

South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council Enforcement Brief

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FY2025 Year- in-Review US EEZ Enforcement

Foreign Fishing Vessels Detected: 0

Foreign Fishing Vessels Intercepted: 0

Foreign Fishing Vessels Interdicted: 0

- Summary: There were no US EEZ incursions in Fiscal Year 2025. This can be attributed to the increased presence in various threat vectors w/in the Area of Responsibility.

FY2025 Year-in- Review Domestic Fisheries Enforcement

▶ Total F/V Boardings:	390
▶ Sector Charleston:	11
▶ Sector Jacksonville:	60
▶ Sector St. Petersburg:	40
▶ Sector Key West:	262
▶ Sector Miami:	9
▶ Sector San Juan:	8
▶ Significant Violation Cases:	10
▶ Catch Seizures:	0*
▶ Vessel Seizures:	0

▶ Summary: FY25 saw a District-wide increase of 7.5% of total boardings across all six Sectors from FY2024 (390 vs 363), in addition to an increase from 0 to 10 total “Significant Violation” cases across the AOR.

▶ *Sector Jacksonville performed a joint boarding with NOAA OLE resulting in multiple violations including illegally caught Rock Shrimp. In lieu of a catch-seizure, NOAA OLE allowed landing of the catch and assessed the value of the catch to the top of the fine associated with the violation.



F/V LADY ALISON Boarding Summary 20 Oct 2025

Shrimp Trawler Illegally Fishing in Atlantic Waters

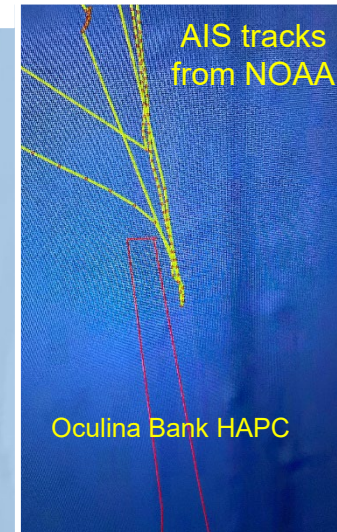
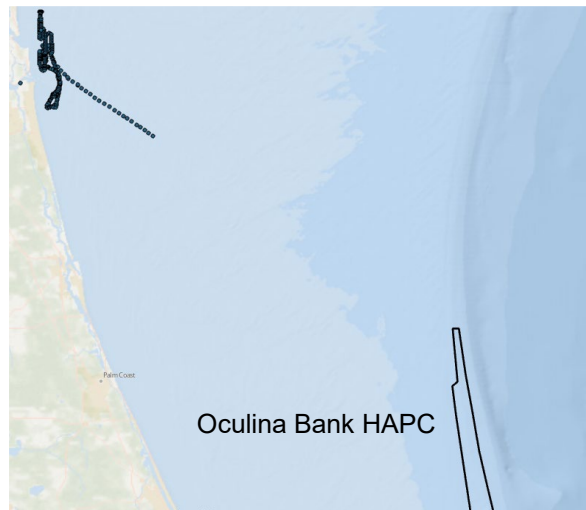


Situation: On 17 Oct Sector Jax received “Proteus Alert” from NOAA OLE regarding F/V LADY ALLISON suspected of actively fishing in Atlantic waters without a valid permit to do so (only permitted for Gulf of America). Vessel’s AIS track was intermittent (mostly dark). While actioning a CBP AMO MEA overflight for 20 Oct to hunt/find vessel, vessel was re-acquired on AIS on a course to Mayport, and a short-fuse joint LMR boarding was queued (Sector Boarding Team, NOAA OLE ASAC, STA Mayport).

OPERATIONAL OUTCOMES

- Joint USCG/NOAA OLE LMR boarding 20 Oct 2025.
- 14,000lbs Rock/Penaeid shrimp discovered onboard (value TBD; \$21K+).
- Violations of Magnuson-Stevens Act: 50 CFR 622.200 (no Atlantic permit); and 50 CFR 622.381 (Cobia held in illegal carcass condition) – potential ~\$3,500K civil penalty.
- NOAA OLE is lead on case package, pursuing violation to equivalent value of catch + vios. Opted against catch seizure.
- IAW Op Poseidon intent, exercised and demonstrated defense in depth, leveraging key ReCom and other Federal partnerships, to detect anomaly, find/track VOI, and surge authorities/capabilities to interdict illicit maritime activity at a time and place of our choosing.

