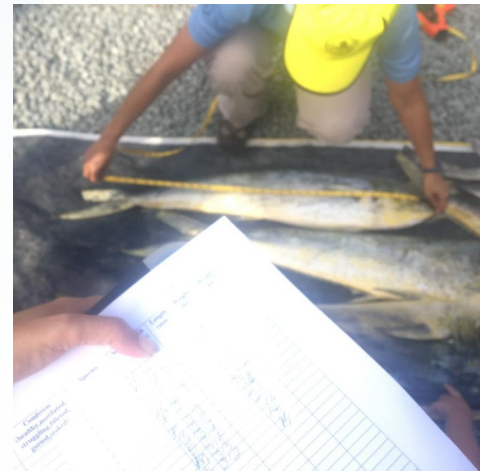


# What is the purpose of the DNER Marine Recreational Fisheries Program?



## Background

The Marine Recreational Fisheries Program began in 1999 as an effort to monitor this fishing activity in Puerto Rico. With the purpose of understanding all aspects that are part of recreational fishing; this program is divided in two components; first an evaluation of recreational fisheries modes practiced such as shore fishing and private boat fishing, also we monitor fishing activities done by tourist and residents that prefer charter boat services for their fishing activities. Also our program surveys marine recreational fishing tournaments around the Island.



## What information is gathered in each interview?

The information collected in the interviews includes catch, fish species id, length and weight, fishing effort, location, bait, fishing gear and sometimes socioeconomic information (residence, target species, etc.)

In the second component of this Project the assessment of marine recreational fishing tournaments. Our personnel visits angler clubs, marinas and any other related activity of this kind to collect biometric information (length and weight) and reports of released fish and bycatch caught during the event.

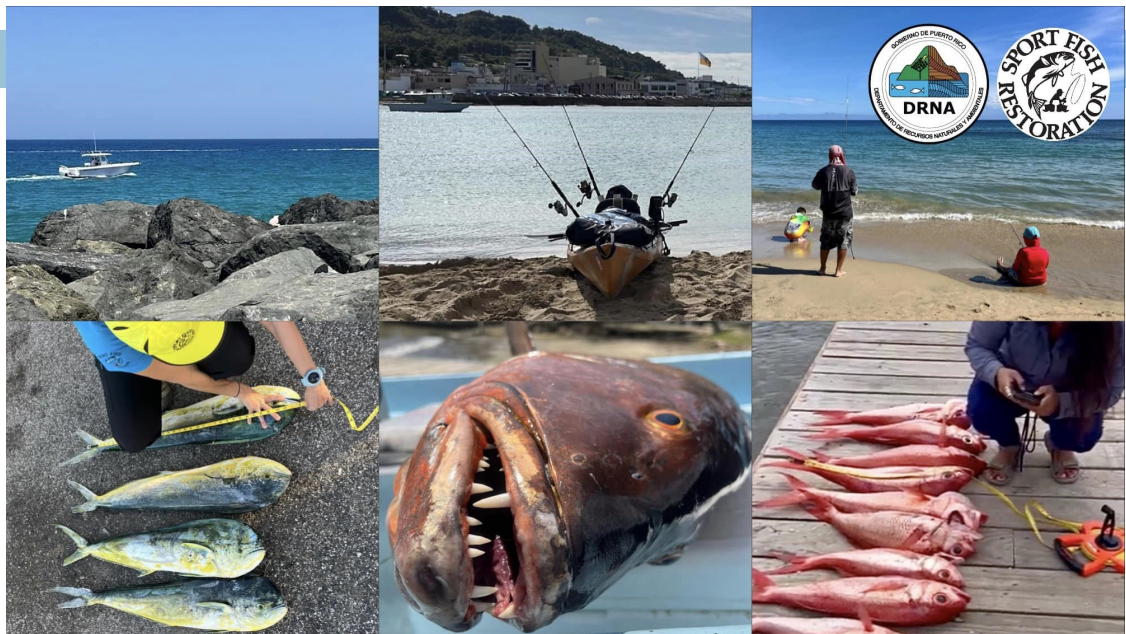




Likewise, we collect fishing effort information during these . When we combine data from tournaments with the information collected from interviews we can have a broader vision and comprehension of these activities in the Island.

The information accumulated over the years allows us to understand this activities and also helps to evaluate the impact these have on associated ecosystems, the economy etc.

This information is also used when selecting locations where ramps, marinas and fishing facilities are placed. Our personnel continuously Works to create ways that allows the protection of our fisheries resources whilst enjoying its benefits.



Thanks to all fishermen that have collaborated with our personnel through the years.

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