



# PUERTO RICO LIAISON OFFICER

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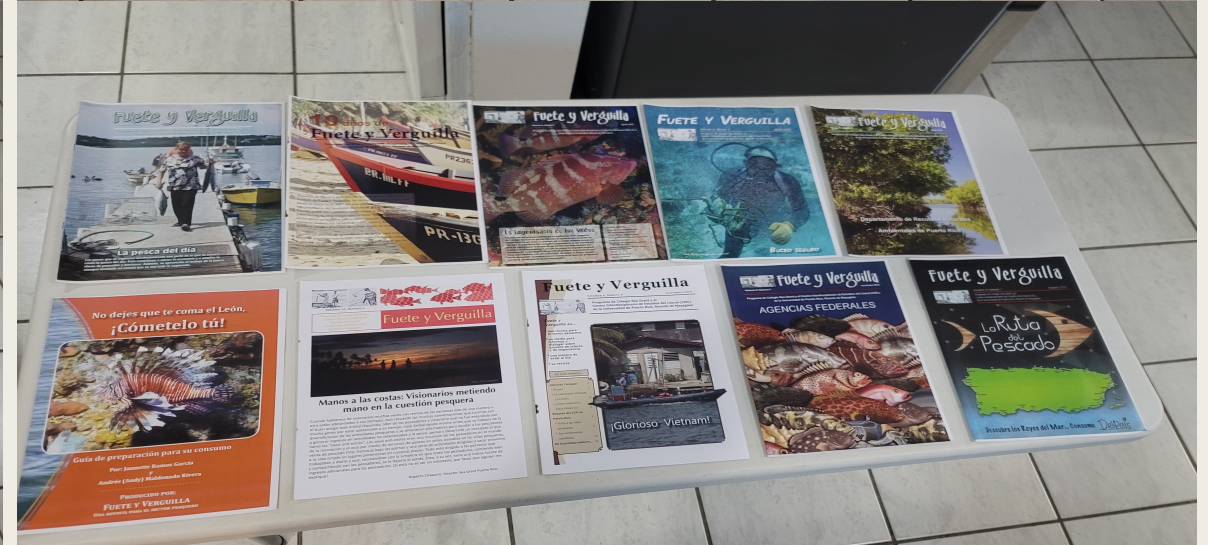
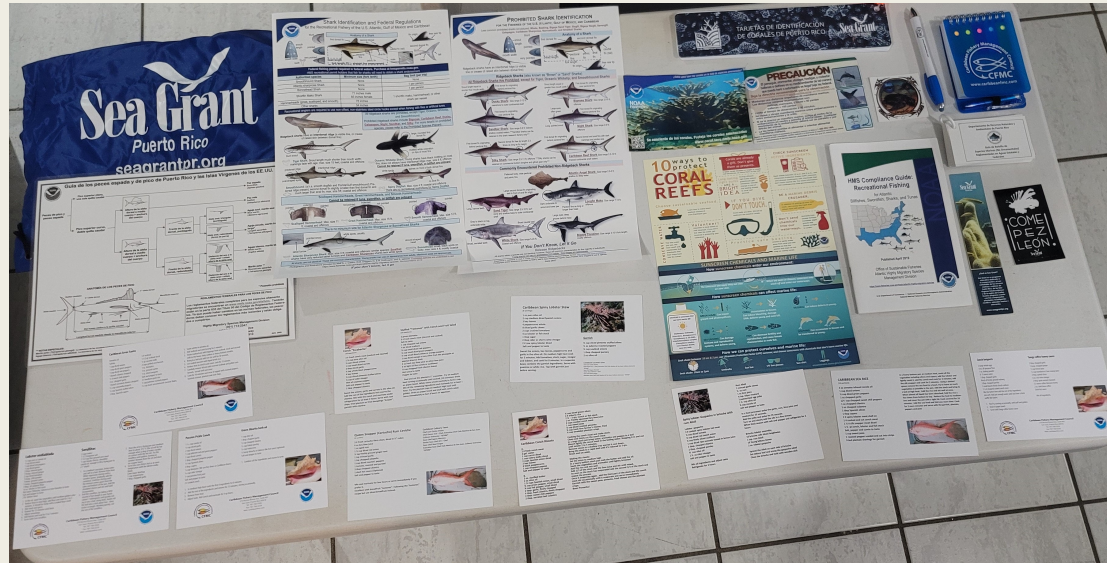
# 2021 Puerto Rico Liaison Participation

