

# Update for the CFMC in fisheries interventions

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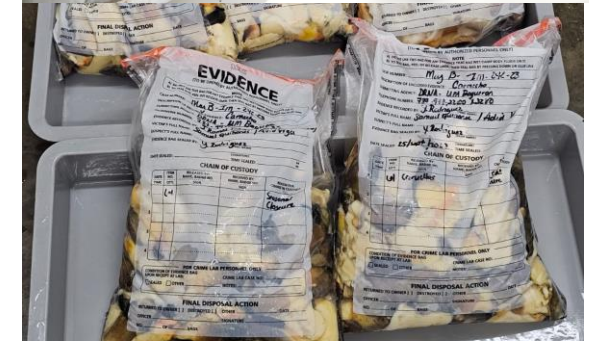
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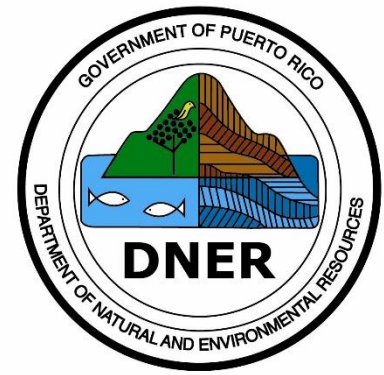
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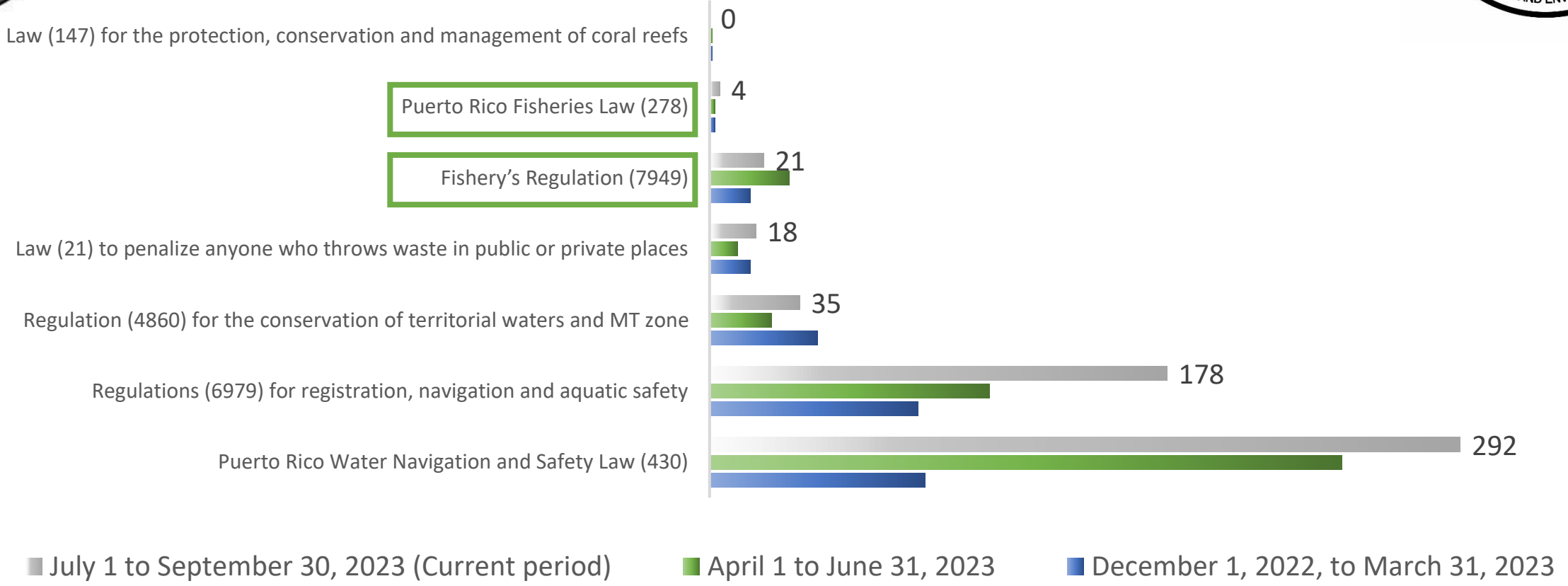
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### CASES SUBMITTED BY DNER'S RANGER CORP



The DNER Ranger Corps continues to provide security, protection, and surveillance of the Natural Resources of Puerto Rico in the coastal zone and in the open sea. Maritime and land preventive patrols are carried out in areas of clandestine dumps, sand extraction and damaged coastal mangroves in coastal areas of the Island. We guide the public and inspect recreational and commercial vessels that land on our shores. Recreational fishing tournaments that comply with nautical safety regulations are visited, assistance and cooperation is also provided to other state and federal agencies with the arrest of illegals on the coast.



