

DAPs Joint Meeting
July 20, 2022

Suggestions of recommendations to be considered by the Council and agencies:

1. The allowable gear for snapper Unit 2 (Queen Snapper and Cardinal Snapper) should be determined by staff and should not include traps and pots for both commercial and recreational sectors. Based on each island consideration.
2. Prohibit the use of traps and pots for fishing for all species by the recreational sector.
3. Develop a deep-water snapper Unit 2 permit for the EEZ of all three islands for all commercial and recreational sector.
4. Identify and address data gaps for future stock assessments on deep water fish species that include input from the fishing industry.
5. Revise DWS Unit 2 ACL with new information provided by the fishing industry.
6. For the Council to support PR DNER in coordinating special meeting with local fishers and scientists to determine the amount of available population that can be harvested by specific number of fishers. To invite USVI DAP chairs or industry representants to this meeting.
7. Request to the DNER report at the next Council meeting on the new permits for this fishery.
8. The Chair to send letter to DNER inquiring about the possibility of having falsified permits for this fishery in PR.
9. Improve the data collection system for the collection for total landings and biological information.
10. Data reporting should be mandatory for all federal permit holders (when developed). Failure to submit this data may trigger cancelation of the permit.