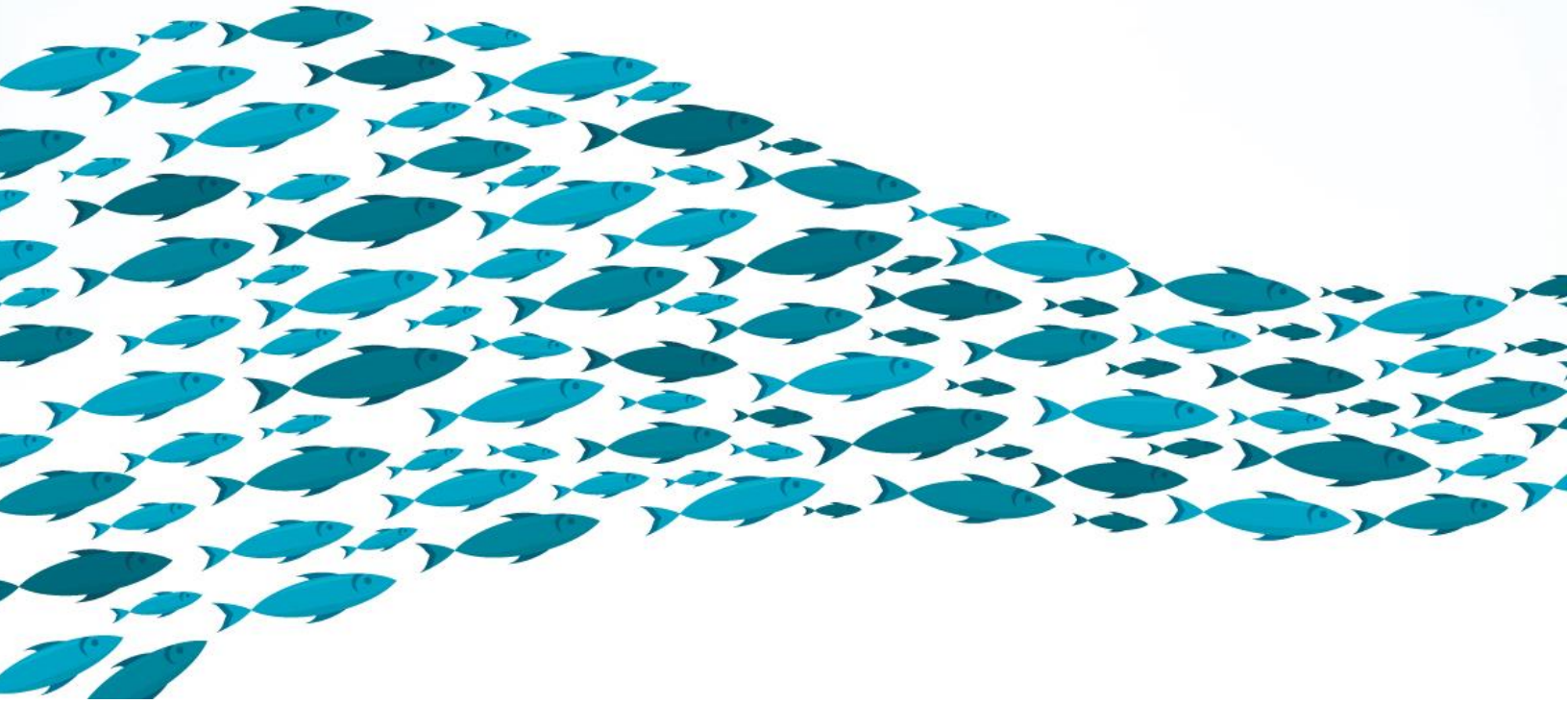
PARLIAMENT
REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON

THE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (NO. 2) BILL, 2020

REPORT

FIRST SESSION (2020/2021) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT



Committee Mandate

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives on Monday November 9, 2020 and of the Senate on Tuesday November 17, 2020, a Joint Select Committee was established to consider and report on the *Fisheries Management (No. 2) Bill, 2020*.

Committee Membership

Mr. Clarence Rambharat	Chairman
Mr. Stephen Mc Clashie, MP	Member
Mr. Kennedy Richards, MP	Member
Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe, MP	Member
Mr. Brian Manning, MP	Member
Mr. Ravi Ratiram, MP	Member
Mr. Rushton Paray, MP	Member
Mr. Franklin Khan[1]	Member
Mr. Damian Lyder	Member
Ms. Yokymma Bethelmy	Member
Dr. Varma Deyalsingh	Member
Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy	Member

Secretariat

Ms. Chantal La Roche, Senior Legal Officer	Secretary
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Ms. Temika Jackson, Legal Research Officer	Research Support
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[1] Senator Franklin Khan passed away on April 17, 2021

INTERIM REPORTS

1. The Committee's First Interim Report was presented in the House of Representatives on Friday December 11, 2020 and in the Senate on Tuesday December 15, 2020. Your Committee requested and was granted an extension of time to July 31, 2021 in order to complete its work.

