



Summary of the 16th meeting of the Committee for the Sustainable Management of the Grouper Fishery

The meeting had taken place virtually on November 25th 2020, with the participation of SEPASY, CONAPESCA, INAPESCA, fishermen leaders, artisanal and semi-industrial fleet leaders, processors & exporters, leaders, CeDePesca, EDF & representants of the Research Network.

This meeting was preceded by Rafael Combaluzier, Yucatan Fishing and Aquaculture Secretary. According to Conapesca, until November 24th catches of grouper are of 4,381 tons. A proposal of diminishing the closure only on 2021, in order to relief the losses of 2020 due to COVID-19 was rejected. This discussion and analysis took place practically during the whole meeting.

Dr. Jorge López-Rocha, from the Research Network, presented the proposal of establishment of Fisheries refugees in areas with high juveniles density.

The importance of a communication policy in order to avoid sport fishermen to catch grouper is supported.