## Cases described in detail

### **Law 21 "Law to Punish Anyone Who Throws Waste in Public or Private Places" (18 cases).**

- Debris was deposited in the coastal area. All for Tickets of Administrative Offenses.

### **Law 147 "Law for the Protection, Conservation and Management of Coral Reefs in Puerto Rico" (no cases reported).**

- Coral breakage (Submitted to the Legal Division).

### **Law 278 "Puerto Rico Fisheries Law" (4 cases).**

- Fishing regulated by measure.
- Illegal fishing.
- Use of equipment not permitted by the state.

### **Law 430 "Puerto Rico Water Navigation and Safety Act" (292 cases).**

- Carry out activity in the maritime area without the proper permits.
- Tie a boat to mangrove.

### **Regulation 4860 "Regulation for the conservation of territorial waters and the maritime-terrestrial zone" (35 cases).**

- Activity without MTZ permission.
- New use without MTZ permission.
- Illegal construction in the MTZ.
- Illegal sand extraction in the MTZ.

### **Regulation 6979 "Regulations for Registration, Navigation and Aquatic Safety in Puerto Rico" (178 cases).**

- Anchoring in a natural reserve.

### **Regulation 7949 "Regulation on Fisheries" (21 cases).**

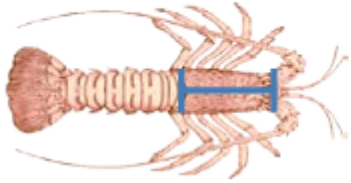
- Use harpoon and SCUBA tank without commercial license.
- Illegal possession of species in closure date.
- Lobster does not measure as required by law.
- Possession of Queen Conch not complying with the size limit.
- Fishing in an area not allowed.
- Excess Queen Conch possession on Recreational and Commercial fisher.

## Regulation 7949 "Regulation on Fisheries"

Lobster under the minimum size limit as required by law.

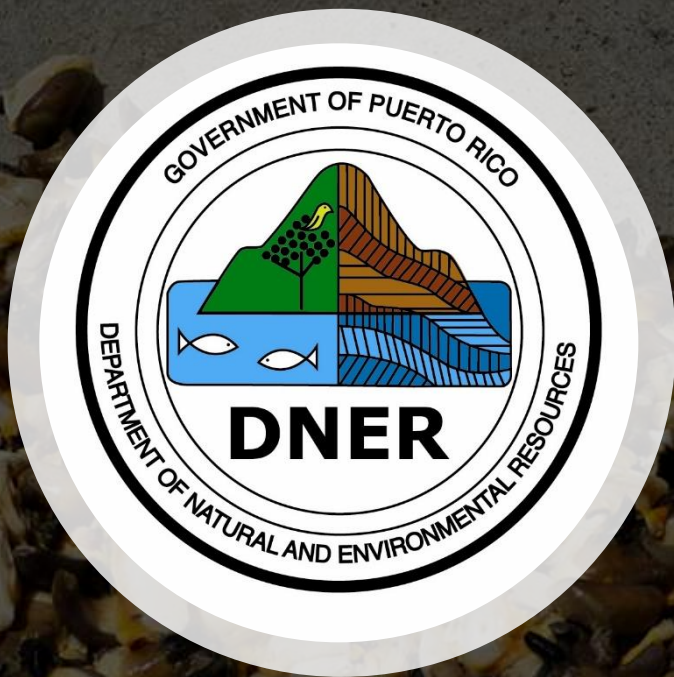
Carapace Length (CL)

### Size Limits



**Spiny Lobster** - Minimum size limit is 3.5 in (8.9 cm) CL.





### Regulation 7949 "Regulation on Fisheries" (21 cases).

- Possession of Queen Conch not complying with the size limit.
- Fishing and possession of Queen Conch during the closure period (August 1 to October 31)
- Excess Queen Conch possession on recreational and commercial fisher.

Case without HMS permit. Referred to NOAA law enforcement agent.



### Regulation 7949 "Regulation on Fisheries"

Those rental boat owners who are dedicated to transporting people to fish highly migratory species, and recreational and commercial fishermen who are dedicated to fishing highly migratory species must have federal permits, or any other permit required for said activity, available for inspection, and most comply with any other federal statutory provisions of the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Regulation of the Department of Commerce of the Federal Government 50 CFR § 635, or the amendments that may arise in the future, also applying this to the jurisdictional waters of Puerto Rico, in compliance with the ARTICLE 9.2 10.1, 13, 17.1 and 18.20, of regulation 7949.

- Albacore tuna, *Thunnus alalunga*, Albacora
- Bigeye tuna, *Thunnus obesus*, Atún ojón
- Bluefin tuna, *Thunnus thynnus*, Atún aletiazul
- Skipjack tuna, *Katsuwonus pelamis*, Bacora, bonito
- Yellowfin tuna, *Thunnus albacares*, Atún aleta amarilla



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