Overview of Puerto Rico's Small-Scale Fisheries Statistics: 1994 - 1997

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ABSTRACT

A total of 13,936,420 pounds (6,322 metric tons) of fish and shellfish were reported in Puerto Rico during 1994-97. The mentioned landings have a market value of approximately \$27,407,302. The most important fish group, in terms of percentage of total pounds landed (fish and shellfish), for 1994-97, was the silk snapper (mainly Lutjanus vivanus and Etelis oculatus) 9%, yellowtail snapper (Ocyurus chrysurus) 7%, lane snapper (Lutjanus synagris) 7%, mackerel species (Scomberomorus cavalla and Scomberomorus regalis) 5%, various species of grunts mainly the white grunt (Haemulon plumieri) 5%, dolphinfish (Coryphaena hippurus) 4%, various species of tuna 4%, various species of grouper, principally red hinds (Epinephelus guttatus), reported 4%, various species of parrotfish 3%, and various species of trunkfish 2%. The most important of the shellfish species were the spiny lobster (Panulirus argus) 7% of total reported landings, and the queen conch (Strombus gigas) 6%.

The gear type which accounted for the highest percentage of landings by weight of the total catch during 1994-97, were lines (hand line, troll line, long line and rod and line) with 40%. Lines were followed by traps (fish pot and lobster pot) with 24%, nets (beach seine trammel net, gill net and cast net) with

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Rico's fishery will be discussed.

KEY WORDS: Biostatistical data, commercial fishery statistics, Puerto Rico

INTRODUCTION

The Fisheries Research Laboratory (FRL) of the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) monitors the commercial landings of fish and shellfish in Puerto Rico. The Fisheries Statistics Program (FSP) was implemented in 1967 under the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act of 1964 (PL 88-309) to collect data on the commercial fishery. Currently, this project is supported by the NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) through the State/Federal Cooperative and Interjurisdictional Fisheries Programs and the DNER.

The objective of the Puerto Rico Fisheries Statistics Program is to

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maintain reporting services on the commercial finfish and shellfish resources of Puerto Rico, as well as manage and disseminate the fisheries statistics through coordination of activities between NMFS, FRL/DNER and other interested groups. The principal goals of this program are:

- Collect landings data from the island of Puerto Rico ensuring coverage of all coastal municipalities and their major fishing centers.
- ii) Determine the total weight of principal finfish and shellfish landed in Puerto Rico each month.
- iii) Determine the ex-vessel value of principal finfish and shellfish species landed in Puerto Rico each month.
- iv) Manage, correct, evaluate, summarize data and prepare semiannual and annual performance reports.
- v) Collect and analyze biostatistical data of the Puerto Rico's commercial fishery.

PROCEDURES

Commercial Landings Data

Commercial fishery landings data were collected from Puerto Rico=s fishermen, fish buyers and fishing associations, whom voluntarily cooperate with the FSP. Five port agents visited the 42 coastal municipalities including the islands of Vieques and Culebra, and the 88 identified fishing centers. Port agents worked in the data collection from January 1994 - December 1997.

Efforts were made to collect the following data: fishing date, name of fish buyer, fisherman and/or helper (to avoid data duplication), municipality; fishing center (municipality landing area); number of trips; gear type; fishing effort (hours spent fishing); weight in pounds by species or taxonomic family; market value to the fisherman (price in U.S. dollars/pound); maximum and minimum fishing depth and fishing area. Trip tickets were completed using species common names and identification was possible by using an amended version of the bilingual technical report "Common Names of Fishes in Puerto Rico" (Erdman 1987). A numerical system of species identification was developed to correspond with species codes used in Erdman's publication. Fishermen usually landed fishes in the round (not eviscerated), excepting deepwater snapper and large grouper that they usually landed gilled and gutted. Lobster, oyster and octopus were also landed in the round, and conch weights included meat only. Land crab statistics were reported in number of dozens with each dozen assumed to produce 1 lb. of meat. Some landings were reported as one of four classes of fish (first, second, third and "trash" fish) reflecting their market value: "trash" fish are perceived to have little or no market value. Classification varied somewhat by region but the following descriptions were used to characterize

each class broadly: first class fish included large snappers, grouper, grunt, trunkfish and hogfish; second class included small snapper and grouper, parrotfish, goatfish, and triggerfish; third class included smaller individuals of second class fish and large squirrelfish. The "trashfish" category included butterflyfish, angelfish, surgeonfish, small squirrelfish and small fishes of a large number of species (Matos-Caraballo and Sadovy 1990).

Catch per unit of effort (CPUE) was evaluated for landings data by calculation of total pounds per trip, making a subsample by month, using only those landings trip tickets that clearly indicated a single trip.

Landings data was entered MS-DOS computer, using DBASE III+, checked against the original landing trip tickets, corrected and analyzed using DBASE III+, Microsoft FoxPro, Lotus 123 and Microsoft Excel. All data presented in this report are raw data. As in previous years (1988-97) a correction factor was used in calculations to correct for under-reporting. The correction factor was expressed as the percentage of fishermen that regularly cooperated with statistics divided by the total number of active fishermen in the Island of Puerto Rico. A total of 1,758 commercial fishermen were active during 1994-97 (Matos-Caraballo 1996). The correction factor for 1994 was 64%, for 1995 and 1996 was 71% and for 1997 was 78%. Correction factors before 1989 are discussed in Matos-Caraballo and Sadovy (1990; 1991) and Matos-Caraballo (1992; 1993; 1995).

Commercial Biostatistical Data

Biostatistical data of finfish and spiny lobster were collected by port agents. Each individual was identified by species to determine catch composition. Finfishes were measured in fork length (FL) and spiny lobster in carapace length (CL), both in millimeters (mm), and weighed in grams. Data were recorded on data sheets form. The form was designed to facilitate entry and processing of effort data. Biostatistical data were entered in Trip Interview Program (TIP) developed by NMFS Southeast Fishery Science Center. Later, the data stored in TIP was converted to FoxPro and analyzed using Microsoft Excel. The data collected include date, name of fisherman, fishing area, depth, gear, species, length, weight and effort by gear type. When possible, sex and gonad stagewere visually inspected

RESULTS

Commercial Landings Data

In Puerto Rico during 1994, it was estimated that a total of 4,421,253 pounds of fish and shellfish were landed, with a market value of \$8,906,631 (using the correction factor of 71%). During 1995, it was estimated that a total of 5,223,942 pounds of fish and shellfish were landed, with a market value of

\$10,186,687 (using the correction factor of 71%). For 1996, it was estimated that a total of 5,094,421 pounds of fish and shellfish were landed, with a value of \$9,068,069 (using the correction factor of 71%). In 1997, it was estimated that a total of 4,994,846 pounds of fish and shellfish were landed, with a value of \$9,140,568 (using the correction factor of 78%). The correction factor of 78% of total fishermen cooperating with the Program in 1997, is the highest since 1988 when 56% of fishermen cooperated.

Reported data show that from January-December 1994, a total of 2,714,402 pounds were reported, in 1995 was a total of 3,708,999 pounds were reported, for 1996 a total of 3,617,039 pounds and for 1997 a total of 3,895,980 pounds (Table 1).

A total of 23,882 trip tickets was collected during 1994, 39,141 throughout 1995, 38,280 for 1996 and 38,470 for 1997. Landings were principally comprised by six species of shellfish and 43 groups of species or families of finfish, although a total of 151 finfish groups and/or species and 10 shellfish species were reported by fishermen.

The most important fish group, in terms of percentage of total pounds landed (fish and shellfish), for 1994-97, were the silk snapper Lutjanus vivanus (few fishermen reported Etelis oculatus as silk snapper) 9%, yellowtail snapper (Ocyurus chrysurus) 7%, lane snapper (Lutjanus synagris) 7%, mackerel species (Scomberomorus cavalla and Scomberomorus regalis) 5%, various species of grunts mainly the white grunt (Haemulon plumieri) 5%, dolphinfish (Coryphaena hippurus) 4%, various species of tuna 4%, various species of grouper, principally red hinds (Epinephelus guttatus), reported 4%, various species of parrotfish 3%, and various species of trunkfish 2% (Table 1). The most important of the shellfish species were the spiny lobster (Panulirus argus) 7% of total reported landings, and the queen conch (Strombus gigas) 6% (Table 1).

Several fish and shellfish species that in the past were usually discarded by fishermen, have gained commercial importance. These species did not have market value years ago, now are easily sold at reasonable prices. For example Table 1 shows that the squirrelfish (e.g. Holocentrus ascensionis and H. rufus) was sold in 1997 at an average price of approximately \$1.21 per pound. Shellfish species in the same situation are marine crabs Carpilius corallinus and Mythrax spp. On the other hand Acanthurus spp, Holocanthus ciliaris, Pomacanthus arcuatus, and P. paru are fished in the municipality island of Vieques, to be sold in the market of Saint Croix, USVI.

