

FY 2022 Quarter 4 Enforcement Overview

**NOAA
FISHERIES**

Office of Law
Enforcement

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting



December 5, 2022

South Atlantic Snapshot

- 187 Opened Incidents
- 8 Cases referred to General Counsel/US DOJ
- 25 Summary Settlements (\$300-\$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

- Seafood Fraud Cases
 - Domestic/Import false labeling of shark fins & spiny lobster
 - Unlicensed Seafood Dealer
- Partnerships/Training
 - Port Inspections/IUU Efforts
 - Joint Patrols

Shark Fins:

<https://apnews.com/article/science-health-china-sharks-0ff3fcd5a45b5c1a86b7ac2bb3ea6774>

Undercover Bust:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/noaa-enforcement-busts-unlicensed-seafood-dealer>



Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

- **SAFMC Enforcement Partners**



- **108 Overall Enforcement Referrals**

- Encompasses entire SED
- Within SAFMC:
 - **FWC, SCDNR, USCG**



SPECIAL OPERATIONS/PATROLS

➤ Op SANCTUARY SAVIOR

- FL Mini-Season
- 6 boat crews
- FWC, USCG, CBP, County/Local PD
- 133 vessel stops, 564 people
- Lobster take, spearfishing, groundings



➤ USCG Ops

- Red Snapper
- Illegal Charters
- Multi-Day Patrols





CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

- Seafood Imports
- SEFHIER Enforcement
- Unpermitted Charter Operations
- North Atlantic Right Whale Enforcement Measures



NOAA Enforcement Helps Protect North Atlantic Right Whales

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NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement plays an important role in enforcing regulations that mitigate vessel strikes and fishing gear entanglements.

Feature Story | New England/Mid-Atlantic, Southeast



NOAA Enforcement Officer monitoring the vessel speed of a cargo ship.

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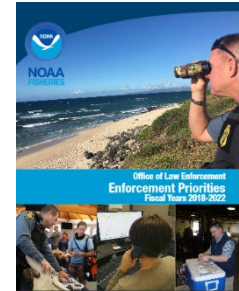
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OLE Resources

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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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

