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WESTERN CENTRAL ATLANTIC FISHERY COMMISSION (WECAFC)

SEVENTEENTH SESSION

Miami, United States of America, 15-18 July 2019

Provisional Programme

Sunday 14 July 2019

Arrival of delegates

Monday 15 July 2019

Morning session

0830 Registration of delegates

Afternoon session

1330 Opening of the session

1400 Introduction of delegates

1430 Election of the Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons for the Commission

1445 Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the session

1500 Review of the State of Fisheries and Aquaculture in the WECAFC region

1600 Impacts of climate change, vulnerabilities and adaptation in the Western Central Atlantic fisheries and aquaculture

1700 End of the first day of the session

1800 [Welcome event at Frost Museum \(Bus pickup time from Marriot Hotel: 17.15\)](#)

Tuesday 16 July

Morning session

0900 Main decisions and recommendations of the thirty-third session of COFI and the sixteenth session of WECAFC

0930 Intersessional activities of Working Groups and other matters referred to the attention of the Commission

1030 Coffee break

1045 Report of the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Sessions of the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) of WECAFC

1200 Lunch

Afternoon session

1330 Study on the history, facts and development of the RFMOs

1400 Recommendations of the first Preparatory meeting for the transformation of WECAFC into a RFMO

1500 Coffee Break

1515 Recommendations of the first Preparatory meeting for the transformation of WECAFC into a RFMO-Cont'd discussion

1630 Sustainable Fisheries Fund (SFF) for the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission

1700 End of the second day of the session

17.15 [Social event/Bar](#)

Wednesday 17 July

Morning session

- 0900 Caribbean spiny lobster (*Panulirus argus*) fishery regional management plan
- 1000 Latest developments in the conservation, management and trade of queen conch under CITES/CITES
- 1030 Coffee Break**
- 1045 Latest developments in the conservation, management and trade of queen conch: Outcome of the first meeting of the Scientific sub-group of the CFMC/OSPESCA/WECAFC/CRFM/CITES queen conch Working Group
- 1130 Progress and future work in the Caribbean Management Plan for Spawning aggregation development
- 1200 Lunch**
- 1330 The Regional Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing in WECAFC Member Countries (2019-2029)
- 1430 The WECAFC Data Collection Reference Framework and Capacity building on statistics and information
- 15 15 Coffee Break**
- 15.30 Report by the Secretary on the financial and administrative affairs of the Commission
- 16.00 Programme of Work of WECAFC (2019 -2020)
- 1700 End of the third day of the session
- 17.15 [Side-event: Insurance needs and opportunities in the Caribbean fisheries sector \(until 18.15\)](#)

Thursday 18 July

Morning session

0900 Highlights Institutionalizing a regional collaborative, integrated mechanism for assessment and reporting on the state of the marine environment (SOMEE) and its contributions to a sustainable ocean economy in the wider Caribbean region

0930 Overview and Update of the Process towards the Establishment of a Coordination Mechanism concerning the Consolidation of a Regional Framework for Integrated Ocean Governance

1015 Coffee break

1030 Update on the Implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) in relation to the International Year of Small-Scale Fisheries and Aquaculture (2022)

1100 Methodology for the reporting on SDG (selected Targets): WECAFC (Fisheries) – related SDG Indicators under FAO custodianship

1130 Mainstreaming of Biodiversity strategy

1200 Lunch Break

1330 Adoption of the report

1500 Closure of the 17th session

Departure of delegates