During 1994-97, prices varied markedly by municipality and by species (Tables 2). For example, in 1995, the lowest average price per pound for fish and shellfish was obtained on the east coast, in the municipality of Maunabo at \$0.97, and the highest average price was obtained in the south coast, in the municipality of Peñuelas with \$2.99/pound in 1994 (Table 2). The most produc-

tive of the 42 municipalities during 1994-97, was Cabo Rojo accounting for 22% of the total landings, by weight (Tables 2). The west coast, reported 38% of the total weight, being the most productive, followed by the south, 31%, the east, 19% and the north, 12% (Tables 2).

The gear types (as defined in Matos-Caraballo and Torres-Rosado, 1989), which accounted for the highest percentage of landings, by weight during 1994-97, were lines (hand line, troll line, long line and rod and line together) taking 40% (5,611,540 pounds) of the total catch (Tables 3-6). Lines were followed by traps (fish trap and lobster trap) taking 24% (3,291,559 pounds) of the total reported catch (Tables 3-6). Traps were followed by nets (beach seine, gill net, cast net and trammel net) that accounted for 21% (2,985,183 pounds) of the total reported catch (Tables 3-6). Nets were followed by diving (skin and SCUBA), this gear class fished 14% (1,984,849 pounds) of the total reported catch (Tables 3-6). The gears by hand and land crab trap accounted for less than 1% (63,292 pounds) of total reported landings (Tables 3-6).

From a total of 115,891 trip tickets collected during 1995-97, approximately 79% clearly indicated that the catch referred to a single fishing trip (number of trips = 1). A subsample of these data by month was made. Fishing trips are generally of a half-day duration. The CPUE for landings was 78 pounds per trip (ppt) in 1994, 80 ppt in 1995, 63 ppt in 1996, and 72 ppt in 1997.

Commercial Biostatistical Data

A total of 454 complete samples and 726 incomplete samples of biostatistical data were taken during 1994-97. A total of 25,198 finfish individuals and 2,770 spiny lobsters were measured and weighed during 1994-97. Sex determination of fishes in the field has been difficult due to the reluctance of fishermen to permit this activity, and the general limitation in available time for measuring samples, and difficulties in assessing any but the ripest individuals, for sex. However, it was attempted to collect a minimum of 25 samples of gonads monthly during 1996-97, for Ocyurus chrysurus, Lutjanus synagris, Sparisoma chrysopterum and Sparisoma viride. The success of this effort contributed to determine the minimum size of sexual maturation (MSSM) for the mentioned species. Ocyurus chrysurus females have an MSSM of 248 mm fork length (FL), males have 224mm FL (Figuerola et al. in press). Lutjanus synagris females have an MSSM of 185mm FL and males have 147 mm FL (Figuerola, et. al. in press). Sparisoma chrysopterum and Sparisoma viride are protogenic monandric hermaphrodites, thus they reproduce first as females. The MSSM of the S. chrysopterum females was 235mm FL and for S. viride females was 205 mm FL (Figuerola, et. al. in press).

The species most frequently measured from 1995-97 were Ocyurus

chrysurus, Haemulon plumieri, Lutjanus synagris, Panulirus argus, Epinephelus fulvus, Epinephelus guttatus, Sparisoma chrysopterum, Lutjanus vivanus, Sparisoma viride, Scomberomorus cavalla, and Mycteroperca tigris. M. tigris is heavily fished during their aggregation period. This event occurs in Vieques Island, approximately during the full moon of February and March each year. Personnel of the Statistics Program collect the data, but this species is not a common component of the Puerto Rico's catch composition.

Figuerola et al. (in press) indicated that Ocyurus chrysurus females reach MSSM at around 248mm FL and males at 224mm FL. During 1994-97, 10% of O. chrysurus individuals were taken below 224mm FL.

Panulirus argus has been protected under federal and local government management plans, for approximately the last 13 years. These management plans prohibit the capture and/or possession of *P. argus* below 89mm (3.5 inches) of carapace length. During 1994-97, approximately 36% of the total individuals sampled by FSP were taken below the minimum legal size (MLS). For the same period 17% of the *P. argus* males and 17% of the females were taken before reaching the MLS.

Epinephelus guttatus is the most abundant grouper species reported in Puerto Rico. Sadovy et. al. (1994) studied E guttatus from 1987-92, reporting that MSSM is 215mm FL. E. guttatus taken below 215mm FL, were 6% of the biostatistical samples during 1994-97.

Figuerola (1991) reported that *Lutjanus vivanus* females reach MMS at 410mm FL. Biostatistics data of 1994-97 show that approximately 99% of total individuals of *L. vivanus* (males and females) were taken below the MMS of 410mm.

DISCUSSION

Commercial Landings Data

The most reported groups by weight in the commercial fisheries landings for 1994-97, showed that snappers, grunts, groupers, parrotfishes, mackerels, dolphinfish and trunkfishes. Reported commercial landings data reported have been around two millions pounds per year from 1987-94 (Matos-Caraballo, in press). Since 1995, 96 and 97, an increase has been observed in the number of fishermen that cooperated with the FSP, resulting in 3.7, 3.6 and 3.8 millions pounds reported respectively. Approximately a total of 400 more commercial fishermen cooperated with FSP during 1997 than 1994. One possible reason to explain the increased landings reported might be due to an increase in the number of fishermen cooperated with the FSP during 1995-97. This increase in participation probably occurred because the PRDNER and the Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture have provided economical help to fishermen who cooperate on a regular basis to the FSP. Usually a certification from FSP is

required. When we compare the landings reported in late 70's and early 80's (around 5 - 7 million pounds), with the reported landings of 1987-97, an indication of overfishing is observed (Figure 1).

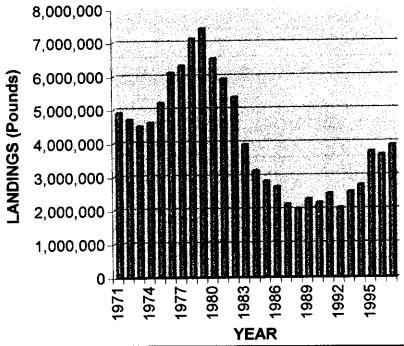


Figure 1. Total landings of fish and shellfish reported in Puerto Rico during 1971-97.

Another symptom of overfishing was observed in several species discarded by fishermen in the past, and now have become commercial species (e.g. *Holocentrus ascensionis* and *H. rufus* and *Acanthurus spp.*). These species are now marketable due to the decrease in landings of preferred species, and an increase in the demand of more fresh fish products.

The fish market of Saint Croix USVI, purchase the Vieques landings of Acanthurus spp, Holocanthus ciliaris, Pomacanthus. arcuatus, P. paru and many juvenile reef fish species. The mentioned species are subject to severe fishing pressure.

The municipality of Cabo Rojo and the west coast have continued to be the most productive municipality and coast respectively since 1972 (Weiler and Suárez-Caabro 1980, Collazo and Calderón 1988, Matos-Caraballo and Sadovy 1990 and 1991, Matos-Caraballo 1993, 1995, 1997). However, the west coast

has shown a tendency to decrease the percentage of total landings reported from 52% in 1983 to 37% in 1997 (Figure 2). Cabo Rojo shows the same tendency (Figure 2). Biostatistical data of FSP indicate that the fishing resources in the west are overfished (Matos-Caraballo, in press). The mentioned tendencies are evidence of the need of effective management and enforcement to preserve the fishing resources of Puerto Rico.

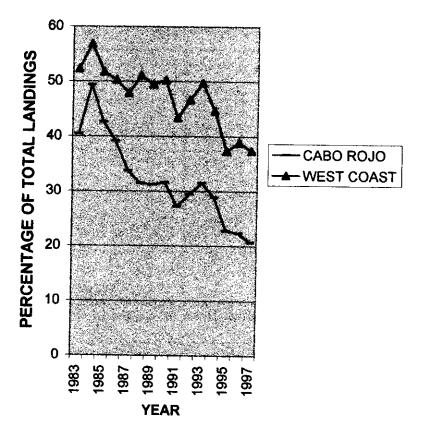


Figure 2. Percentage of total annual landings reported from Cabo Rojo and the West Coast for 1983-97.

