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Enforcement Updates

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting
September 16, 2024



South Atlantic Snapshot

148 Opened Incidents

8 Cases referred to General Counsel/US DOJ

- Right Whales
- Sanctuary Related
- Bahamas/U.S. Fishing

24 Summary Settlements (\$250-\$2500)

- Gear/Permit related
- Retention During Closure
- Sanctuary Related

277 Patrols (overall)

31% No Violations or Compliance Assistance



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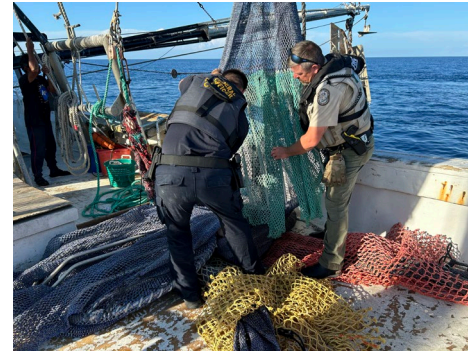


ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Seafood Imports



Outreach/Awareness



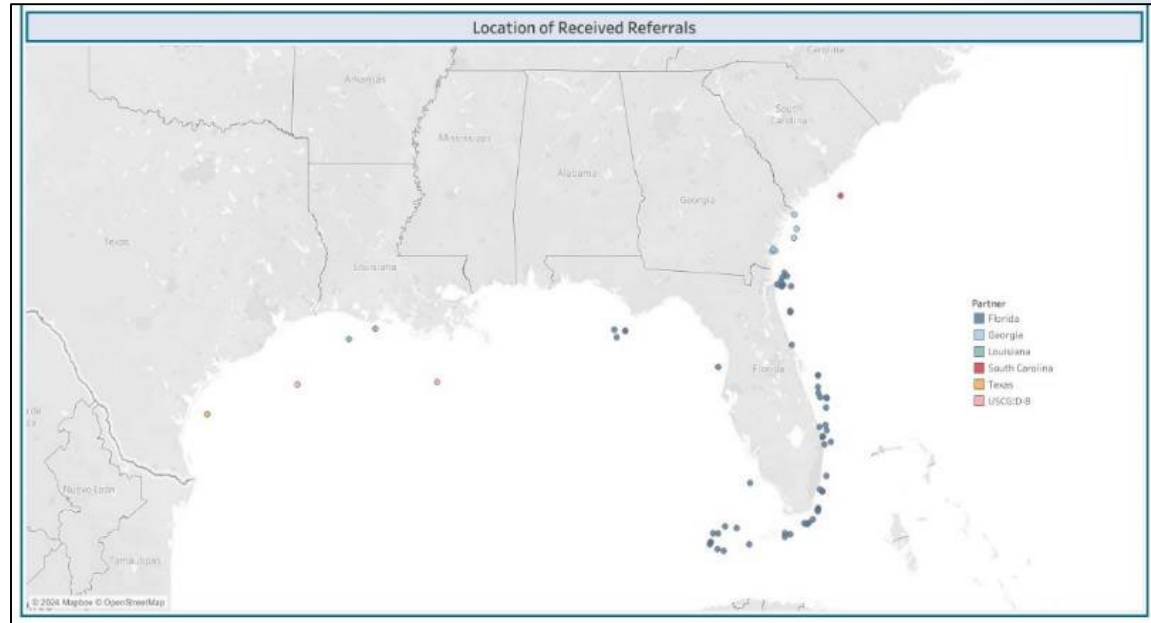
Training/Patrols Domestic and International





Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

SAFMC Enforcement Partners



- **91 Overall Enforcement Referrals (QTR 3)**
 - Encompasses entire SED
 - Within SAFMC:
 - FWC, GADNR, SCDNR



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2024 Mini-Season Recap

6 boat crews, Support staff

Upper/Mid/Lower Keys Presence

Joint Effort

- FWC, USCG, CBP,
- County/Local PD

72 vessel stops, 315 people

171 Patrol Hours

Lobster take, spearfishing, groundings

74% Compliance



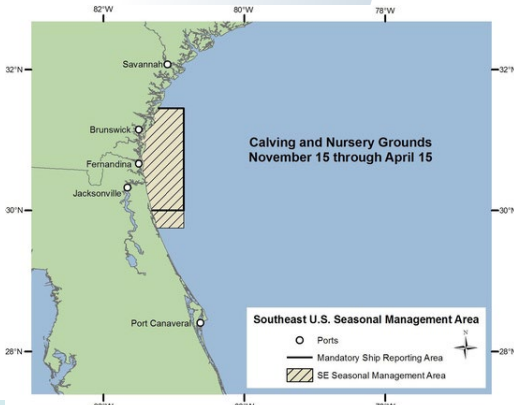




CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

Northern Right Whales

- Upcoming Season
- Pleasure Craft Compliance





Report A Violation

NOAA's Law Enforcement Hotline,
available 24/7 at
(800) 853-1964

- Location, time, and date of the activity.
- Description of the activity.
- Name(s) of the vessel, owner/operator, captain, crew, or additional witnesses.



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