

NOAA FISHERIES

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South Atlantic & Caribbean

Lacey Act



Lacey Act "Operation Rock Bottom"

As part of Operation Rock Bottom, Curtis W. Waters pleaded guilty to a Lacey Act violation for offering more than 100 specimens of *Ricordea Florida* for sale. *Ricordea Florida* is a species of coral that is very popular in saltwater aquariums.

Waters holds a Saltwater Products License (SPL) issued by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC). The SPL authorized him,

among other things, to harvest live *Ricordea Florida*, which is native to the salt water reefs of South Florida.

In August 2013, Waters contacted an individual in Colorado (who was cooperating with agents) advising that he would be in the Keys collecting marine specimens and would have "more" *Ricordea Florida* for sale. At the direction of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agents, the cooperator ordered 150 *Ricordea*. On September 2, 2013, Waters called the buyer, confirming the order would be sent via Federal Express. The package was received by the buyer in Colorado a few days later with an invoice for \$600 (\$4 each). The cash was subsequently deposited into Waters' account.

This case was investigated jointly by the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement.

Lacey Act Sentence

In another case from Operation Rock Bottom, Charles R. Jamison was sentenced after previously pleading guilty to a Lacey Act conspiracy violation for the sale and purchase of juvenile bonnethead sharks.

Jamison will complete an 18-month term of probation and will pay a \$2,000 fine. He is barred from engaging in the marine wildlife industry during the period of probation and will forfeit the vessel, trailer, tackle, and gear he used in the illegal activity.

Between June 2012 and October 2012, Jamison engaged in the illegal harvest and sale of bonnethead sharks taken from the waters off the Florida Keys, and in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctary. The animals were then shipped by a variety of means, including rental truck and as commercial air cargo.

This case was investigated jointly by the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement.

Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA) for having Oueen Conch

Officers and a Miami, FL special agent boarded a fishing vessel returning from the Bahamas.

While conducting an inspection of the vessels, Officers discovered 104 queen conch and 150 pounds of filleted fish. Bahamian law allows for the possession of 6 queen conch and 60 pounds of filleted snapper/grouper species for vessels in possession of valid cruising and sportsfihshing permits.

Joel Schlechter, the owner/operator of a recreational vessel, was issued a \$2,000 NOVA for the importation of 104 queen conch and 150 pounds of filleted fish contrary to the Bahamian Fisheries Regulations and in violation of the Lacey Act.

Endangered Species Act



Endangered Species Act Violations

A Federal Magistrate Judge in Puerto Rico sentenced Natalio Alvarez Sanchez for the take of an endangered green sea turtle. Alvarez's sentence included probation for a term of fifteen months, surrendering his fishing license, and a ban from fishing or participating in any fishing activities while on probation. Alvarez was also ordered to complete 200 hours of community services.

The investigation conducted by an Aguadilla, PR Field Office special agent revealed that while fishing with a hand line from a pier at Isla de Roque of Barceloneta, Puerto Rico, Alvarez hooked what he initially believed to be a large fish. When it turned out he had caught a Green Sea turtle he placed the turtle in a five gallon



bucket and placed the bucket into the trunk of his vehicle. An off duty prison guard observed the incident and immediately contacted the Puerto Rico Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DNER) Arecibo Maritime Unit, and the provided a physical description of the subject and his vehicle.

Two PR DNER officers responded to the area and confronted Alvarez with the information they had received. Alvarez granted consent and opened the vehicle's trunk for the officers. The Officers found the Green sea turtle inside the five Gallon bucket in a lethargic and unresponsive state.

PR DNER officers contacted the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement and were instructed to attempt to revive the sea turtle by following the Protected Resources sea turtle resuscitation protocol. The sea turtle quickly responded and was placed in a shallow pool near the shore until the sea turtle recovered and swam back into the ocean.

Endangered Species Act Violations

A Federal Magistrate Judge in Puerto Rico sentenced Benjamin Valle-Valle for the lethal take of two endangered green sea turtles to twelve months of probation and required participation in mental health program.