Pots continued to show a decreasing trend in their catch percentages since 1982 (Matos-Caraballo and Sadovy 1990, 1991; Matos-Caraballo 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997), when fish traps alone caught 71.2% of the total pounds reported (Collazo and Calderón 1988) to 24% during 1994-97. On the other hand, an

increasing trend was observed in the percentage of reported landings taken by all lines combined, when compared with 1982, in which the percentage was 12.4% (Collazo and Calderón 1988) to 44% during 1994-97. Nets have shown a similar trend. For example, the gill nets and trammel nets caught 2.7% in 1982 (Collazo and Calderón 1988), while in 1995-97 they caught 21%.

Average annual catch per unit effort (CPUE) in was estimated to be 63 - 80% during 1994-97. Collazo and Calderón (1988) mentioned that during 1979-82, the CPUE for the vessels of 21-25 ft was 122.74 pounds/trip. This is another evidence of the overfishing symptoms of Puerto Rico's fishery resources.

Commercial Biostatistical Data

The commercial biostatistical data indicates that the Puerto Rico fishery resource is overfished. *P. argus* in Puerto Rico has a minimum legal size of 89 mm carapace length. During 1994-97, a total of 36% of *P. argus* sampled was caught below minimum legal size. Approximately 99% of individuals of *L. vivanus* sampled by FSP were caught before reaching sexual maturity during 1994-97.

CONCLUSION

In 1979, reports of landings in Puerto Rico recorded 7,212,000 pounds of fish and shellfish. During the decade of the eighties, landings decreased consistently. During 1994-97, reported landings ranged between 2.7 million and 3.8 million pounds of fish and shellfish. Landings information has shown that several fish and shellfish species that fishermen discarded in the past, and that did not have market value are now easily sold. These species are probably important because of the decreased landings of the traditional valuable species. Another symptom of overfishing is evidenced in the CPUE data. During 1979-82, average pounds per trip were 122.73 and in 1997, were 72 pounds per trip.

Another set of problems associated with the fishery resources is observed through biostatistical data, which show that species such as *P. argus*, and *L. vivanus* are consistently taken below the MSSM, although *P. argus* is protected by Fishery Management Plan. Clearly more enforcement is needed.

After the analysis of these facts, it is concluded that during 1994-97, several fishery resources in Puerto Rico have continued to decline, despite an increase in the number of landings reported, due to an increase in the number of fishermen that cooperates with FSP. The information presented in this report urges the need for measures to protect the fishery resources of Puerto Rico, including the improvement of the enforcement of the existing fishing regulations and Fishery Management Plans.

Table 1. Landings reported by species in Puerto Rico during 1994-1997.

| SPECIES | 1994 | | 1995 | | 1996 | | 1997 | | TOTAL | |
|--------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-------------|-------|------------|-------|
| | POUNDS | *P/P | POUNDS | *P/P | POUNDS | *P/P | POUNDS | *P/P | POUNDS | *P/P |
| FISH | L | | | | | | | | | |
| TUNA | 90,826 | 1.25 | 115,237 | 1.31 | 137,232 | 1.21 | 216,568 | 1.17 | 559,863 | 1.2- |
| BALLYHOO | 34,422 | 0.94 | 56,930 | 1.02 | 58,277 | 0.93 | 58,436 | 1.12 | 208,065 | 1.00 |
| GRUNTS | 142,137 | 1,35 | 142,689 | 1.39 | 172,059 | 1.36 | 164,152 | 1.40 | 621,037 | 1.38 |
| HOGFISH | 32,328 | 2.04 | 49,476 | 1.89 | 60,855 | 1.83 | 69,087 | 1.99 | 211,746 | 1.9- |
| TRUNKFISH | 53,559 | 1.73 | 68,964 | 1.90 | 67,704 | 1,90 | 82,230 | 1.86 | 272,457 | 1.B: |
| DOLPHINFISH | 91,172 | 1.68 | 198,117 | 1.46 | 152,718 | 1.46 | 166,887 | 1,56 | 608,894 | 1.5- |
| SQUIRRELFISH | 9,005 | 1,09 | 14,132 | 1.19 | 15,626 | 1.13 | 21,632 | 1.21 | 60,395 | 1.14 |
| MULLET | 29,551 | 1.25 | 57,448 | 1.12 | 53,587 | 1.08 | 55,583 | 1.18 | 196,169 | 1.10 |
| JACKS | 49,342 | 1.36 | 67,614 | 1.20 | 59,667 | 1.16 | 82,436 | 1.17 | 259.059 | 1.2. |
| PARROTFISH | 116,106 | 1.90 | 80,330 | 1,44 | 103,537 | 1.31 | 111,264 | 1.41 | 411,237 | 1.53 |
| GROUPERS | | | | | | | | | | |
| RED HIND | 28,738 | 1,84 | 42,383 | 1.77 | 53,431 | 1.84 | 60,223 | 1.96 | 184,775 | 1.8. |
| NASSAU GROUPER | 7,737 | 1.66 | 7,772 | 1.58 | 12,679 | 1.52 | 15,513 | 1,60 | 43,701 | 1.5 |
| GROUPER CATEGORY | 85,936 | 1.90 | 100,815 | 1.80 | 93,301 | 1.74 | 79,201 | 1.89 | 359.253 | 1.83 |
| MOJARRA | 28,917 | 1,56 | 12,262 | 1.40 | 25,610 | 1.23 | 23,768 | 1.27 | 110,557 | 1.37 |
| SNAPPERS | | | | | | | | | | |
| LANE SNAPPER | 134,254 | 1.97 | 242,336 | 1.92 | 272,243 | 1.73 | 270,461 | 1.91 | 919.294 | 1,88 |
| YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER | 186,703 | L.94 | 292,400 | 1.86 | 275,075 | 1.71 | 273.B23 | 1.82 | 1.028.001 | 1.83 |
| SILK SNAPPER | 338,163 | 2.47 | 363,811 | 2.29 | 312,535 | 2,22 | 285,907 | 2.28 | 1.300.416 | 2.32 |
| MUTTON SNAPPER | 39,718 | 2.03 | 79,936 | 1.83 | 76,674 | 1.62 | 76,583 | 1.80 | 272.911 | 1.82 |
| OTHER SNAPPER | 48,430 | 1.97 | 69,559 | 1.83 | 61,606 | 1.78 | 82,800 | 1.88 | 262,395 | 1.87 |
| TRIGGERFISH | 46,430 | 1.43 | 68,844 | 1.38 | 63,969 | 1.34 | 73,187 | 1.49 | 252,430 | 1.41 |
| BARRACUDA | 14,045 | 1.25 | 20,178 | 1.29 | 22,802 | 1.10 | 27,847 | 1.34 | 84.872 | 1.25 |
| PORGY | 11,192 | 1.41 | 18,788 | 1.37 | 30,736 | 1.23 | 28,463 | 1.34 | 89.179 | 1.34 |
| SNOOK | 34,624 | 1.60 | 49,162 | 1,27 | 49,422 | 1.32 | 52,896 | 1.38 | 186,104 | 1.39 |
| TARPON | 4,654 | 0.69 | 1.795 | 0.98 | 103 | 0.64 | 1.432 | 0.96 | 7.981 | 0.96 |
| GOATFISH | 10,044 | 1,84 | 14,564 | 1.53 | 21,133 | 1.47 | 18.812 | 1.50 | 61.553 | 1.59 |
| SARDINES | 25,713 | 1.16 | 28,684 | 0.96 | 27,867 | 1.05 | 32,474 | 0.90 | 114,738 | 1.02 |
| MACKERELS | 121,619 | 1.81 | 188,706 | 1.56 | 166,959 | 1.40 | 203,887 | 1.45 | 681,171 | 1.56 |
| SHARKS | 16,256 | 1.43 | 74,809 | 1.17 | 59.847 | 1.17 | 61,268 | 1.14 | 232,180 | 1.23 |
| MARGATE | 2,315 | 1.76 | 2,821 | 1.43 | 4.043 | 1.36 | 3,610 | 1.46 | 12.789 | 1.50 |
| CLASSIFFIED | | | | • | | | 5,510 | 2.47 | 12,702 | |
| FIRST CLASS | 174,204 | 1.62 | 239,808 | 1.70 | 150.95B | 161 | 141.691 | 1.54 | 706,661 | 1.62 |
| SECOND CLASS | 144,367 | 0.97 | 132,663 | 0.87 | 148,013 | 0.78 | 102.048 | L01 | 527.091 | 0.91 |
| THIRD CLASS | 38,464 | 1.03 | 87,898 | 0.58 | 71,463 | 0.73 | 122,081 | 0.92 | 319,906 | 0.82 |
| TRASH | 922 | 1.26 | 2.831 | 0.77 | 2,560 | 0.60 | 2.016 | 0,70 | 8.329 | 0.83 |
| OTHER FISHES | 99,934 | | 159,140 | | 142,656 | 0,00 | 247,980 | 9,70 | 649.710 | u,o, |
| TOTAL FISHES | 2,311,827 | 1,67 | 3.172.902 | 1.59 | 3.026,947 | 1.55 | 3.316.246 | 1.59 | 11.827.922 | 1,60 |
| | 1 | | | | | | 5,5 (0,2 (0 | | 11,027,742 | 1.165 |
| SHELLFISH | | | | i | | * | | | | |
| CONCH | 170,720 | 2.67 | 215,488 | 2.32 | 242,720 | 1.69 | 238,887 | 2.09 | 867,815 | 2.19 |
| LAND CRAB | 2,015 | 14.94 | 5,730 | 5.39 | 12,928 | 4,03 | 10,066 | 13.71 | 30,739 | 9.52 |
| LOBSTER | 192,181 | 4,60 | 280,438 | 4.11 | 282,610 | 3.68 | 284,222 | 3.97 | 1,039,451 | 4.09 |
| OYSTER | 2,889 | 0.00 | 6,831 | 2.80 | 8,209 | 2.32 | 608 | 1.88 | 18,537 | 1.75 |
| OCTOPUS | 25,837 | 1,67 | 19,393 | 2.01 | 37.196 | 1.78 | 38,740 | 1.69 | 121,166 | 1.79 |
| OTHER SHELLFISH | 8,933 | 3.58 | 8,217 | 3.59 | 6,429 | 1.67 | 7.211 | 2.57 | 30,790 | 2.85 |
| TOTAL SHELLFISH | 402,575 | 4.62 | 536,097 | 3.95 | 590,092 | 3.25 | 579,734 | 3,59 | 2,108,498 | 3.85 |
| TOTAL | 2,714,402 | 2.10 | 3,708,999 | 1,94 | 3.617.039 | 1.79 | 3,895,980 | | 13,936,420 | 1.93 |

