



South Atlantic  
Fisheries  
Management  
Council ~  
Enforcement Brief

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# US EEZ Enforcement

- Foreign Fishing Vessels Detected: 2
- Foreign Fishing Vessels Intercepted: 2
- Foreign Fishing Vessels Interdicted: 2
- Summary: Sector San Juan received a report from Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) of (02) targets of interest travelling together 30NM NW of Desecheo, PR. CGC JOSEPH NAPIER conducted a Right of Visit on both vessels which claimed Dominican Republic nationality for their vessels. Both vessels were engaged in fishing slightly inside US EEZ by  $\frac{1}{2}$  NM from DR EEZ. Both vessels did not have any navigation equipment on board and claimed that they were within DR EEZ. Vessels had a small amount of catch on board and all other documentation in order. Both vessels were issued warnings and escorted out of US EEZ.

# Domestic Fisheries Enforcement

- F/V Boardings: 25
- Significant Violation Cases: 1
- Catch Seizures: 1
- Vessel Seizures: 0

- Summary: Sector Key West: Station Key West conducted boarding on Commercial Shrimper “MISS MY PHUNG” (1069574) approximately 12NM N. of Marquesas, FL. MISS MY PHUNG had an expired permit onboard. SKW contacted local NOAA NMFS agent, who confirmed permit expired in 2023. MISS MY PHUNG has approximately 45,000lbs of illegal catch of pink shrimp on deck due to expired permit. Remainder of the boarding resulted in zero safety violations, and zero additional fisheries violations. Due to the size of the catch, NOAA recommended issuing violation and instructing vessel to cease fishing operations, and NOAA would meet them at offload site to seize their catch. D7 granted a Statement of No Objection (SNO) for LMR Detention to direct the MISS MY PHUNG back to their homeport of Bayou La Batre, AL for the purpose of NOAA to further investigate due to LMR enforcement activity. BT issued Enforcement Action Report and seizure tag for the catch, zip tied the fish hold, instructed master to return directly to their homeport ceasing all fishery operations.

- ❖ Station Key West Boarded Vessel on 9/19/2024
- ❖ Observed fishing 12nm North of Marquesas, FL
- ❖ Fishing w/ Expired Fishing Permits (October '23)
- ❖ 45,000lbs Pink Shrimp on Board
- ❖ D7 SNO authorized for LMR Detention
- ❖ Vessel directed to RTHP of Bayou La Batre, AL
- ❖ NMFS intends to seize catch on board



# Marine Protected Resources Enforcement

- Pulse Operations: 0
- Enforcement Cases: 3
- Assistance Requests: 1
- Responses: 1
- Outreach/Education: 0
- Summary: Station Port Canaveral had (03) Manatee Speed Zone Violations in September 2024. Additionally, Station Key West assisted the Sea Turtle Hospital by transporting scientists and a green sea turtle via CG boat, releasing the animal offshore in the vicinity of Key West, FL.

# Future & Outlook for 2025

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Increase F/V  
Boardings from  
FY24

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Promote CFVS  
Decal Program

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Increase Pulse  
Operations across  
all Sectors

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Increase  
throughput at  
Regional Fisheries  
Training Centers



# Questions & Discussion

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