Benjamin Vale-Valle, a commercial fisherman, posted a photograph on his Facebook account showing two green sea turtles he speared while diving for queen conch and spiny lobster. Information identifying Valle as subject was passed from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and PR DNER to an Aquadills, PR Field Office special agent.

Valle-Valle was eventually interviewed and admitted to taking sea turtles for sale to restaurants to support a drug habit.



Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA) for Endangered Species Act Violations

A \$5,750 NOVA was issued to Patrick Yeomans, from Harker's Island, NC, for the take of a loggerhead sea turtle.

It was discovered during the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement investigation, that Yeomans knowingly and willfully abandoned his deployed gillnet for approximately three weeks during which time, the turtle became entangled within the net and drowned.

A necropsy conducted by the University of North Carolina at Wilmington revealed the turtle's lungs were full of water.

This case was referred to a Morehead City, NC special agent by the North Carolina Marine Patrol.

Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA) for Endangered Species Act Violations

The NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a \$5,750 (NOVA) to William "Kerry" Harris, from Harker's Island, NC, for the take of a green sea turtle.

The turtle was discovered entangled within the net alive and its carapace severely crushed by North Carolina Marine Patrol officers.

It was later determined during the NOAA Office for Law Enforcment investigation that the injury to the turtle's carapace was a result of a boat strike prior to it becoming entangled in Harris net.

This case was referred to a Morehead City, NC Field Office special agent by the North Carolina Marine Patrol after the turtle was discovered during a routine patrol.

Marine Mammal Protection Act

Notice of Violations and Assessment (NOVA) for Violation of the MMPA

An \$11,500 NOVA was issued to the owner and operator of the Motor Yacht Sempre by the NOAA office of General Counsel for violations of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

The NOAA Office of Law Enforcement investigation revealed that the yacht had transited over 645 miles within the Southeast Right Whale Seasonal Management Areas (SMA), off of the East Coast, enacted for the protection of right whales, and had egregiously exceeded the 10-knot speed restrictions during 29 separate incidents.

In 2011, a NOAA Office of Law Enforcment COPPS letter had been issued to the owner of the vessel for an alleged prior violation of the speed restrictions.

Notice of Violations and Assessment (NOVA) for Violation of the MMPA

The NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a \$9,000 NOVA to the owner and operator of the Motor Yacht Moondancer for violations of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

The NOAA Office of Law Enforcement investigation revealed that the yacht had transited over 110 miles within the Southeast Right Whale Seasonal Management Areas (SMA), enacted for the protection of right whales, and had egregiously exceeded the 10-knot speed restrictions during seven separate incidents.

An \$11,500 NOVA was issued to the owner and operator of the Motor Yacht Wanderer by the NOAA office of General Counsel for violations of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

The NOAA Office of Law Enforcement investigation revealed that the yacht had transited over 390 miles within the Southeast Right Whale SMA, enacted for the protection of right whales, and had egregiously exceeded the 10-knot speed restrictions with an average speed of 18 knots.

Magnuson Stevens Act



Notice of Violations and Assessment (NOVA) for Violation of the Illegal Harvest of Spiny Lobsters

During a joint enforcement patrol offshore of Ponce Inlet, FL, FWCC officers and a Port Orange, FL Field Office special agent boarded a fishing vessel during the lobster mini-season.

Officers made contact with the operator of the fishing vessel How Sweet It Is. While conducting an inspection of the vessels, officers discovered illegally harvested egg bearing spiny lobsters.

The NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a \$7,000 NOVA to operator on the fishing vessel How Sweet It Is, for possession of egg bearing spiny lobster and evidence that eggs had been stripped from others.



Notice of Violations and Assessment (NOVA) for Violation of the Illegal Harvest of Spiny Lobsters

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Officers made contact with Christoper Cercken, owner/operator of the fishing vessel Fin Addict. While conducting an inspection of the vessels, officers discovered illegally harvested spiny lobsters.

The NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a \$5,000 NOVA to Christopher Gercken for harvesting spiny lobsters by an illegal method.



Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA) for harvesting HMS species and closed season Vermillion

The NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a \$2,000 jointly and severally to vessel owner Thang Tran, and passengers Hoang VO, Thuan Dinh, Nhieu Tran for possessing closed season vermilion snapper.