MEETINGS

2. Since the presentation of the First Interim Report, your Committee has held one (1) meeting on Thursday June 24, 2021.

3. The Minutes of the Meeting are attached at **Appendix I**.

WORK TO DATE

4. Your Committee has invited one hundred and eleven (111) stakeholders to provide written comments on the Bill. The full list of those stakeholders is attached at **Appendix II**.

5. To date, your Committee has received twenty-six (26) submissions from the following stakeholders:-

    1) *Environmental Research Institute Charlotteville Tobago (x2) (incl. of Sustainable Shark and Ray Management Plan for North East Tobago);*
    2) *All Tobago Fisher Folk Association;*
    3) *Land Ice and Fish Ltd/HADCO Ltd;*
    4) *Combined Submissions from nine (9) Large Fishing Association (Claxton Bay Fishing Association, Brickfield Fishing Association, Cedros Fishing Cooperative, Grand Chemin Fishing Association, Carli Bay Fishing Association, La Brea Fisherfolk, Marabella Fishing Association, La Ruffin/Moruga Fishing Association, Fishermen and Friends of the Sea);*
    5) *Customs and Excise Division;*
    6) *Division of Food Production, Forestry and Fisheries;*
    7) *Environmental Management Authority (EMA);*
    8) *Environment Tobago;*
    9) *Felicity Charlieville Fishing Association;*
    10) *Fisherman and Friends of the Sea;*
    11) *Future Fishers;*
    12) *Icacos Fisherfolk United;*
    13) *Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA);*
    14) *Tobago House of Assembly Office of the Administrator - Division of Food Production, Forestry and Fisheries;*
    15) *Ministry of Planning and Development (x2);*
    16) *Maritime Services Division, Ministry of Works and Transport;*
    17) *Milford Bay Stakeholders;*
    18) *Chemistry Food and Drugs Division, Ministry of Health;*

19) *Carli Bay Fishing Association (x2);*
20) *San Fernando Fishing Cooperative Society Limited;*
21) *Ministry of Trade and Industry;*
22) *Moruga/La Rufin Fishing Cooperative Society Ltd (x2);*
23) *T&T Long Liners' Association;*
24) *Tobago International Game Fishing Tournament;*
25) *Trinidad and Tobago United Fisherfolk; and*
26) *Trinidad Sea Foods.*

6. Due to the volume and complexity of the Bill and the challenges under the prevailing circumstances, twenty-two (22) stakeholders requested extensions of time to complete their review of the Bill and submit comments.

7. The technocrats from the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel (CPC) and Fisheries Division, Ministry of Agriculture Land and Fisheries have commenced an analysis of all the stakeholder submissions received to date.

8. During its ***Third Meeting***, the Chairman directed that the technocrats from the Fisheries Division will work together with the Secretariat to identify and assist the various Stakeholders that may still require physical copies of the Bill or any assistance and support in analysing and understanding the Bill. Any stakeholders also experiencing challenges in submitting comments to the Committee would also be assisted.

REPORT

9. Your Committee wishes to report that is desirous of receiving submissions from a wider cross section of stakeholders, to ensure effective engagement with and input from the persons and entities who will be directly affected by the proposed legislation.

10. In addition, due to the complexity and voluminous nature of the Bill, your Committee will require more time to receive more stakeholder submissions and comments and to conduct a proper clause by clause review and analysis of the Bill.

11. Consequently, in accordance with Standing Orders 114(1) and 104(1) of the House of Representatives and the Senate respectively, your Committee wishes to report that due to the imminent prorogation of the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament, it is unable to complete its work. However, your Committee has made considerable progress in advancing the Committee's work schedule.

RECOMMENDATION

12. Your Committee therefore recommends the resumption of proceedings on the **Fisheries Management (No. 2) Bill, 2020** in the Second Session, Twelfth Parliament.