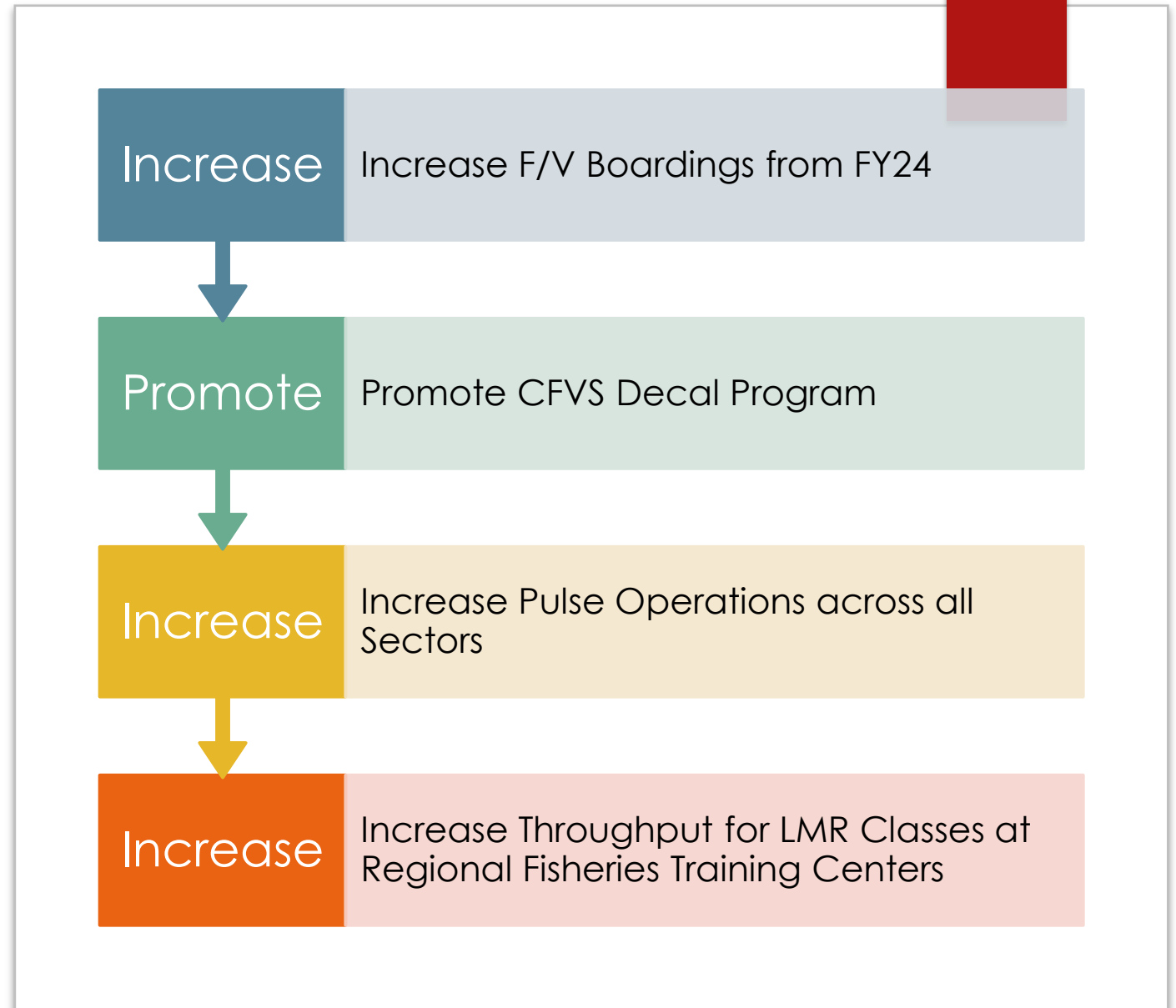
Vessel track 16 Oct before loss of AIS on vector to Oculina Bank HAPC



