



Decision List BC Meeting April 23, 2025

Subtitle	Weekly BC meeting
Date	04/23/2025
Time	9:00 – 12:00
Location	Courtroom
Chair	Shamara Nicholson
Attendees	Eviton Heyliger, Shamara Nicholson and Bruce Zagers
Absentees	Jonathan Johnson

1.0.0 Welcome

2.0.0 Minutes

Attachment:

BC Meeting Minutes 15-04-2025

BC Minutes 15.2025

Decision:

BC Minutes Approved.

3.0.0 Discussion Papers

3.0.2 Assistance goat and invasive species control activities

At the end of last year, phase 2 of the goat control project started and first steps were taken to implement broader invasive species control measures. These efforts were continued into 2025 with NEPP budget made available for both projects at the end of last year (Dossiers 794 and 842). In the past two missions, assistance was provided by several people via assignment contracts (Dossier 714). This assistance has provided very helpful. Not only was it possible to execute trapping and monitoring activities (which require frequent checks) on a more regular basis, the assistance was also valuable for ensuring safety of the government hunter. Because of the difficult terrain of the island, hunting alone comes with risks. Although local hunters are used to hunting by themselves, the Public Entity has a responsibility where safety is concerned. It is therefore advised to ensure assistance for the government hunter at least during



the times hunting takes place on dangerous terrain (off trails).

With the development of the two projects, more and more capacity is needed on tracking of animals (Judas goats, trail cameras), placing of traps and assistance at the butcher station. To ensure availability of assistance, it is advised to hire one fte at PES for one year.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.3 Contract KJ Services Hyacinth House

As discussed in Dossier 747, the Hyacinth House needs to be renovated. To follow up on this a contractor is selected and this proposal is for the contract of the contractor.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.4 ReefGrazers Subsidy Van Hall Larenstein

In 2023, support for research into reef restoration was approved in the form of the RAAK ReefGrazers project. PES committed to co-funding of \$100,000 which was matched and added to with in-kind and cash contributions by other project partners. The RAAK-publiek ReefGrazers project aims to evaluate the feasibility of utilizing invertebrate grazers for both coral restoration and sustainable fisheries on the BES islands. The aim is to investigate the potential roles of Caribbean king crab, the West Indian sea egg, and the West Indian top shell (whelk) in coral restoration and sustainable fishing, employing a combination of field, laboratory, and socio-economic research. The findings of this project are anticipated to have implications beyond the BES islands, providing valuable insights for reef restoration initiatives across the Caribbean region, where safeguarding critical ecosystem services such as tourism, coastal protection, and fisheries remains a top priority.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.



3.0.5

Reallocation invasive species control budget

With Dossier 794 approval was given for the implementation of additional invasive species control measures, following the implementation of first measures by SCF in close collaboration with PES (Dossier 643). After having worked on the implementation of several measures over the past few months, it became clear that more budget is needed for some budget lines and less for others. Most importantly, a continued focus and therefore more budget is needed on the removal of non-native iguanas. This became clear after the visit of the iguana expert in February and March, during which the frequency of non-native iguanas spotted did not drop over time. This suggests that a significant number of individuals are expected to still be present on the island. A strong focus on eradication of non-native iguanas now will prevent high costs for necessary invasive species control measures in the future. Additionally, costs were saved on the purchase of traps and some other budget lines. Based on the insights, a new budget allocation is proposed.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.6

Assignment Expansion Daycare Container Units

The daycare units located in the garden of the Governor's House need to be expanded to create more space for afterschool care (BSO), to manage the current waiting list. In February, container units were ordered, with an expected delivery date of May 6.

To install the containers, 3 contractors were invited to submit quotes for this work, and one was selected based on the difference in total cost.

This BC Proposal is submitted for approval of the selected contractor and associated contract.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.1

CARPHA Communication Workshop

The Public Health Department has been invited by the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) to attend the annual Region Health Communication Network (RHCN), which is a workshop focusing on



strengthening One Health communication during public health emergencies and outbreaks. The workshop will be held on Barbados on the 5th and 6th of May 2025. The Campaign & Media Coordinator will attend this meeting.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.2 Contract Mateo Services Harbor office

As discussed in Dossier 625, the Fort Harbor building needs to be given an electrical upgrade.

To follow up on this Mateo Services is chosen to carry out this project.

This BS Proposal is to have the contract signed.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

4.0.0 Formalities

5.0.0 Incoming pieces/documents (on paper)

6.0.0 Announcements

Acting Island Governor Nicholson

Commissioner Zagers

Commissioner Heyliger

Island Secretary Streppel

7.0.0 Signing

8.0.0 Closing