13. Your Committee also asks that the House take note of the extensive work completed and the progress made by the Committee thus far and that a Committee be appointed in the Second Session to continue work on the Bill and adopt as part of its records, all work completed to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgd.
Mr. Clarence Rambharat
Chairman
June 25, 2021

Appendix I
Attendance Record and
Minutes of Meetings

ATTENDANCE RECORD

JSC on the Fisheries Management (No 2) Bill, 2020
First Session (2020/2021) Twelfth Parliament

Meetings	Mr. Stephen McClashie	Mr. Kennedy Richards	Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe	Mr. Brian Manning	Mr. Ravi Ratiram	Mr. Rushton Paray	Mr. Franklin Khan	Mr. Clarence Rambharat	Ms. Yokymma Bethelmy	Mr. Damien Lyder	Dr. Varma Deyalsingh	Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy
First Meeting 17.11.20	✓	✓	EXCUSED	✓	✓	✓	EXCUSED	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Second Meeting 25.11.2020	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	EXCUSED	✓	✓	✓	EXCUSED	✓
Third Meeting 24.06.2021	ABSENT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	EXCUSED (LATE)	✓

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (NO. 2) BILL, 2020

[Unconfirmed] MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO PLATFORM ON THURSDAY JUNE 24, 2021 AT 2:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Committee Members

Mr. Clarence Rambharat	-	Chairman
Ms. Yokymma Bethelmy	-	Member
Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy	-	Member
Mr. Damian Lyder	-	Member
Mr. Brian Manning, MP	-	Member
Mr. Ravi Ratiram, MP	-	Member
Mr. Rushton Paray, MP	-	Member
Mr. Kennedy Richards, MP	-	Member
Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe, MP	-	Member
Mr. Stephen Mc Clashie, MP	-	Member
Dr. Varma Deyalsingh	-	Member

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Ms. Temika Jackson	-	Legal Research Officer
Mrs. Susannah Gittens	-	Business Operations Assistant II

COMMENCEMENT

1.1 The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 2:31 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING

2.1 The Committee examined the Minutes of the Second Meeting held on Wednesday November 25, 2020.

2.2 The motion for the confirmation of the Minutes of the Second Meeting was moved by Mr. Rushton Paray and seconded by Ms. Yokymma Bethelmy.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Per item **5.1** the Chairman advised Members that:

i. the Secretariat has sent out invitations to various stakeholders for comments/submissions on the Bill, in accordance with the amended list of stakeholders agreed upon by the Committee;

ii. to date the Secretariat has received twenty-six (26) stakeholder submissions thus far from some key stakeholders;

iii. twenty-two (22) requests for extensions of time to submit comments had been received; and

iv. extensions of time had been granted on two (2) occasions, (January 31, 2021 and March 1, 2021).

3.2 The Chairman advised Members that the technocrats from the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel (CPC) and Fisheries Division, Ministry of Agriculture Land and Fisheries had commenced an analysis of all the submissions received in respect of clauses 1 to 71 out of the total two hundred and forty-two (242) clauses contained in the Bill. The Chairman informed that this document was avai on Rotunda for Members perusal.

3.3 The Chairman suggested and the Committee agreed that technocrats from the Fisheries Division, Ministry of Agriculture Land and Fisheries work with the Secretariat would develop strategies for stakeholder engagement and public outreach to ensure that a wide cross-section of comments would be received.

3.4 It was also agreed that the Fisheries Division will also assist stakeholders that may be experiencing challenges or difficulties in submitting comments to the Committee, when the the COVID-19 Public Health Regulations have been relaxed.

DISCUSSION ON THE WAY FORWARD

Committee Report

4.1 The Chairman advised Members that a Draft Report would be circulated for their consideration and approval to request that the work of the Committee be carried over to the Second Session, Twelfth Parliament.

ADJOURNMENT

5.1 There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members and adjourned the meeting.

5.2 The adjournment was taken at 2:42 p.m.

I certify that these minutes are true and correct.

Chairman

Secretary

June 24, 2021

Appendix II
LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS

No.	Name of Organisation	Interest in Submitting Comments	Submission Status	Extension Requested
1.	Ministry of Finance		No Response from the Office of the Permanent Secretary Comptroller of Customs and Excise Division submission received on 14-01-2021	No
2.	Ministry of CARICOM and Foreign Affairs	Assistant to the Permanent Secretary to enquire.	No Submission	Pending Response from the Permanent Secretary
3.	Ministry of Health	Submitted	Submission Received on 03-02-2021	No
4.	Ministry of National Security	No Response	No Response	N/A
5.	Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard, Trinidad base	No Interest in Submitting	N/A	N/A
6.	Environmental Management Authority	Submitted	Submission Received on 17-12-2020	
7.	Institute of Marine Affairs	Submitted	Submission Received on	