^{*} P/P = Average Price Per Pound

Table 2. Landings reported by municipality and by coast in Puerto Rico during 1994-1997.

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|--------------|-----------|----------------------|---|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|
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| NORTH | 381,871 | | 71.2 | 559,034 | 1,173,089 | 5.09 | 383,595 | | 88 | 481.385 | 1 070 222 | 2.10 |
| sabela | 890'9 | 11,291 | 16 | 19,951 | 29,776 | | 21,137 | 16.431 | 1.35 | 21 012 | | |
| Ouchradillas | ٥ | ð | 00.0 | | | | 0 | Ó | | 0 | 0 | |
| Сатич | 0 | | 0.00 | 5.158 | 12,039 | 2.04 | 5,817 | 15,208 | 2.03 | 17.453 | | 1.93 |
| Hatillo | 2,059 | | 1.69 | 168'5 | 10,246 | | 8.614 | 19,773 | | 13,809 | 27.217 | |
| Arcribo | 42,121 | | 2.37 | 52,785 | 118,773 | 2.20 | 52,757 | 132,484 | 2.42 | 47,090 | 114,579 | 2.44 |
| Barceloneta | 15,234 | 75,237 | 2.05 | 21,687 | 40,205 | | 18,236 | 26,516 | 131 | 35 990 | | 08 |
| Manati | 6,324 | | | 1 | 28,074 | | 5,656 | 12.680 | 2.13 | 11,853 | | 70.7 |
| Vega Baja | 5,312 | 14,080 | 2.60 | 9.550 | 27,203 | 2.53 | 12,274 | 26,673 | 2.11 | 828'61 | 57.702 | 2.72 |
| Vega Alta | 916,6 | 19,573 | 2.25 | | 41,545 | 117 | 118.01 | 22.862 | 25. | 19 520 | | 2.22 |
| Dorado | 27,054 | 54,997 | 2.14 | П | 67,858 | 2.21 | 26,328 | 58.149 | 2.05 | 21.429 | | 2.07 |
| Toa Baja | 0 | 0 | 00:0 | | 3,059 | | 8,403 | 12 296 | 103 | 3 576 | | 47 |
| Cataño | 59,905 | 130,145 | | | 196,186 | | 38.217 | 83.475 | 1.89 | 62 690 | 71 | |
| San Juan | 84.158 | | 2.25 | 1 | 215.879 | 1 20 | 62.03 | 111 106 | 14.6 | 24 09K | ľ | |
| Carolina | 22,288 | | | 1 | 66 524 | | 17 444 | 10,865 | 1 88 | 21 085 | İ | |
| pzio | 92,181 | | | ı | 185.071 | | 59 374 | 106 282 | | 58.210 | ľ | ļ |
| Rio Grande | 4,652 | | 2.19 | L | 73.070 | | 19 575 | 43.265 | | 19.040 | l | l |
| olling | \$1.5 | 12,266 | 11.11 | 29.919 | | | 19.230 | 40.380 | | 24 664 | | ĺ |
| EAST | 335,015 | ľ | | 689 | 2 | | 570 573 | 1388 558 | | 779 644 | 109 855 | |
| Fejardo | 84,003 | | | | | L | 150.043 | 321.902 | 1.73 | 157.645 | | l |
| Ceiba | 34,472 | | 2.30 | | | | \$6,572 | 119,864 | 2.20 | 67,033 | | 2.09 |
| Neguado | 98,248 | , | | 136.067 | 305,208 | 2.01 | 80,722 | 190,242 | 7.06 | 81,781 | l | 2.14 |
| Humacao | 56,452, | [8£0't01] | , | | | 16'1 | 90,202 | 198'891 | 1.83 | 104,665 | | 65 |
| Yabucos | 26,078 | 45,676 | 187 | | | | 35.280 | 68,281 | 1.85 | 35.767 | 71.845 | |
| Vaunabo | 8,140 | | | | | | 38,529 | 54,661 | 1.33 | 44.8% | | |
| Culebra | 18,870 | | 88 | | | | 25,048 | 53,737 | 2.16 | 79,562 | | |
| Vieques | 8,752 | | | 147.913 | | 1.82 | 200,676 | , | 1.86 | 208,295 | | |
| HIS | 784,883 | ٦ | | | 3 | | 148 796 | 2,441,726 | 1.85 | 1,226,665 | 7 | 981 |
| tillas | 22,359 | 51.270 | | | | 2.51 | 44,518 | 117,146 | 3.46 | 63 559 | | 15.5 |
| ATTOMO | 44,336 | | 2.25 | 59,109 | | | 061'09 | 110,750 | 1.80 | 57,205 | | 1.74 |
| Guayama | 105,362 | | 2.21 | 1 | | | 152,130 | 345,175 | 8 7 | 163,425 | | |
| Salinas | 59,982 | | | | | | 138,386 | 304,078 | 1.87 | 180 IS | 403,803 | 66.7 |
| Santa Esabel | 31,374 | 63.2% | 2.28 | | 122,122 | 2.30 | 69,904 | 167,587 | 1.07 | 72,763 | ı | 1.97 |
| unna Diaz | 100,040 | | | 141,233 | 326,127 | 2.30 | 155.751 | 350,958 | E | 226 120 | | |
| Ponce | 75,821 | | 2. | : 1 | 166,384 | 2.05 | 107,307 | 237,118 | 1.93 | 85,245 | 183,134 | 10'2 |
| flucias | \$4,535 | | | | 184,104 | | 050'69 | 214,771 | 2.33 | 49,056 | 146,808 | |
| Guayanilla | 12,260 | 17,034 | 1.76 | | | | 38.814 | | | 34 850 | | |
| Guánica | 162,091 | | 2.15 | 174.461 | 318,021 | | 151,945 | | 1.63 | 116,112 | | |
| sejas | 111.723 | | | | | | 160 801 | 260,439 | | 178 136 | 296,819 | |
| WEST | 1,212,633 | \lceil | 1.85 | -1 | 2,445,681 | 89.1 | 407,576 | 2,429,113 | 1.59 | 1,458,286 | 7 | 851 |
| Cabo Rojo | 783,624 | 7 | 2.08 | - 1 | 1,565,174 | 1.92 | 808 211 | 1,429,212 | .79 | 806,016 | 1, | 1.10 |
| Mayaguez | 109,657 | 1 | 2.11 | - 1 | | | 146 585 | 278,852 | 07.1 | 122,059 | 2 | 1.69 |
| Añasco | 27,974 | | 7.02 | 34.463 | | | 45,581 | 102,727 | 2 | 36,373 | 566,43 | 1.73 |
| Kincon | 84,558 | | 8 | - 1 | | 62. | 93 540 | 222,137 | .62 | 72,532 | 178,586 | 1.63 |
| Agranda | 88,038 | | 1.19 | - 1 | 125,334 | | 96,953 | 118,535 | 60.1 | 114,280 | 169,409 | 1.22 |
| Agusdille | 118,782 | | - 46 | 200 855 | 290,804 | 132 | 216 706 | 277,650 | 61.1 | 307.026 | | 1.18 |
| TOTAL | 2,714,402 | 5. 69.293 | 2.10 | 2 10 3 708 999 | 7 285 091 | 56 | 3 617 010 | 3.058.018 | 20 | 200 200 | 7 804 900 | |