Thang Tran was also issued a separate \$2,000 NOVA for possessing Atlantic (sharks) without a valid HMS Angling Permit.

The case was initiated by a FWCC officer on joint enforcement patrol in Jacksonville, FL.

The officer's inspection revealed 66 closed season vermilion snapper and three Atlantic sharpnose sharks. The case was referred to special agent from the Port Orange Field Office.

Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA) for harvesting HMS species within a closed area.

NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a A \$6,000 NOVA to the owner and operator of the fishing vessel Prince of Tides for harvesting HMS species while deploying pelagic longline gear within the East Florida Coast closed area.

The case was investigated by a special agent from the Port Orange Field Office

Summary Settlements for Violation of the MFCMA

During on a joint enforcement patrol in federal waters, the FWCC boarded the fishing vessel Christopher Shane, in the North Florida Marine Protected Area approximately 60 miles east of Jacksonville, FL.

While conducting an inspection of the vessel, FWCC officers discovered vermilion snapper that had been cut and used for bait. The case was referred to special agent from Port Orange Field Office.

The special agent issued a Summary Settlement in the value of \$275 jointly and severally to operator Anthony Hendricks and owner Christopher Shane Fishing Inc. (both of Waycross, GA) and vessel lessee Best Bait Inc. (Rockledge, FL) for failing to maintain fish intact.

<u>Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA) for Over</u> The Limit Sharpnose Sharks

During a joint enforcement patrol in federal waters, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) boarded the charter fishing vessel Longway off the coast of South Carolina and made contact with the vessels operator Chris Long.

While conducting an inspection of the vessel SCDNR officers discovered fifteen black sea bass and six Atlantic Sharpnose Sharks over the limit. The case was referred to a NOAA Office of Law Enforcement special agent from the Charleston, SC Field Office.

NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a NOVA in the amount of \$1,475 to Chris Long, owner of the charter fishing vessel Longway, for exceeding the bag limit of Black Sea Bass and Sharpnose Sharks.



Summary Settlements for Violation of the MFCMA

During a joint enforcement patrol in federal waters offshore of Ponce Inlet, FL, FWCC officers boarded the sport fishing vessel Tide Bandit.

An inspection revealed thirty-six fish fillets and four undersized black sea bass. The case was referred to a special agent from the Port Orange, FL Field Office for failing to maintain fish intact and possession of undersized fish.

The special agent issued a \$975 Summary Settlement, jointly and severally, to owner/operator Wesley Graham of the sport fishing vessel Tide Bandit, and passengers: Kenneth Galliher, Cody Haynes, Fredman Kestner, Michael Kilmer, David Mcneely, and Raymond Whitehurst for failing to maintain fish intact and possession of undersized fish.

<u>Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA) King</u> <u>Mackerel Violation</u>

Special agents from the Miami, FL Field Office and FWCC officers conducted a joint enforcement operation at the opening of the gillnet King Mackerel season.

The operation was initiated in response to complaints from the fishing industry regarding vessels routinely violating the harvest limits, in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico of off Southwest Florida, during previous seasons.

FWCC and NOAA Office of Law Enforcement coordinated the use of at sea and dockside assets to observe fishing activities. The operation resulted in the issuance of two NOVAs for harvest violations.

The commercial vessel High Bidder was observed with a 9,569 pound overage of commercial gillnet harvested King Mackerel. The commercial vessel Lady was observed with a 7,093 pound overage of commercial gillnet harvested King Mackerel.

NOAA General Counsel issued \$11,090.55 NOVA to the owner of the fishing vessel High Bidder and an \$8,738.35 NOVA to the owner of the fishing vessel Lady for gillnet king mackerel overages.

<u>Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA)</u> <u>Bahamian Recreational Bag Limit</u>

NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a \$15,000 NOVA to vessel owner Danny Swanson, and vessel operator Darrell Savage of the recreational vessel China Girl.

An investigation was initiated after the vessel returned from The Bahamas and was found to be in possession



of 82 bags of filleted fish. A subsequent analysis of the bags revealed that 64 bags contained yellowfin tuna, 14 bags contained dolphin, and 4 bags contained wahoo.