			15-12-2020	
8.	Ministry of Planning	Submissions via the Environmental Management Authority and Institute of Marine Affairs	Submission Received via EMA on 17-12-2020 and IMA on 15-12-2020	No
9.	Ministry of Trade and Industry	Submitted	Submission Received on 17-12-2020	
10.	Ministry of Works and Transport	Submitted	Submission Received on 18-12-2020	
11.	Tobago House of Assembly	Submitted via the Division of Food Production, Forestry and Fisheries	Submission Received on 17-12-2020	
12.	Caribbean Fisheries Training and Development Institute	No Response	No Response	N/A
13.	Export Etcetera Ltd	No Interest in Submitting	N/A	N/A
14.	Trinidad and Tobago Long Liner's Association	Submitted	Submission Received on 29-01-2021	
15.	Silva Hooks Company Ltd.	Submitted via the Trinidad and Tobago Long Liner's Association as the CEO is the President of the	Submission of the TTLA Received on 29-01-2021	No

		Association		
16.	Seafood Enterprises	Believes the Submission of the Trinidad and Tobago Long Liner's Association addressed their concerns	Concerns Addressed in the Long Liner's Association Submission	No
17.	Tropical Marine Ltd.	Believes the Submission of the Trinidad and Tobago Long Liner's Association addressed their concerns	Concerns Addressed in the Long Liner's Association Submission	No
18.	Tri Fish Ice and Cold Storage Ltd.	No Interest in Submitting	N/A	N/A
19.	Land Ice and Fish	Submitted	Submission Received on 31-01-2021	
20.	Ocean Delights	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Extension requested for the end of February
21.	Dockside Food Company Ltd.	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Two Week Extension
22.	Jacob's Fishing Enterprises Ltd.	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Two Week Extension
23.	Chenseya Fishing Services	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	One Month Extension
24.	National Fisheries Ltd.	No Response	No Response	N/A

25.	Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago	No Response	No Response	N/A
26.	SESKO Ltd.	No Interest in Submitting	N/A	N/A
27.	Acclaim Freight	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Interested in Extension; no estimate given, did not see the emails
28.	Aqua TT	No Response	No Response	N/A
29.	Environment Tobago	Submitted	Submission Received on 21-12-2020	
30.	Ocean Experience Ltd.	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Interested in Extension; no estimate given
31.	Environmental Research Institute Charlottleville	Submitted	Submissions Received on 17-12-2020 and 28-12-2020	
32.	Erin Fishing Cooperative Ltd.	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	One Month Extension
33.	La Brea Fishing Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
34.	Maelot Kingfisher's Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	One Month Extension
35.	Icacos Fisherfolk United	Submitted	Submission Received on	

			10-01-2021	
36.	Cocorite Fishing Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Further Extension; wants opportunity to put the submission in writing
37.	South East Fishing Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Two Week Extension
38.	Blue River/Bamboo Fishing Association	Uncertain	No Submission	A further extension would be welcomed but uncertain whether they would submit due to the difficulties of having meeting during COVID-19
39.	Icacos Fisherfolk Ltd.	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Further Extension; Did Not See Emails
40.	Women in Fishing Association	No Response	N/A	N/A
41.	Guayaguayare, Ortoire and Mayaro Fisherfolk	Pending Email Response	No Submission	Pending

	Association			
42.	Boat Owners and Fishermen's Association	No Response	N/A	N/A
43.	Orange Valley Pirogue Association	No Response	N/A	N/A
44.	Otaheite Vendors Association	No Response	N/A	N/A
45.	Felicity Charlieville Fishing Association	Submitted	Submission Received on 16-12-2021	
46.	Future Fishers	Submitted	Submission Received on 03-02-2021	
47.	Cumana Fishing Association	Submission sent via Future Fisheries	Submission of Future Fisheries Received on 03-02-2021	No
48.	Blanchisseuse Fisherfolk and Marine Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
49.	Icacos Fishing Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Further Extension Requested
50.	Alcan Bay Fishing Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Further Extension; Did Not See Emails
51.	Fishermen and Friends of the Sea	Submitted	Submission received on 16-12-2021	