Table 3. Landings reported by species and by gear in Puerto Rico during 1994.

| l | BEACE | FISH | LOBSTE | OUT | BOTTOL | (TROL | LONG | LAND CRAI | CAST | ROD AND | SKIN | BY | SCUBA | TRAMMET | TOTAL |
|--------------------|----------|--|--------|----------|-------------|---------|--|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------------------|
| SPECIES | SELNE | TRAP | TRAP | NET | LINE | LINE | LINE | TRAP | NET | LINK | DIVING | HAND | DIVING | NKT | 1017 |
| | (Page 4) | <u> </u> | LC-41. | P++40 | (Produ | Cont. | Contract Con | | 0 | 1 | (Pends) | (Fresh) | | (Franks) | |
| FISH | | 1. | | | | 1 | T | | T*** | 1 | · · · · · | 11.200 | (Press) | U-MARK! | (Perek) |
| TUNA | 1,70 | 5,946 | | 396 | 12,80 | 09.52 | 6 26 | · · | 0 1 | 241 | | - 0 | | ١ . | 90,824 |
| BALLYHOO | 9,596 | 1,508 | | 9,484 | 10.58 | 1.00 | | | 0 14 | | | | | | 32,42 |
| ORUNTS | 2,150 | 54,570 | | 12,767 | 29,44 | 5BI | | | 0 21 | | | | | | |
| HOOFISH | 86 | 6,107 | _ | _3,291 | 1.414 | 6 | | | 0 6 | | | | | | |
| TAUNKFISR | 337 | 37,634 | , | 6,400 | 6,02 | 100 | 74 | | 0 0 | | | | | 1,840 | |
| DOCUMENTS | | 1 0 | | 263 | 31,290 | 37.504 | 1,391 | | 0 0 | 325 | | | | 110 | |
| SOUTHERETER | 474 | 4,010 | | 2,413 | 1,62 | 187 | | | 0 8 | | | | | - 110 | 9.001 |
| жилиет | 972 | 387 | | 21,426 | 1,095 | 284 | 46 | | 0 254 | | | - | | 4,60 | 29,511 |
| /ACK | \$,128 | 5 229 | | 10,491 | 13,593 | 7,316 | 2,755 | | 0 270 | | | , | | 157 | 49.342 |
| PARROTPIRE | 214 | 36,812 | 0 | 50,616 | 3,539 | 95 | 26 | | | - 0 | Ť | - | | 24,557 | 116.106 |
| GROUPERS | | ľ | | | | | T | | + | · · · | | | -37 | 61337 | 110,100 |
| RED HIND | 1#1 | 12,348 | 19 | 3,031 | 11.014 | 240 | 125 | | 94 | | - | | 6 | 1,391 | 28,736 |
| NASSAU GROUPER | 14 | 3,314 | 0 | 340 | 3,194 | | | | | | - | . 0 | 589 | 1591 | 7,737 |
| GROUPER CATEGORY | 275 | 22,366 | .41 | 31.5 | 61,386 | | 165 | | | | | 0 | | 187 | |
| MOTARIKA | 2,275 | 35 | - | 19,229 | 1,778 | 21 | 25 | | | | 0 | - 01 | | 1.358 | 13.536 |
| SNAPPERS | | | | | | | | | | | | " | - 4 | 1,338 | 28,917 |
| LANE SHAPPER | 1,631 | 27,356 | 3. | 3,276 | 85,135 | 577 | 1,046 | - 7 | 9472 | | | | 3.222 | | |
| YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER | 1,404 | D386 | 20 | 14,379 | 74,566 | 2.826 | 6,476 | - | | 301 | - | - 0 | 1,248 | 1,066 | 134,234 |
| SILK SNAPPER | 0 | 115,717 | • | 0 | 220,632 | | 1,814 | | | -~ | - 1 | - 0 | 1,246 | 1,236 | 186,703 |
| MUTTON SNAPPER | 5,427 | 7,872 | 202 | 4,222 | 15.744 | 3,070 | | | | | 12 | - 5 | 2,000 | p | 331,160 |
| OTHER SNAPPERS | . 341 | 11,639 | Õ | 7.330 | 15,995 | 609 | 463 | | | | 211 | | | | 39,7) £ |
| TRIOGERFISH | 71 | 24,202 | - 1 | 3,571 | 7,103 | 138 | 50 | | | | 39 | | 7,503 5,710 | 3,41 | 41,430 |
| BARILACUDA | 3,456 | 1344 | 0 | 1,909 | 1.574 | 2.063 | 780 | | | 9 | 39 | 01 01 | 3,710) 784 | 3,492 | 46,430 |
| PORGY | 1,857 | 3,039 | 9 | 80 | 1,297 | 7 | 1,570 | | | | | - 1 | 221 | 75 | 14,045 |
| SNOOK | 7,201 | 1,602 | | 19.000 | 3,630 | J13 | 215 | | | - 8 | | | 493 | 1,171 | 11,192 |
| TARPON | 333 | 29 | 0 | 2.119 | 1,107 | 343 | 106 | | | - 0 | | ᇸ | | 847 | 34,624 |
| RETTAGE | 16 | 6,585 | . 0 | 2,197 | 1,020 | 276 | | | | | | D) | | | 4,654 |
| SARDINES | 305 | 674 | . 0 | 1.140 | 2,021 | 137 | 50 | | | . 0 | - 8 | - 8 | | - 0 | 10,044 |
| MACIOERELS | 5,679 | 1,532 | | 4,514 | 56,361 | 45,496 | 25 | | | | 62 | | - # | | 25,713 |
| HARKS | 413 | 0 | 0 | 5,296 | 21,417 | 2,113 | 1.953 | | | 8 | 230 | | 1,417 | 2,705 | 121,619 |
| ARGATE . | 12 | 74 | | 1,143 | 620 | | a | | | | - 20 | | 1,417 | | 36,256 |
| I_A531F1ED | | | | | | | | | | | - 4 | | - q | 427 | 2,315 |
| FIRST CLASS | 17,931 | 88,773 | . 0 | 13,622 | 15.911 | 40 | 642 | | 41 | 01 | . 76 | | 44 | | |
| SECOND CLASS | 5,433 | 12,547 | - 0 | 37,024 | 50,001 | œ | 342 | | 1 74 | | | - 1 | 16,001 | 9,238 | 174,204 |
| THEO CLASS | 92 | 20,475 | 0 | 59 | 7,247 | 151 | - 6 | | 341 | - 0 | 75 | - 1 | 9,286 | 37.9 9 | 144,367 |
| TRASH | 270 | 387 | 0 | - 1 | 17 | - 6 | - 0 | | | - 0 | | - 6 | 7,740 | 2,734 | 40,464 |
| OTHER PISIES | _1,290 | 7.357 | _ 203 | 1,000 | 20,256 | 1,649 | 1.258 | | | - 0 | 1,247 | - 0 | 31.967 | | 922 |
| OTAL FISHES | 87,129 | 621,4E3 | 606 | 301,623 | | 209,130 | 22.526 | | 25,774 | 875 | 2,101 | - 4 | | 22,077 | 99,934 |
| | | | | | | | | | 20,74 | */3 | | - | , E4,989 | 144,056 | 2,311,127 |
| PELFISH | | | | | $\neg \neg$ | | | | 1 | - | -+ | - | + | — | - |
| ONCH | .20 | 0 | 0 | | - 0 | - | 0 | | 0 | | 1.110 | - | | | |
| AND CRAB | | . 0 | . 0 | ó | | - 1 | ő | 2.015 | - 0 | | | - 0 | 146 160 | | 170,720 |
| OBSTER | 160 | 74,019 | 11,152 | 3,071 | 2,091 | 3 | 12 | | | | 1,949 | | <u>e</u> | | 2,015 |
| YSTEK | 0 | ۰ | 0 | 01 | - | - | | | - | - 8 | | 2 520 | \$3,930 | 14,237 | 192,182 |
| CTOPUS | 75 | 979 | 141 | 311 | . 0 | - 4 | - 0 | | - | <u>D1</u> | - 0 | 2,889 | - 0 | - 9 | 2,829 |
| THER SHELLFISH | 119 | 2,586 | 1,204 | 2.360 | 279 | - 1 | | | | - : | 20,273 | - | 4,092 | | 25,07 |
| OTAL SHELLFISH | 347 | 77,314 | 13,197 | 6,342 | 2.368 | 33 | 12 | 2,015 | | | | - 0 | 770 | 1,674 | 8,933 |
| OTAL | | 90,067 | | 313 (65) | | | 22,531 | | 25,774 | 873 | 23,332 25,533 | | 358,392 343,381 | 15,854 | 402,175 2,714,402 |