The case was investigated by a Miami Field Office special agent and the FWCC.

Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA) for Violation of the Illegal Harvest of Spiny Lobsters

FWCC officers and a special agent from the Miami, FL boarded a recreational fishing vessel returning from the Bahamas.

Upon inspection of the vessel, officers discovered 64 spiny lobsters which exceeded the 10 spiny lobster bag limit.

The NOAA Office of General Counsel issued Joel Schlechter, owner/operator of a recreational vessel, was issued a \$2,000 NOVA for exceeding the cumulative bag and possession limit for spiny lobsters in violation of the MSFCMA.

Summary Settlements for Violation of the MFCMA

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The special agent issued a \$975 Summary Settlement, jointly and severally, to vessel owner/operator Wesley Grahamfor failure to maintain fish intact and possession of undersized fish.

Summary Settlements for Violation of the MFCMA

During entry into the US from the Bahamas the owner of the vessel, Guillermo Alonso was stopped and

boarded by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) as he declared entry into the US.

Upon inspection, the officers observed a large number of snappers on the vessel. FWCC officers responded to assist CBP and documented the case and accounted for the overage of the Bahamian recreational export limits.

A special agent from the Miami, FL Field Office, issued a \$500 Summary Settlement, jointly and severally, to vessel owner/operator Guillermo Alonso for exceeding the bag limit.

COPPS & Outreach



<u>Right Whale Recovery Program - Southeast</u> <u>Implementation Team (SEIT) Public Forum</u>

A special agent from the Port Orange, FL Field Office attended the Right Whale Recovery Program – Southeast Implementation Team (SEIT) Public Forum in Ponte Vedra, FL.

The special agent provided an enforcement update covering ship strike reduction rule and 500 yard close approach cases and presented a certificate of appreciation to Julie Albert of the Marine Resources Council volunteer sighting network for her assistance with documenting close approach cases.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection "Trade Day"

Two special agents from the Charleston, SC Field Office participated in a U.S. Customs and Border Protection "Trade Day".

The Trade Day included representatives from many federal agencies, including but not limited to: CBP, ATF, USFWS, FDA, EPA, USCG, USDA, etc.

The focus of the effort was to engage with regional importers, exporters, brokers and the general public, specifically to inform them about federal rules, regulations and statutes.

COPPS letter Issued

A special agent from the Port Orange, FL Field Office issued a COPPS letter to the owner of the fishing vessel Miss Tracy after the vessel was observed operating around the U.S. EEZ and Bahamian line.

The fishing vessel Miss Tracy was seen operating around the U.S. EEZ and Bahamian line on the Vessel Monitoring System.

The special agent included the coordinates of the U.S. EEZ line per the federal register and also included the CFR regulations in the COPPS letter.

Partnerships

Joint Patrol involving a Boating under the Influence (BUI)

A special agent from the A Port Orange, FL Field Office assisted US Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville

with a Boating under the Influence (BUI) case involving a commercial fishing vessel.

A boarding team from the US Coast Guard Station Mayport boarded the fishing vessel Miss Bee offshore of St. Augustine, FL and found the owner/operator to be BUI.

The vessel was towed into St. Augustine, FL and the operator subsequently taken into custody by FWCC.



Joint TED Patrol

A special agent from the Port Orange, FL Field Office, a FWCC officer and US Coast Guard boarding officers conducted a joint TED boarding operation east of St. Augustine Inlet. No violations were detected.

JEA priorities and case package protocol

A special agent from the Port Orange, FL Field Office provided joint enforcement agreement JEA priorities and case package protocol training to FWCC officers at the Inter-Agency Maritime Operations Center in Port Canaveral, FL.

The training also included an overview of TEDs, and Lacey Act violations. The special agent was also able to provide hands-on training on a TED inspection onboard the fishing vessel Miss Lynn.



With the assistance and cooperation of Wild Ocean Seafood and the fishing vessel Miss Lynn, the special agent also provided shrimper familiarization.