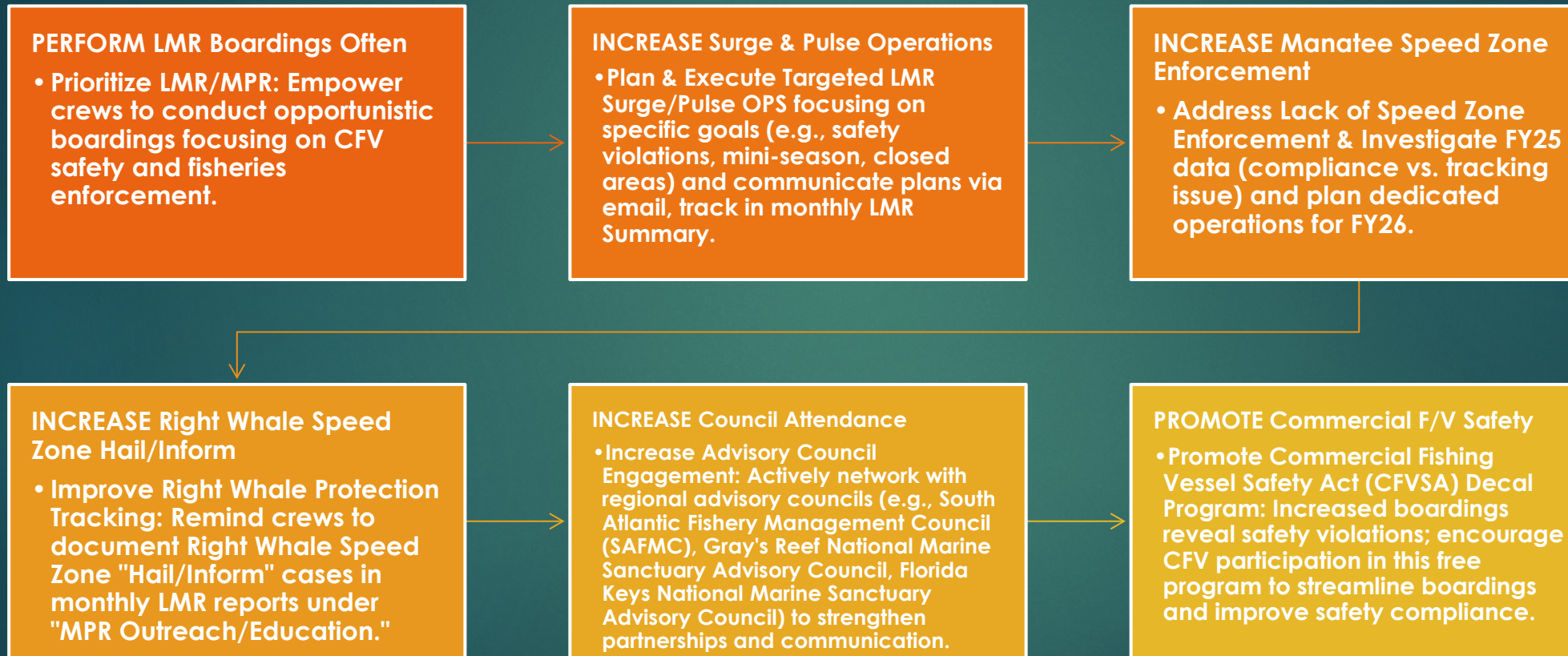
FY2025 Year- in-Review Marine Protected Resources Enforcement

- ▶ Pulse Operations: 2
- ▶ Enforcement Cases: 0
- ▶ Assistance Requests: 11
- ▶ Responses: 7
- ▶ Outreach/Education: 0
- ▶ Summary: Sector Key West continues to assist with the Turtle Hospital in stranding assistance and responses. All FY2025 assists/responses came from Sector Key West.

FY2025 Goals & Expectations Review



FY2026 Goals & Expectations



Questions & Discussion

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