Table 4. Landings reported by species and by gear in Puerto Rico during 1995.

| SPECIES | BRACH | FISH | LOBSTER | OIL | BOTTOM | TROLL | LONG | LAND CRAIL | CAST | BOD AND | SECON | BY | SCUBA | TRANSCEL | TOTAL |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|--------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------|--|--|--|--------------|-----------------|
| | SEDIE | TRAP | THAT | NET | LINE | LINE | LDIE | TRAP | NET | LDIE | DIVING | HAND | DIVING | HEI | |
| | (Payade) | (Preside) | (Prode) | (Pends) | (Peret) | (Zymés) | (Proper) | (******) | (Prest) | (Prends) | (Penalti) | (Pends) | (Pends) | (P) | (Franch) |
| FISH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUNA | 15,414 | | - | 3,477 | 20,520 | 73,392 | | 0 | 208 | 21 | , | - | | | 115,237 |
| BALLYHOO | _11.311 | 0 | - | 30,503 | 3,076 | 1,915 | | , | | | | | , | 694 | 36,930 |
| ORUNTS . | 1273 | 31.711 | 1.011 | 25,591 | 24,733 | 1,386 | | 0 | 64 | | 0 | | | 44200 | 142,609 |
| ROGFISH | 917 | 6.381 | 15 | 1,766 | 2,712 | | 16 | | 56 | - 11 | . (1) | | 22007 | 17988 | 49,476 |
| TRUNKFISH | 907 | 37,345 | 237 | | 3,814 | | 775 | | | | 9.5 | | | 13761 | 68.964 |
| DOLPHOVPISH | 645 | D | - | 4,936 | 41,160 | 148,910 | | 8 | | | | - | , | | 198,117 |
| SOUTRAFLEISH | 376 | 4,571 | | 1,309 | 6,716 | 501 | , p | | | | | | , | | 14,132 |
| MULLET | 6,994 | 1.146 | | 0,777 | 3,912 | 485 | 73 | 0 | | | 0 | | | | 57,446 |
| TACKS | 16,909 | 2,779 | 129 | | 14,509 | 19,299 | 11.483 | | 904 | | | 0 | 213 | | 67.614 |
| PARROTFISH | 1.852 | 16,573 | 20 | 14,678 | 3,340 | 45 | | | | | 404 | | | 34079 | 80,330 |
| OROUPERS | | - | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| RED HIND | 168 | 1,944 | 822 | 1.537 | 25,146 | - | _ 666 | ٥ | 692 | | 29 | | 3553 | 474 | 636 |
| NASSAU GROUPER | 2 | 3,031 | - | 52 | 3,595 | | 92 | | 59 | | 0 | | 521 | 20 | 7,772 |
| GROUPER CATEGORY | 520 | | 27 | 1,274 | 62,732 | 0 | 533 | | 249 | | 197 | | 127,06 | . 4 | 100,815 |
| MOJARRA | 4 276 | LS6 | | | 3,495 | 161 | 100 | | 782 | | | | | 270 | 32,262 |
| SNAPPERS | | | | | | | | | | | ······································ | | Н, | <u> </u> | |
| LANE SNAPPER | 5,770 | 101.032 | 120 | 26,485 | 70,497 | 1.866 | 22,001 | | 122 | 24 | 121 | | 5732 | 7596 | 242.336 |
| YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER | 6,029 | | 31 | | 238,497 | 12,532 | | | | - | 7 | 1 . | | 2646 | 297,400 |
| SUK SNAPPER | 000 | 36,136 | | 1000 | 306,274 | 1-24 | - | | - 45-74 | 1401 | | | 1374 | *** | 30.51 |
| MUTTON SNAPPER | 1.537 | 14,090 | 74 | 6,276 | 30,114 | 1,153 | 1.412 | , | 716 | | 24 | | 3140 | 772 | 77,336 |
| OTHER SNAPPER | 1.615 | 11.351 | ,, | 1.577 | 33,510 | 10 | 221 | * | 606 | - 20 | 289 | Ť | 4710 | 7371 | 67.159 |
| TRIOGERFISH | 348 | 28.363 | 136 | 2.152 | 24,306 | 902 | 200 | , | 243 | | 199 | - | 9131 | 3107 | 67.544 |
| BARRACUDA | 6,937 | 413 | | 2,949 | 5,113 | 4.057 | - | - 4 | 143 | | | - 6 | 276 | 219 | 20,178 |
| POROY | 1,291 | 6,391 | 10 | 5.241 | 3,758 | 61 | 176 | | | | • | - 6 | 390 | 124 | 11,744 |
| SNOOK | 11332 | 147 | - 10 | | 1,390 | 909 | 147 | - | 571 | 9 | 52 | | -70 | | 47.162 |
| TARPON | 371 | 105 | | 1256 | 62 | ~ | - 194 | | 3/1 | | 32 | - ; | | | 1.795 |
| COATFISH | 39 | 11,433 | | | 3,074 | 75 | - | | - × | | | - | ۱ . | 453 | |
| SARDINES | 2,620 | 601 | | | | - " | - | | 22,480 | | | | - | 63 | 4.564 21.684 |
| MACKERELS | 1,944 | 2.612 | | 9,288 | 102,479 | 63,090 | 270 | , | 247 | 90 | | 164 | 486 | | 188,706 |
| SHARKS | 409 | 10,430 | | 4,717 | 35.491 | 1,281 | 3,746 | , | 91 | 29 | | 100 | | 9633 | 74,809 |
| MARGATE | 293 | 487 | | 1,010 | 354 | | -2/10 | | 74 | 160 | ··· ·· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | 312 | 2,621 |
| CLASSIFFIED | - 47.7 | 761 | | 1,010 | | • | | —— <u>"</u> | | 100 | · · | | | 314 | |
| FIRST CLASS | 1.490 | 120 M.E | 145 | 7,375 | 54,315 | 26 | 1.661 | | 1,013 | 18 | . 147 | - | 32044 | 29761 | |
| SECOND CLASS | 1,519 | 79,176 | - 6 | 3,763 | 13.214 | ~ | 1001 | | 1.71.7 | | . 134 | - | 103 | | 239,304 |
| THURD CLASS | 14 | 35.145 | 42 | 1,909 | E.642 | 221 | · | | 21 | | | 6 | 21,800 | 37816 | 132,60 |
| TRASH | | 2.257 | - 1 | 39 | | | 9 | · | 0 | | | - | 191 | | 17,291 |
| OTHER FISHES | 19.252 | 42,449 | - 6 | 25,235 | 41,507 | 970 | ¥ | | - 0 | | 236 | - | 25,719 | 341 4,212 | 2,031 |
| TOTAL FISHES | | | 3,690 | | 1,220,861 | | 44.688 | - | 33,005 | 1.154 | 2.336 | 164 | | | 157,140 |
| TOTAL FISHES | 139.449 | 707,702 | 7.979 | 202,010 | 1,220,001 | 342,147 | 49,084 | <u>-</u> | _33,003 | 1,834 | 2,336 | 104 | 169,941 | 210,200 | 3,172,902 |
| SHELLFISH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CONCH | | | • | - | | | 0 | | - 0 | | | 13852 | | | |
| LAND CRAB | , | · | | | 0 | - 0 | | | | | 0 | | 201636 | 9 | 213,410 |
| LOBSTER | | | 23,011 | 2,120 | | - | | 5,730 | 741 | | - 0 | | | 0 | 3,730 |
| | 202 | 113.700 | | 2.12 | | | P | | | | 2612 | | 110373 | 19658 | 200,01 |
| OCTOPUS | | 1.591 | 113 | 180 | | - 8 | - 0 | | | | 0 | 6D1 | | | 6,531 |
| | 194 | _ | 113 | 917 | _ | _ | _ | 9 | . 14 | | \$740 | | 8736 | 0 | 19,393 |
| TOTAL SHELLFISH | 194 548 | 2,753 | 23,924 | 3,220 | | - 0 | 0 | | 0 | . 0 | 550 | 0 | 1933 | 1162 | 1,217 |
| TOTAL SHELLFISH | 139.07 | 133,812 | | | | | | 5,730 | 755 | 0 | 12929 | 20683 | 312672 | 21,526 | 534,097 |
| IUIAL | 137,107 | AUJ, \$12 | 17,614 | 307,238 | 1,220,861 | 342 117 | 44,688 | \$,730 | 33,760 | L,854 | 15,263 | 20,847 | 483,620 | 231,726 | 3,701,999 |

