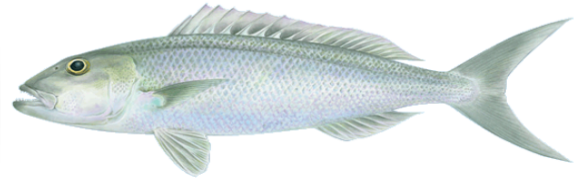




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## Blue-Green Snapper (uku)

This report card provides an update on the uku fishery from 2022 for the Hawai'i fishing community.

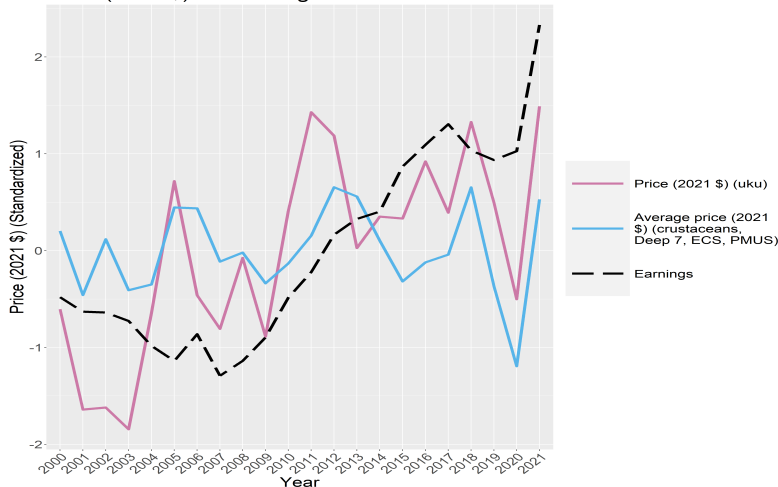
### Fisher observations:

- Fishers reported less uku targeting due to a productive 'ahi and onaga season
- Abundance of uku at select O'ahu bottomfishing spots
- Unusually large aggregation of uku late season (October) on the Penguin Banks
- Shark depredation remains an issue

### Summary findings and methods:

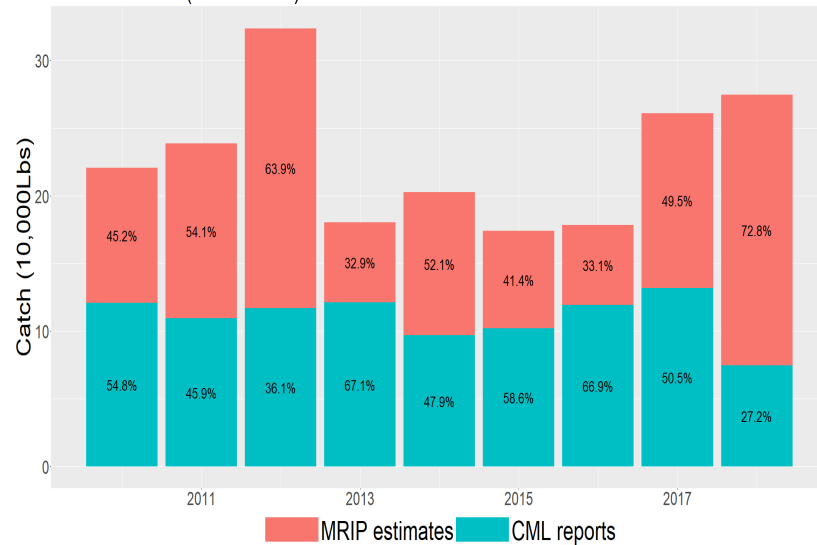
- Our report card ranks 8 fishery relevant categories
- In 2021, there was a ~30% change in commercial landings relative to the historical mean (86,121.47 lbs)
- The average catch from the recreational fishery is 94,755 lbs
- The average wholesale price for uku in 2022 was \$3.14(2000 dollars), a 13% increase the historical mean (\$2.77).
- Fishers took 1006 commercial trips for uku in 2021, a 30% decrease from the historical mean (1,427.47 trips).
- 278 commercial licenses targeted uku in 2021, a 24% decrease from the historical mean (365.14).

Price (2021 \$) vs. Earnings

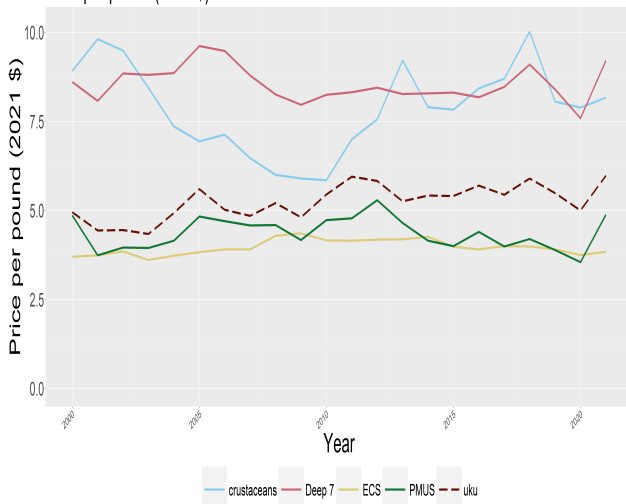


Time trends for the price (2021 \$) in the uku fishery and average state Earnings.  
The dashed line reflect the average of price (2021 \$) for crustaceans, Deep 7, ECS, PMUS combined.

Total uku catch (2012 - 2021)



Price per pound (2021 \$)



### Visitor Arrivals and CPUE

Species	Correlation	Ranking
Deep 7	-0.09	-
PMUS	-0.70	Negative
uku	0.75	Positive

Correlation coefficients between Visitor Arrivals and CPUE are presented for each species group. Overall rankings are given a Positive if corr > 0.3, Negative if corr < -0.3, and (-) otherwise. A (\*) indicate statistically significant predictive indicators using the Granger Causality Test.