- Present virtual educational program for fishers (PEPCO)
- Support Cristina Olan with new publications at CFMC social media regarding closures, DNER administrative orders and fisheries education for Puerto Rico fishers
- Create a What's App broadcast with 161 fishers contacts to send them announcements, meetings dates and educational materials regarding fisheries.
- Support fishers with issues and information of DNER and CFMC state and federal management
- Give fisheries educational materials for the fishers at fishing docks
- Accomplish more participation at CFMC, DAP, OEAP meeting of commercial and recreational fishers

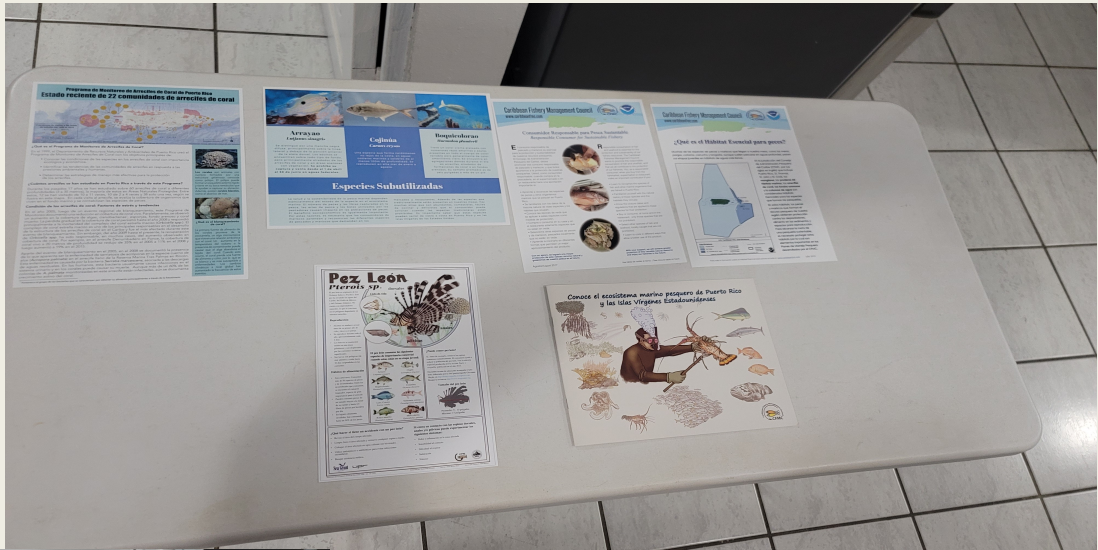
# Educational Program for Commercial Fishers of Puerto Rico (PEPCO)

- 5 sessions every Wednesday from February 17 – March 17
- Give the program virtual with 5 sessions with different topics and presenters
- A total of 82 people register to the program
- A total of 45 participants completed the 5 sessions and therefore will received a participations certificate and lot of educational material from the CFMC, Sea Grant and The Nature Conservancy
- Bring new presenters to give specific topics such as; HMS permit, commercial statistics report, invasive species, coral diseases and whitening, the importance of sharks to the coral ecosystem and ecosystem based fisheries management
- CFMC social medias and What's App broadcast messaging was crucial to the outreach of the PEPCO participants
- Send a certificate and educational material via post office to participants that completed the 5 sessions of the program

# Educational Material send to PEPCO participants



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# Puerto Rico Fishers Issues

- Issues with DNER license and permit procedures
- New fishers misinformation about fishing closures, statistics report, licenses and permits for state and federal waters in Puerto Rico
- Low enforcement to watch the closures and illegal commercial fishing in state and federal waters

# Puerto Rico Liaison Next Steps

- Keep on supporting fisheries management social medias
- Educate more commercial and recreational fishers regarding fisheries management matters
- Cooperate with the recreational fishers educational program
- Participate in OEAP, DAP and other meetings regarding fisheries management
- Deliver educational materials to commercial and recreational fishers

# ¿Questions?

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