



# PUERTO RICO FISHERIES LIAISON 2024 REPORT

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# LIAISON OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PARTICIPATION 2024

- Educate the commercial fishers in Puerto Rico with the Educational Program for Commercial Fishers (PEPCO) and the Educational Program for Recreational Fishers (PEPR).
- 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 list.
- Distribute all educational materials of the CFMC, Sea Grant and DNER for the fishers and fishing communities at the South, North, East and West Coast of the island in fishing tournaments and festivals.
- Give support to CFMC and DNER social medias.
- Channel problems and concerns from fishers to CFMC and DNER.
- Visit fishers in fishing villages for orientation and take notes on what are their necessities.

# LIAISON OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PARTICIPATION 2024

- Coordinate interviews with NOAA fisheries EEJ personnel
- Coordinate and bring to fishers HMS workshops with NOAA-HMS personnel
- Puerto Rico MREP Program
- Help fishers to apply for financial aid
- Coordinate descending devices workshop (December 2024)

# HMS WORKSHOP

Coordinate 8 HMS orientation workshops with NOAA-HMS personnel around the island, with a participation of 139 commercial and recreational Fishers. The participants were able to fix, renew and apply for their fishing permits.



# LIAISON 2025 NEXT STEPS

- Continue bringing educational materials to fishing tournaments, fishign villages and educational events.
- Educational Program for Commercial Fishers (PEPCO)
- Educational Program for Recreational Fishers (PEPR)
- Continue sending informative and educational publications via Whats App broadcast list
- Descending devices workshops
- Work closely with Outreach and Education Panel
- Visit Fishing Villages around the island with DAP-PR chair and OEAP chair

# QUESTIONS?

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