

**NOAA
FISHERIES**

Office of Law
Enforcement

FY 2022 Quarter 3 Enforcement Overview

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting



September 12, 2022

South Atlantic Snapshot

- 190 Opened Incidents
- 3 Cases referred to General Counsel/US DOJ
- 23 Summary Settlements (\$325-\$2500)
 - Retention during closure/undersize possession
 - Descender Device Requirements
 - Observer Program Requirements, Fishing in Sanctuary
- Remaining were unfounded, boardings, fix-its, compliance assistance or WWs.



ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Partnerships/Training
 - Case Packages
 - Fishing Tournaments
 - TED Inspections

- IUU/SIMP Focus
 - Bahamian Focus
 - Numerous container inspections
 - Savannah, Pt Everglades, Miami
 - DNA ID on-site



Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

- **SAFMC Enforcement Partners**



- **51 Overall Enforcement Referrals**

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



SPECIAL OPERATIONS/PATROLS

➤ Op MUTTON MOON/GREENHORN

- Spawning Aggregation Focus
- Sanctuary/ SEFHIER regulations



➤ USCG Ops

- Bermuda EEZ Focus
- Red Snapper
- Illegal Charters
- Multi-Day Patrols





CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

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

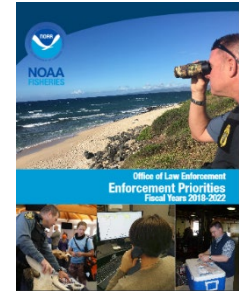


OLE Resources

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