JEA Priorities Work in the PR EEZ

A special agent from Aguadilla, PR Field Office coordinated a meeting with the personnel attached to the Marine Units of Boquerón and Aguadilla in Puerto Rico.

The meeting focused on a new Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) enforcement plan that focuses on NOAA Office of Law Enforcement federal fisheries priorities on the west coast of Puerto Rico where the only three closed areas and a majority of the seasonal closed species are located.

The new plan would implement federal fisheries enforcement priorities and objectives under the Puerto Rico Joint Enforcement Agreement for FY14

Joint Operation

Special Agents from the Miami, FL and Port Orange, FL Field Offices participated in a joint operation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The operation was designed to target seafood imports in support of the Presidents Seafood Fraud and IUU Task Force Program.

The operations took place in Miami Airport, Orlando Airport and Jacksonville Seaport. No violations were noted or reported.

Training

NOAA OLE Training

A special agent from the Charleston, SC provided training to the members of South Carolina's Food Safety Council (SCDA). a group consisting of

members representing industry, SCDHEC, SCDA, FDA and the FBI.

The SCDA is establishing memorandums of understanding with multiple state and federal partner agencies for the regulation of seafood sales, handling and processing within the state.

The training was provided at the request of the Deputy Commissioner of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Gulf of Mexico

Magnuson Stevens Act

Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA) for Cobia Violation

As part of the joint enforcement agreement, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) boarded the fishing vessel Thai Express while conducting offshore fishery compliance checks in the Gulf of Mexico.

The vessel was boarded in federal waters and found to be in possession of sixteen cobia and eighty-four pounds of fish fillets. The fish and fish fillets were seized as evidence.

The NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a \$5,000 for exceeding the bag limit and failing to maintain reef fish intact.

Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA) for not taking a NOAA Observer on Voyage

A special agent from Slidell, LA Field Office initiated an investigation into the fishing vessel Miss Lena for taking pelagic long line fishing voyages without a required NOAA Observer aboard. The agent initiated the investigation while

working with the Program Manager of the NOAA Pelagic Long Line Observer Program (POP)

Upon return to the dock, the captain and crew were interviewed and the captain was cited for making pelagic long line voyages without taking a NOAA Observer as mandated in the Federal Fishing Regulations and for fishing in a closed area.

The captain received numerous written notifications from the POP notifying him that it was against the regulations for him to depart the dock without a NOAA Observer onboard.

The NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a \$18,750 NOVA and a 18 day Notice of Permit Sanction (NOPS) to the the owner/operator of the fishing vessel Miss Lena for failure to take a NOAA Observer on a selected voyage and for fishing in a closed area.

<u>Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA) for</u> <u>Bluefin Tuna Violation</u>

During a joint enforcement patrol in federa waters FWCC officers boarded the charter vessel Sword A. Crazy and discovered closed season bluefin Tuna.

A special agent from Niceville, FL Field Office completed the case package. NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a \$5,000 NOVA for landing bluefin tuna during a closed season.

Written Warning for Violation of the MFCMA

LDWF agents boarded the fishing vessel Tuan Kiet while conducting offshore fishery compliance checks in the Gulf of Mexico.

The vessel was boarded in federal waters and found to be shrimping with and expired Federal Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Permit.

A special agent from the Slidell, LA Field Office completed the case package. NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a Written Warning to the fishing vessel Lucky Star I for shrimping in federal waters with an expired Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Permit.

Written Warning for Violation of the MFCMA

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A special agent from the Slidell, LA Field Office completed the case package. NOAA Office of General Counselcil had issued a Written Warning to the fishing vessel Tuan Kiet for shrimping in federal waters with an expired Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Permit.

Written Warning for Violation of the MFCMA

LDWF boarded the fishing vessel Captain Mason while conducting offshore fishery compliance checks in the Gulf of Mexico.

The vessel was boarded in federal waters and found to be shrimping with and expired Federal Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Permit.

A special agent from the Slidell, LA Field Office completed the case package. The NOAA Office of General Counsel issued a Written Warning to the fishing vessel Captain Mason for shrimping in federal waters with an expired Federal Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Permit.

