



Puerto Rico Fisheries Liaison Officer Report

188th CFMC Regular Meeting

December 3-4, 2025

Westin Inn Resort, St Thomas

Outreach and Education Participation

- Meeting with recreational sector stakeholders to talk about Educational Program for Recreational Fishers (PEPR)
- DAP meeting
- MREP Steering Committee meeting
- Meeting with USVI Liaison and Cristina Olan to plan future educational publications for fishers
- Sending educational and meeting publications via Whats App broadcast list
- CFMC Educational table at Aquafest Festival



CFMC Educational Table at Aquafest Festival

Descending Device workshop “Salva Peje”

- Villa Pesquera Los Machos, Ceiba – 25 participants (1 recreational, 24 commercial)
- Punta Santiago, Humacao – 41 participants (6 Recreational, 35 Commercial)
- Villa Pesquera La Parguera – 8 participants (1 Recreational, 7 Commercial)
- Villa Pesquera Puerto Real, Cabo Rojo – 11 participants (11 Commercial)
- Villa Pesquera Tres Hermanos, Añasco – 20 participants (4 Recreational, 16 Commercial)
- Club Náutico Pozuelo, Guayama – 30 participants (26 Recreational, 4 Commercial)
- Club Náutico Boquerón, Cabo Rojo – 55 participants (32 Recreational, 23 Commercial)



Next Descending Device Workshops

- Villa Pesquera La Mela, Cabo Rojo – December 10, 2025
- Humacao – December 17, 2025
- Villa Pesquera Culebra – December 19, 2025
- Club Náutico Arecibo – January 26, 2026
- Matos Marine Fishing Shop, Fajardo – To be determined

Puerto Rico Fishers Interest and Concerns

- Interest in the DAP, OEAP, SSC and CFMC process (attended at “Salva Peje” workshops)
- Charters license process (In process educational workshop)
- State commercial fishing license process (Attended weekly)
- Federal Waters regulations (Attended at workshops)
- Sell fish in USVI (In process a publication regarding permits and endorsements from DPNR and Fish and Wildlife)

Liaison Next Steps

- Descending Device Workshops at different locations, focusing in recreational fishers
- Restart educational commercial workshop (PEPCO) program
- Waiting for educational materials available to continue with the CFMC educational table and informing fishers communities with marine educational topics



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