

PUERTO RICO FISHERIES LIAISON OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

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LIAISON OUTREACH AND EDUCATION 2022

- Educate the commercial fishers in Puerto Rico with the Educational Program for Commercial Fishers (PEPCO).
- Distribute educational videos and information for commercial fishers regarding federal and state regulations, closures and protection of our fisheries via social media and WhatsApp broadcast.
- Distribute educational materials of the CFMC, Sea Grant and DNER for the fishers and fishing villages at the North, East and West Coast of the island.
- Give support to CFMC and DNER social medias.
- Channel problems and concerns from fishers to CFMC and DNER.
- Participate as a moderator in MREP Puerto Rico workshop.
- Help to create content for social medias regarding fisheries management and orientation for fishers.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO COMMERCIAL FISHERS (PEPCO)

- 4 workshops around the island has been given with a total of 121 participants were 103 are commercial fishers, 47 of them with the commercial license for first time and 56 fishers that were taking the program for continuing education. 18 of the other participants were families from the fishers that are part too of the chain of processing and distribution in the fishers' communities.
- The municipalities impacted: Cabo Rojo, Aguada, Luquillo and Mayagüez.
- Next starting in January 2023



ISLAND BASE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN OUTREACH

- Recommendations for the outreach that we can present to fishing communities:
- Educate with flyers and communications via social networks, emails and What's App broadcast lists explaining the fishing communities about the IBFMP.
- Give to PEPCO participants educational materials regarding the IBFMP.
- As Liaison, visit the fishing communities and gather a list of issues and opinions about the IBFMP.
- Bring to fishing communities educational materials made for the IBFMP outreach and education.
- Orientation for fishers that have doubts with IBFMP, this includes making meetings around the island talking with fishing communities about IBFMP.

LIAISON OUTREACH AND EDUCATION NEXT STEPS

- Resuming Educational Program for Recreational Fishers in January 2023.
- Continuing of the PEPCO program presential since January 2023.
- Continue giving support for CFMC, DNER and other agencies regarding communications for fishing communities around Puerto Rico.
- Continue giving support for the CFMC and DNER social medias.
- Continue educating in process of license, statistics and state laws to maintain their responsibility with the management agencies.
- Coordinate effective communications with the fishers regarding the IBFMP.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS FROM FISHERS

- Queen Snapper and Cardinal Snapper state permit
- HMS permit for Caribbean Small Boat (Attended with PEPCO and with the “Fuete y Verguilla” magazine from Sea Grant program.
- Puerto Rico commercial fishing license and permits, the time waiting for the DNER to respond
- Education in new measure proposed for the Queen Conch as a Endangered Specie.

Questions?

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