Written Warning for Violation of the MFCMA

LDWF agents boarded the fishing vessel Gulfstream III while conducting offshore fishery compliance checks in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM)

The vessel was boarded in federal waters and found to be shrimping with and expired Federal Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Permit.

A special agent from the Slidell, LA Field Office completed the case package. The NOAA Office of



General Counsel issued a Written Warning to the fishing vessel Gulfstream III for shrimping in federal waters with an expired Federal Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Permit.

Summary Settlements for Violation of the MFCMA

During a joint enforcement patrol in federal waters an enforcement officer in Slidell, LA Field Office boarded the fishing vessel Kim Thanh II.

The enforcement officer conducted an inspection of the Pelagic Longline fishing vessel and discovered three closed season red snapper. Upon questioning, the captain admitted to catching the red snapper for subsistence at the beginning of the trip.

The enforcement officer issued a Summary Settlement of \$325for possesion of the red snapper. The snapper was seized and the captain subsequently paid the Summary Settlement.

Lacey Act

IFQ Sentencing

Special agents from Niceville, FL and St Petersburg, FL Field Offices attended the sentencing for Natalie Mcardle in Judge Dubose court room in Mobile, AL on November 14, 2014.

Mcardle had entered into a plea deal for her involvement in selling illegal IFQ species from the Gulf of Mexico to UC agents during an ongoing undercover investigation in violation of underlying state laws.

Mcardle received 5 years' probation, 8 months home confinement and was ordered to pay the owner of the vessel \$1,095.00 in restitution and \$445.92 to the NMFS IFQ Program.

Macardle was the last of eight defendants who entered into a felony plea for their role in selling illegal IFQ species.

Endangered Species Act

TEDs Violation

U.S. Coast Guard boarding officers boarded the fishing vessel Captain Andy during a patrol in federal waters.

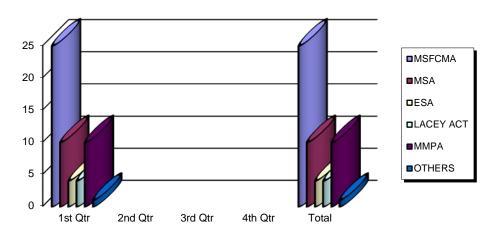
Boarding officers documented several fishing violations onboard the vessel. The case was referred to the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement.

An enforcement officer in Slidell, LA Field Office issued a \$100 summary settlement for multiple minor TED violations. The fishing vessel was also issued a written warning for multiple BRD violations.

INCIDENTS BY INVESTIGATION TYPE FY 2015 1st QUARTER SOUTHEAST DIVISION

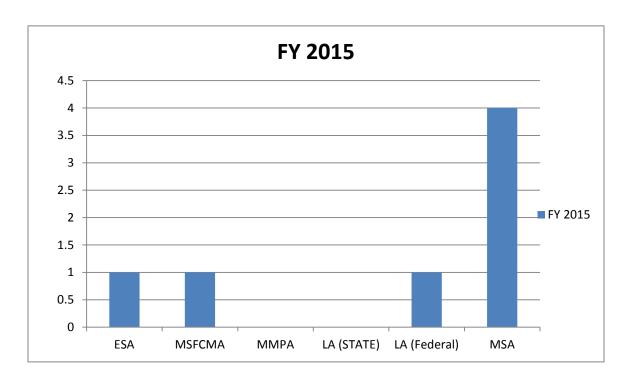
Incident Investigation Type	FY 15 1 ST QTR Hours	FY 15 Totals	FY 14 1 ST QTR Hours	FY 14 Totals
Atlantic Tuna	1	1	0	0
Endangered Species Act	4	4	12	12
Lacey Act (Federal)	3	3	4	4
Lacey Act (Foreign)	1	1	2	2
Lacey Act (State)	0	0	1	1
MSFCMA	25	25	37	37
Marine Mammal Protection Act	10	10	6	6
Marine Sanctuaries Act	3	3	7	7
Other	1	1	1	1
State Regulations (fisheries)	0	0	1	1
Over all Totals	58	58	71	71