			Submission in collaboration with Claxton Bay Fishing Association, Brickfield Fishing Association, Cedros Fishing Cooperative, Grand Chemin Fishing Association, Carli Bay Fishing Association, La Brea Fisherfolk, Marabella Fishing Association and La Ruffin/Moruga Fishing Association received on 01-02-2021	
52.	Icacos United Fishermen	No Response	N/A	N/A
53.	Trinidad and Tobago Industrial Fishing Association	Pending Response	Pending Response	Pending Response
54.	La Brea Fisherfolk	Submitted in	Submission	

		collaboration with FFOS	Received on 01-02-2021	
55.	Carli Bay Fishing Association	Submitted	Submission Received on 16-12-2021 and in collaboration with FFOS on 01-02-2021	
56.	Las Cuevas Fishing Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
57.	Trinidad and Tobago United Fishers	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	One Week Extension
58.	Morne Diablo Fishing Association	No Response	No Response	No Response
59.	Brickfield Fishing Association Ltd.	Submitted in collaboration with FFOS	Submission Received on 01-02-2021	
60.	Grand Chemin Fishing Association	Submitted in collaboration with FFOS	Submission Received on 01-02-2021	
61.	Toco Fishing Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
62.	Fullerton Fishing Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Pending Feedback from Members
63.	Claxton Bay Fishing Association Ltd.	Submitted in collaboration with FFOS	Submission Received on 01-02-2021	
64.	Moruga La Rufin Fishing	Submitted	Submissions	

	Association		Received on 28-01-2021, 29-01-2021 and in collaboration with FFOS on 01-02-2021	
65.	Cedros Fishing Cooperative Society Ltd.	Submitted in collaboration with FFOS	Submission Received on 01-02-2021	Two Week Extension
66.	Almoorings Fishing Cooperative	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	One Week Extension
67.	Trinidad and Tobago Game Fishing Association	No Response	N/A	N/A
68.	Marabella Fishing Association	Submitted in collaboration with FFOS	Submission Received on 01-02-2021	Interest in Extension
69.	Grand Riviere Fisherman Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Two Week Extension
70.	Morne Diablo Fishing Community	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Further Extension; Difficulties in having meetings
71.	Carenage Fisher Folk Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
72.	San Fernando Cooperative Society Ltd.	Submitted	Submission Received on 14-12-2020	
73.	Orange Valley Fishing	No Interest in	N/A	N/A

	Association	Submitting		
74.	Maracas Fishing Bay Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
75.	Dow Village/South Oropouche Fishing Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Further Extension; Did not see the emails
76.	Mayaro Fishing Crew Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
77.	Orange Valley Fish Vendors Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	One Month Extension
78.	Environmental Management Authority, Tobago Officer	Interest in Submitting	Pending Receipt of Email	
79.	National Petroleum, Tobago Office	No Response	No Response	N/A
80.	Environment Unit, DIQE	No Interest in Submitting	N/A	N/A
81.	Port Authority, Tobago	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Further Extension; Did not see emails
82.	Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard, Tobago Base	No Response	No Response	N/A
83.	Crompston Fish Supplies Ltd.	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Further Extension; Did not see emails

84.	Tobago Fresh Fish Supplies	No Response	No Response	N/A
85.	Captain Carver	No Response	No Response	N/A
86.	RG Brokerage	No Response	No Response	N/A
87.	Southwest Tobago Fisherfolk Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
88.	Plymouth Fisherfolk Association	Interest In Submitting	No Submission	Extension for February 15, 2021 requested
89.	All Tobago Fisherfolk Association	Submitted	Submission Received on 01-03-2021	
90.	Belle Garden Fisherfolk Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
91.	Barbados Bay Fisherfolk Association	No Interesting in Submitting; In Agreement with the Bill	No Submission	No
92.	Lambeau Fisherfolk Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Did not provide her email address on three occasions
93.	Charlotteville Fishermen Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
94.	Roxborough Fishermen Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Further Extension Requested
95.	Scarborough Fishermen	Interest in	No Submission	Further

	Association	Submitting		Extension Requested; Incorrect Email
96.	Bloody Bay Seine Fishers Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
97.	Parlatuvier Fisherfolk Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
98.	Multi-Purpose Fishers Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Extension for February 15, 2021 requested
99.	Culloden Fisherfolk Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Further Extension Requested
100.	Bloody Bay Fisherfolk Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
101.	Castara Fishermen's Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
102.	Evergreen Foundation	Interest in Submitting	Pending Receipt of Email; tentatively February 8, 2021	
103.	Buccoo Reef Trust	No Response	No Response	N/A
104.	SOS (Save Our Turtles)	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	Pending Response

				from Chairman
105.	Tobago Divers Association	Interest in Submitting	No Submission	One Month Extension Requested; Did not see emails
106.	Tobago Game Fishers Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
107.	Tobago Game International Fishing Tournament	Submitted	Submission Received on 01-02-2021	
108.	Trinidad and Tobago Game Fishing Association	No Response	No Response	N/A
109.	Milford Bay Stakeholders	Submitted	Submission Received on 08-02-2021	
110.	Trinidad Sea Foods	Submitted	Submission Received on 09-03-2021	
111.	Trinidad and Tobago United Fisherfolk	Submitted	Submission Received on 03-09-2021	