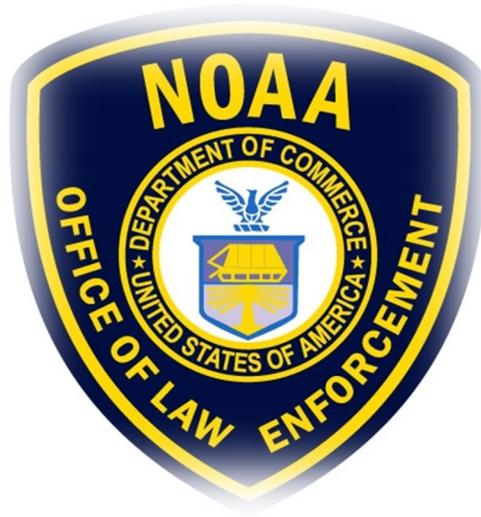


# FY 2022 Quarter 1 Enforcement Overview

**NOAA  
FISHERIES**

Office of Law  
Enforcement

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting



March 7, 2022

# South Atlantic Snapshot

- 211 Opened Incidents
- 7 Cases referred to General Counsel/US DOJ
- 24 Summary Settlements (\$250-\$2700)
  - Retention during closure/undersize possession
  - TED/BRD Requirements
  - Observer Program Requirements
- Remaining were unfounded, boardings, fix-its, compliance assistance or WWs.



# ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Vessel in MPA during closed season
  - Undersize, bag limit, retention, gear
  - \$63,705 NOVA assessed
- Shrimper in Tortugas Shrimp Sanctuary
  - USCG intercept
  - Catch seized



# Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

- **SAFMC Enforcement Partners**



- **79 Overall Enforcement Referrals**

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



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS/PATROLS

## ➤ HMS Targeted Patrols

- NC docks/dealers
- High Compliance
- Over 60 boardings/50 calls

## ➤ Marine Protected Areas

- Before snapper opening
- USCG coordination





# CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

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

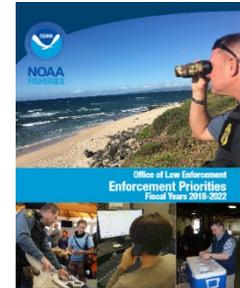


# OLE Resources

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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- Proposed/Upcoming notices
- Bahamian/US EEZ fishing
- 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

