

FY 2022 Quarter 2 Enforcement Overview

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Office of Law
Enforcement

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting



June 13, 2022

South Atlantic Snapshot

- 193 Opened Incidents
- 7 Cases referred to General Counsel/US DOJ
- 37 Summary Settlements (\$275-\$2500)
 - Retention during closure/undersize possession
 - Descender Device Requirements
 - Permit Requirements, Fishing in Sanctuary
- Remaining were unfounded, boardings, fix-its, compliance assistance or WWs.



ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Targeted Patrols for ALWTRP
 - High compliance
 - Removed traps from critical area
- IUU/SIMP Focus
 - Provided training to FWC
 - Numerous container inspections
 - Savannah, Pt Everglades, Miami



Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

- **SAFMC Enforcement Partners**



- **44 Overall Enforcement Referrals**

- Encompasses entire SED
- Within SAFMC:
 - FWC, SCDNR, GADNR



SPECIAL OPERATIONS/PATROLS

- **Operation SPA Hopper**
 - Sanctuary regulations
 - SEFHIER compliance
- **North Atlantic Right Whales**
 - Port patrols
 - Gear patrols
 - 138 Compliance letters sent





CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

- SEFHIER Outreach and Enforcement
- Unpermitted Charter Operations
- North Atlantic Right Whale Enforcement Measures

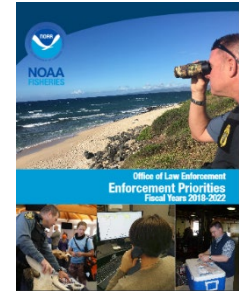


OLE Resources

NOAA OLE Website:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/about/office-law-enforcement>

- Enforcement Priorities; Annual Reports
- Vessel Monitoring Information (system requirements and type approvals)
- IUU Information



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- Unpermitted Charters

NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Actions:

<https://www.gc.noaa.gov/enforce-office7.html>

SED OLE Fishery Council Report (Quarterly)

- Effort throughout 3 regional councils; in Briefing Book



QUESTIONS