Table 5. Landings reported by species and by gear in Puerto Rico during 1996.

| SPECIES | BEACH | FISH | LOBSTER | ant. | воттом | **** | LONG | LAND CRAE | 1 | 1 | | 1 | · · · · · | | |
|--------------------|------------------|---------|--|----------|-------------------|------------|---------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| | SEDVE | TRAP | TRAP | NET | LINE | | | | | ROD AND | | BY | SCUBA | TRANSCEL | TOTAL |
| ĺ | (Frends) | | 1 | 1 | 1 | LINE | LINE | TRAP | NET | LINE | | HAND | DIABIG | NEI | 1 |
| FISH | (Frence) | (Panis) | (Prante) | (P:454) | (Propts) | (Pennis) | (Prodi) | (Prunts) | (Frank) | (Practs) | (Pen4) | (C | (***** | (Preside) | (((((((((((((((((((|
| TUNA | 1,260 | 2.670 | | 1.554 | 28.310 | 95,032 | 282 | | - ; | | | <u> </u> | | | _ |
| BALLYHOO | 14.74 | | | 4 | | 487 | | | _ | | | _ | | | |
| GRUNTS | 4.85 | | 6 | | | 234 | | | | | | | | 1.701 | 58,277 |
| HOOFISH | 194 | 7-7 | · · | | | 356 | | | | | | | | | 172,035 |
| TRUNKFISH | 697 | | 17: | | 6,014 | | | 9 | + | _ | 473 | | | | ED,855 |
| DOLPHINFISH | 7.5 | | | + | 40,552 | 106,142 | 161 | | | | | | | | 57,704 |
| SOURRELFISH | 153 | | 20 | | 6,024 | 100,142 | 227 | . 0 | | | | _ | | | |
| MULLET | 3,963 | | 57 | | 3.582 | 244 | 92 | 0 | | | 11 | | | | 15,674 |
| JACKS | 12,622 | 3.004 | - " | | 27,992 | 3,301 | 210 | 0 | | · · · · · · | | | | | 53,507 |
| PARROTYSH | 1,739 | | | | 4,321 | | | 0 | | | 24 | | | 451 | 29,467 |
| OROUPERS | 1,550 | 1-0-0 | • | 22,440 | 4321 | 275 | - 52 | | 62 | | 779 | 9 | 7,724 | 45,433 | 103.537 |
| KED HD/D | ч | 15.520 | 62 | 1,610 | 29,723 | 274 | 740 | | | | | | | | |
| NASSAU GROUPER | 1 7 | | - 6 | | 9,147 | | | 0 | | | 46 | | 7,200 | 117 | |
| GROUPER CATEGORY | 113 | | | | 9,147 50,869 | 404 | | | | | - 1 | 9 | | 41 | 12,579 |
| MOJARRA | 330 | 406 | | | 1,537 | 120 | 104 | 9 | | | 413 | - | | 1,270 | . 77.201 |
| SNAFFERS | - ′-~ | | | 14,50, | 3336 | 120 | 18 | | 1202 | . o | - 22 | | 148 | 22 | 22,630 |
| LANE SNAFTER | 4,230 | 112,322 | 154 | 39,217 | *** | | | | | · | | | | | |
| YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER | 3.598 | | 29 | | 71,513 209,512 | 219 | 31,346 | 0 | - 415 | - 0 | 133 | ۰ | 3,950 | E_686 | 771.20 |
| SILK SNAPPER | 7,577 | 47,827 | | | | ш | 4,767 | .0 | 496 | 9 | 116 | | | P.003 | 275,975 |
| MUTTON SNAPPER | 1385 | 11,700 | 16 | | 764,708 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 9 | | - 0 | | | 312.535 |
| OTHER SNAPPER | 2,129 | 11,682 | 14 | | 40,491 24,991 | 139 | 7,286 | | 317 | - 0 | 207 | | 3.256 | 2512 | 76,674 |
| TRIGGERFISH | 345 | 32,592 | 57 | | | 793 | 544 | 0 | 161 | . 0 | 226 | ٥ | 3,865 | 6,862 | 61,606 |
| BARRACUDA | 6.438 | 612 | 37 | | 17,430 | 378 | 285 | 0 | 69 | - 0 | - 66 | | 9,603 | 1,309 | 63,569 |
| PORGY | 1,641 | 13,201 | 24 | | 1,690 | 2,346 | 40 | . 0 | 47 | . 21 | 12 | 0 | 336 | | 22,802 |
| SNOOK | 10,713 | 917 | - 4 | | 4,626 10,436 | 243 | 225 | | 55 | 2 | 74 | | 786 | 1,061 | 30,736 |
| TARPON | 45.44 | - 77 | | | 10,436 | 1.159 | 12 | | 60.5 | n | 132 | 0 | 519 | 171 | 49,522 |
| GOATFISH | 90 | 15,361 | 32 | 1,988 | | | | <u>9</u> | 0 | 0 | ۰ | 0 | 0 | | 103 |
| SARDINES | 6,024 | 425 | | 3,694 | 7,579 | 170 296 | 132 | | 24 | | | | 672 | 787 | \$1,133 |
| MACKERELS | 5,611 | 2,146 | 40 | 15,679 | 101.848 | 37,940 | 422 | - 0 | 2,374 | | . 0 | - 0 | | 46 | 27,867 |
| SHARKS | 425 | | - 7 | 4,854 | 32,014 | | - 64 | 0 | 337 | | 647 | | 1,124 | 363 | 166,939 |
| MARGATE | 44 | 1.712 | D | 868 | 390 | 1,136 | 5,918 | 9 | | 124 | _ 6 | 0 | 2.234 | 12,091 | 79,147 |
| CLASSIFFED | Ť | 4,744 | | 404 | - 277 | . " | 18 | - 0 | 83 | • <u>•</u> | 5 | . 0 | 310 | 455 | 4,045 |
| PIRST CLASS | 3.617 | 77.216 | 168 | 6.698 | 18,421 | | 4122 | | | \rightarrow | | | | | |
| SECOND CLASS | 4,007 | 47,034 | 15 | 11,844 | 2,540 | 252 | 2,154 | | 12 | | | | 18,371 | 14,049 | 150,951 |
| THIRD CLASS | 1,590 | 34,040 | 134 | 1,779 | 3,010 | 74 144 | 0 34 | | | - 66 | - | 0 | 687 | 61,451 | 146,013 |
| TRASH | 1,100 | 1.350 | | 1,7/3 | 2,010 | 144 | | - 9 | | | 9 | | 720 | 1,489 | 71.40 |
| OTHER FISHES | 16,231 | 18,646 | 56 | 31,236 | 24,657 | 19.018 | 990 | | . 0 | | ۰ | 0 | 102 | | 2,560 |
| TOTAL FISHES | 120.416 | 457,767 | 1,276 | 311.171 | 1.089,157 | 277,636 | 33.086 | - 0 | 2,309 | | 503 | | 22,014 | | 142.656 |
| | 120711 | | 1,000 | 341,1731 | 1,049,137 | 4/4,830 | 33,086 | <u> </u> | 24,251 | 233 | 4,266 | 0 | 14.00 | 283,069 | 3,026,947 |
| SHELLFISH | ; | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CONCH | 329 | | - | 91 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAND CRAB | | | | - 71 | | - 8 | | | <u>e</u> ļ | | 4,883 | . 0 | 237,417 | 0 | 242,720 |
| LOBSTER | 404 | 207.315 | 30,956 | 2,498 | - 4 | - 8 | - 3 | 12.936 | | <u></u> | | 와 | | | 12.521 |
| OYSTER | 170 | 100 | | 1,773 | - 0 | - 0 | | - 0] | | | 2,744 | ۰ | 112,200 | 26,488 | 263,610 |
| OCTOPUS | 4 | 10,172 | 66 | 130 | - 3 | | | | 9 | | | 1,209 | | | 1,201 |
| OTHER SHELLPISH | - 3 | 1.456 | | 268 | 11 | | - ! | | - 0 | | 14,595 | | 17,183 | | 37,196 |
| TOTAL SHELLFISH | 785 | 118.943 | 31,023 | 2.987 | | - ; | ! | 9 | 388 | - 0 | 1.614 | 0 | 2,476 | | 6,00 |
| | 171,301 | | 32,299 | | 1,009,168 | 272,645 | | 12.926 | 588 | | 23.84 | 5,209 | 364,379 | 26,493 | 590,093 |
| | | 40.00 | | A-1-1-4- | 1007.404 | 4/4-013 | 53,047 | 12,928 | 24,530 | 213 | 24,202 | 6,209 | 506 714 | 207,562 3 | A07 mg |

