR 34283
COM: ALL	Closure	PUERTO RICO MANAGEMENT AREA	LUTJANIDAE—SNAPPERS	2016	11/26/2016, 12:01am	12/31/2016	81 FR 34283
		<u>, mas .</u>	UNIT 2	2017	9/15/2017, 12:01am	9/30/2017	82 FR 31489
			MONACANTHIDAE—	2016	10/16/2016, 12:01am	12/31/2016	81 FR 34283
			FILEFISHES	2017	8/13/2017, 12:01am	9/30/2017	82 FR 31489
			SCARIDAE—PARROTFISHES	2016	12/19/2016, 12:01am	12/31/2016	81 FR 34283

Table 10. Recreational (rec) one time closure records contained within the Management History database applicable to species groups within Caribbean sub-regions.

Fishery	Closure Type	Region Affected	Species	Start Year	Start Date	End Date	FR Citation
			BALISTIDAE—		9/18/2017,		
			TRIGGERFISHES	2017	12:01am	9/30/2017	82 FR 31489
					11/4/2016,		
			CARANGIDAE—JACKS	2016	12:01am	12/31/2016	81 FR 34283
			or in a month of the month of t		9/28/2017,		
		PUERTO RICO		2017	12:01am	9/30/2017	82 FR 31489
REC: ALL	Closure	MANAGEMENT AREA	LABRIDAE—WRASSES		4/19/2017,		
REC. ALL	Closure		LADKIDAE—WKASSES	2017	12:01am	12/31/2017	82 FR 18400
			MONACANTHIDAE—		9/18/2017,		
			FILEFISHES	2017	12:01am	9/30/2017	82 FR 31489
			CCADIDAE DADDOTEIGHEC		11/4/2017,		
			SCARIDAE—PARROTFISHES	2017	12:01am	12/31/2017	82 FR 18400
		ST. CROIX MANAGEMENT	LEATHERJACKETS—		11/21/2013,		
		<u>AREA</u>	BALISTIDAE	2013	12:01am	12/31/2013	78 FR 18247

Table 11. One-time commercial (com) fishing season records contained within the Management History database applicable to species groups within Caribbean sub-regions.

Fishery	Closure Type	Region Affected	Species	Start Year	Start Date	End Date	FR Citation
		PUERTO RICO MANAGEMENT AREA	LUTJANIDAE—SNAPPERS UNIT 2	2013	9/21/2013, 12:01am	12/31/2013	78 FR 18247
COM:	Open Fishing	ST. CROIX	LEATHERJACKETS— BALISTIDAE	2013	11/21/2013, 12:01am	12/31/2013	78 FR 18247
ALL	Season	MANAGEMENT AREA	MONACANTHIDAE— FILEFISHES	2013	11/21/2013, 12:01am	12/31/2013	78 FR 18247
		ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN MANAGEMENT AREA	GROUPERS—SERRANIDAE	2013	12/20/2013, 12:01am	12/31/2013	78 FR 18247

Table 12. One-time recreational (rec) fishing season records contained within the Management History database applicable to species groups within Caribbean sub-regions.

Fishery	Closure Type	Region Affected	Species	Start Year	Start Date	End Date	FR Citation
REC: ALL	Open Fishing Season	ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN MANAGEMENT AREA	GROUPERS—SERRANIDAE	2013	12/20/2013, 12:01am	12/31/2013	78 FR 18247
		PUERTO RICO MANAGEMENT AREA	LABRIDAE—WRASSES	2013	10/21/2013, 12:01am	12/31/2013	78 FR 18247
		ST. CROIX MANAGEMENT AREA	MONACANTHIDAE— FILEFISHES	2013	11/21/2013, 12:01am	12/31/2013	78 FR 18247