

Puerto Rico Fisheries Liaison Officer Report

187TH CFMC REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 12-13, 2025

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Outreach and Education Participation

- ▶ Descending Device Workshops in various fishing communities
- ▶ Educational workshop for commercial fishers(PEPCO) at Cataño
- ▶ Deliver CFMC educational materials to fishers around the island
- Participate in MREP-PR Workshop
- Weekly post at WhatsApp broadcast list
- CFMC educational table at DNER Coral Week Symposium
- Attend calls of questions from fishers regarding PR state and federal waters.

Descending Device Workshops

Workshops given:

- ▶ Naguabo
- ▶ Guayama
- ▶ Cataño
- ▶ Río Grande
- ▶ Aguadilla
- ▶ Rincón
- ▶ Dorado

Future locations:

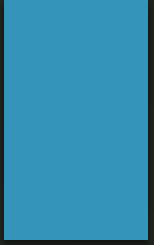
- ▶ Club Náutico Arecibo
- ▶ Club Náutico San Juan
- ▶ Villa Pesquera, Culebra
- ▶ Vieques Island
- ▶ Villa Pesquera Los Machos, Ceiba
- ▶ Villa Pesquera Puerto Real, Cabo Rojo

Fishers Interest and Concerns

- ▶ Interest in the DAP, OEAP, SSC and CFMC process
- ▶ Charters license process
- ▶ State fishing license process
- ▶ Federal Waters regulations proposed

Liaison Next Steps

- ▶ Descending Device Workshops at east and Vieques and Culebra
- ▶ Continue with educational commercial workshop program (PEPCO)
- ▶ August 19, 2025 - meeting with different stakeholders for the Educational workshop for recreational fishers (PEPR)
- ▶ Waiting for educational materials available to continue with the CFMC educational table



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