

PUERTO RICO FISHERIES LIAISON OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

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181ST CFMC REGULAR MEETING

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2022 LIAISON PARTICIPATION

- Coordinate educational program for commercial fishers (PEPCO)
- Send weekly educational posts via WhatsApp
- Support fishers with issues and information
- Give educational materials for the fishers and fishing communities
- Assessment in impact of Hurricane Fiona in PR Fishing Villages and communities
- Ocean Acidification workshop

LIAISON OUTREACH AND EDUCATION NEXT STEPS

- Resuming Educational Program for Recreational Fishers
- Continuing of the PEPCO program in-person
- 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
- Communicate 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 Puerto Rico Sea Grant program)
- Puerto Rico commercial fishing license and permits

Questions?

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