Table 6. Landings reported by species and by gear in Puerto Rico during 1997.

| SPECIES | BEACH | FISH | LOBSTER | ᅋᆚ | BOTTOM | TROLL | TOMO | LAND CRAB | CAST | BLOD AND | | BY | SCUBA | TRANOCEL | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------|---------|---------------|--|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------|--|------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| | SERVE | TRAT | TEAR | NET | LINE | LINE | LDIL | TRAP | NET | LINE | DIVING | HAND | DIADM | NET | l |
| | (P+) | (******) | · (| (Prode) | (7-m+1) | (C-+) | (7-m+1 | (F+mh) | (Provide) | (****) | (Prest) | (T-vet) | (P4) | (Feat) | (Pent) |
| PISH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUNA | 30,998 | 0 | | 4,193 | 30,724 | 150,253 | 158 | | | 175 | | 0 | | | 216,361 |
| BALLYHOO | 8,420 | 135 | | 6.10 | <u>بـــــ</u> | 0 | | | 3972 | 0 | _ | | | 1,506 | 38,434 |
| GRUNT\$ | 3,785 | 57,736 | | 39,937 | 21,495 | 90 | 317 | | 433 | . 0 | | <u> </u> | | 37,517 | 164,152 |
| HOOFISH . | 107 | 10,573 | 15 | 4,151 | 3,612 | | 68 | | 0 | 0 | | | | 24,133 | 69,067 |
| TRUNKFISH | 937 | 48,254 | 1,118 | 5,486 | 4.543 | | 477 | | 452 | , , | 130 | | | 13,463 | 82,230 |
| DOLPHINPISH | | 0 | • | 1,805 | 32,472 | 127,141 | 25 | ۰ | | 5,623 | - 0 | 0 | | 411 | 166,887 |
| SOUTRRELFISH | 3117 | 9,157 | ۰ | 3,00 | 6,759 | | | | 175 | . 0 | | | | | 21,632 |
| MULLET | 3,304 | 591 | 2 | 44.951 | 4,663 | 49 | | | 1,313 | 0 | | | | 534 | 33.583 |
| YACKS | 18,793 | 3,375 | | 18,935 | 34,411 | 2,593 | . 701 | و | 147 | 2 | | 0 | 163 | 2,369 | 12,436 |
| PARROTYISH | 1,499 | 21,809 | 24 | 75,942 | 3,304 | وال | 127 | | 133 | 0 | 776 | | 16,347 | 41,06 | 111,264 |
| GROUPERS | | | | | | | L | | <u>!</u> | L | | | | | |
| RED HIND | 154 | 14,729 | | 1,505 | 30,432 | 5 | 1,125 | | 15 | 0 | 10 | . 0 | 11.757 | LJ E | 60,223 |
| NASSAU GROUPER | 11 | 2,463 | • | 201 | 11.017 | 19 | 50 | | . 22 | 0 | 66 | <u>، ا</u> | 379 | 74 | 15,513 |
| GROUPER CATEGORY | 120 | 11,634 | 9 | 1,793 | 30,536 | | 1,057 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 197 | 0 | 13.373 | 36 | 79,201 |
| MOJARRA | 2,008 | | | 16,072 | 2,704 | 20 | | | 1,217 | 0 | #0 | . 0 | 47 | 1,001 | 73,768 |
| SNAPPER3 | | _ | | | | | | | I | | | | | | |
| LANE SNAPPER | 2323 | 107,443 | 349 | 47,5111 | 81.30 | 1.452 | 25.569 | , | 721 | • | 117 | | 1,499 | 1,275 | 270,461 |
| YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER | 4,297 | | | | 209.372 | 4,598 | 3,392 | 0 | 52 | . 0 | 104 | 0 | 183 | 8,547 | 273,823 |
| SILK SNAPPER | | 47,150 | | | 235,757 | | | | , , | • | | • | ٥ | 0 | 281,907 |
| MUTTON SNAPPER | 1.797 | | 71 | 9,640 | 25.583 | 2.831 | 2,529 | | 13 | | 293 | 0 | 3,144 | 2,851 | 76,310 |
| OTHER SNAPPER | 2,129 | | 76 | \$00 | 46,106 | 1,574 | 1.580 | | 45 | | 3572 | 0 | 7,541 | 8,359 | E2,800 |
| TREOGERIFISH | 212 | | 65 | 1923 | 18,106 | 171 | 46 | | | | | - | 10,827 | كا تر4 | 73,187 |
| BARRACUDA | 8,553 | 0 | | 8,700 | 1,594 | 7,729 | 26 | | | D | | | | 377 | 27.347 |
| PORGY | 1,003 | 11,449 | - | 9.260 | 3,560 | 193 | 163 | | | - 0 | | - 0 | 251 | 2,523 | 28,460 |
| SNOOK | 9.527 | 333 | | 34.914 | 6.004 | 580 | | | | | 203 | 6 | | 405 | 52,896 |
| TARPON | 7.00 | | | 1.110 | 153 | | | | | | 0 | a | | 12 | 1,432 |
| GOATEISH | 113 | | <u> </u> | 2,126 | 1,111 | 1 0 | | | | | i | 9 | - | | 16.612 |
| SARDINES | 3,561 | 217 | <u> </u> | 4,952 | | | | | | - 6 | | | | 54 | 32,474 |
| MACKERELS | 9,473 | 1,027 | · ¥ | 29,708 | 102,163 | 52,630 | | | 324 | | $\overline{}$ | | 399 | 5,934 | 203,617 |
| SHARKS | 473 | 1,000 | | 1.411 | 27.5738 | 1,722 | | | | | | | 1.831 | 1,001 | 61,268 |
| MARGATE | 1 2/2 | × | - × | 1.135 | 634 | "" | | | 20 | | | - | | 145 | 3,610 |
| CLASSIFFED | · | 120 | · · · | 1.1.72 | | ⊢ ° | ⊢ * | - | | · | | Ť | _ | - /~ | 2210 |
| FRIST CLASS | 589 | 86,590 | _ | 6,744 | 17,344 | 137 | 158 | | | 0 | 113 | | 14,939 | 14,665 | 141.691 |
| | 602 | 49,470 | 9,794 | 1,912 | 177 | 159 | | | 70 | | 304 | <u>-</u> | 39,133 | 11,40 | 102,048 |
| SECOND CLASS THIRD CLASS | 291 | 93,797 | 7./- | 947 | 15,897 | 12 | | | | | | | | 10.535 | 122.061 |
| | 193 | 1.530 | · · · · · · | 10 | 456 | ** | | - × | 1 700 | | | - 6 | | | 2,016 |
| TRASH | 20,097 | 57.091 | | 36363 | 77.394 | <u> </u> | 14,472 | | | | 503 | | 22,013 | - × | 247.500 |
| OTHER FISHES | | 744,636 | | | 1,122,530 | | | | 30,600 | 1,394 | 6,849 | - | 152,391 | 197,589 | |
| TOTAL FISHES | 133,740 | 744,636 | 11,549 | 436,414 | 1,172,550 | 339297 | 833M | <u>`</u> | 30,50 | 7,554 | 6,649 | | 102,391 | \$91,349 | 3,10,040 |
| SHELLFISH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CONCH | - 2 | | | | | | | | <u> </u> | | 4.501 | ٠, | 234,386 | | 234,847 |
| LAND CRAB | | | | | | 1 0 | | | _ • | | | | | . 0 | 10,066 |
| TOPRIES | | 111.614 | 41.440 | 1,405 | | - | | | 307 | 0 | -2418 | | 109.337 | 17,303 | 214,222 |
| OYSTER | | · · · · · | | | | | | | ļ. <u> </u> | _ | , o | 608 | 0 | | 606 |
| OCTOPUS | | | 581 | 141 | <u> </u> | | | | | | 22.901 | | 13,444 | 179 | 31,740 |
| OTHER SHELLFISH | 20€ | 166 | | 2,52 | | B | | | 1,914 | 0 | 752 | D | 3,675 | . 0 | 7.211 |
| TOTAL SHELLFISH | 386 | | 42,043 | 1,792 | | 0 | | | 2,461 | | 30,072 | 608 | 360,142 | 17,632 | 379,734 |
| TOTAL | 136,126 | ES 8,660 | 53,594 | 463,212 | 1,122,530 | 354,967 | 65,514 | 10,066 | 33,064 | 5,394 | 36,921 | 606 | 5C.23 | 215,021 | 3,895,940 |

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