Incidents by Investigation Type FY2015



COMPLAINTS BY INVESTGATION TYPE FY 2015 1st QUARTER SOUTHEAST DIVISION

Incident Investigation Type	FY 15 1 ST QTR Hours	FY 15 Totals	FY 14 1 ST QTR Hours	FY 14 Totals
Endangered Species Act	1	1	0	0
Homeland Security	0	0	0	0
Lacey Act (Federal)	1	1	2	2
Lacey Act (Foreign)	0	0	0	0
Lacey Act (State)	0	0	0	0
Lacey Act (Tribal)	0	0	0	0
MSFCMA	1	1	1	1
Marine Mammal Protection				
Act	0	0	4	4
Marine Sanctuaries Act	4	4	0	0
Other	1	1	0	0
State Regulations (fisheries)	0	0	0	0
Over all Totals	9	9	7	7



Law/Regulation	Case	Date	Regulation	Action Taken	Incident	Violation
/ Program	Number	Opened	Regulation	Action Taken	Status	Violation
MSFCMA	C1401071	10/15/2014	50CFR622.13(u)	Summary Settlement	Closed - Case Adjudicated	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY AFTER CLOSURE OF A FISHERY, SECTOR, OR COMPONENT OF A FISHERY, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
MSFCMA	C1401073	10/17/2014	50CFR622.34(b)		Case Initiated	POSSESSION OF RED SNAPPER IN THE CLOSED SEASON
MSFCMA	C1401095	10/20/2014	50CFR622.13(u)	Summary Settlement	Closed - Case Adjudicated	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY AFTER CLOSURE OF A FISHERY, SECTOR, OR COMPONENT OF A FISHERY, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
MSFCMA	C1401095	10/20/2014	50CFR622.9(e)	Written Warning	Closed - Case Adjudicated	USE OF GULF REEF FISH AS BAIT PROHIBITED. GULF REEF FISH MAY NOT BE USED AS BAIT IN ANY FISHERY, EXCEPT THAT, WHEN PURCHASED FROM A FISH PROCESSOR, THE FILLETED CARCASSES AND OFFAL OF GULF REEF FISH MAY BE USED AS BAIT IN TRAP FISHERIES FOR BLUE CRAB, STONE CRAB, DEEP-WATER CRAB, AND SPINY LOBSTER
MSFCMA	C1401120	10/24/2014	50CFR622.13(q)	Summary Settlement	Closed - Case Adjudicated	FAIL TO MAINTAIN FISH INTACT THROUGH LANDING

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Law/Regulation	Case	Date	Regulation	Action	Incident	Violation
/ Program	Number	Opened		Taken	Status	
MSFCMA	C1401095	10/20/2014	50CFR622.13(q)	Summary Settlement	Closed - Case Adjudicated	FAIL TO MAINTAIN A FISH INTACT THROUGH OFFLOADING ASHORE, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
MSFCMA	C1401141	10/31/2014	16 USC 1857(1)(L)			THREAT MADE TO CONTRACTED DATA COLLECTOR
MSFCMA	C1401160	11/14/2014	50CFR622.13(u)	Summary Settlement	Closed - Case Adjudicated	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY AFTER CLOSURE OF A FISHERY, SECTOR, OR COMPONENT OF A FISHERY, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
Marine Sanctuaries Act	C1401175	11/20/2014	15CFR922.164(d)(1)(iii)	Violation	Closed - Case Adjudicated	SPEARFISHING IN SPA
Federal Regulations (non-fisheries)	C1401176	11/20/2014	18USC1001	Violation	Case Initiated	FALSE STATEMENTS
Federal Regulations (non-fisheries)	C1401176	11/20/2014	18USC63	Violation	Case Initiated	MAIL FRAUD
Marine Sanctuaries Act	C1401186	11/25/2014	15CFR922.164(d)(1)(iii)		Case Initiated	SPEARFISHING IN SPA
MSFCMA	C1401198	12/2/2014			Case Initiated	IMPORTATION OF EMBARGOED YELLOWFIN TUNA
MSFCMA	C1401199	12/2/2014			Case Initiated	IFQ - NO RG ALLOCATION
MSFCMA	C1401200	12/2/2014			Case Initiated	HIDDEN FILLETS
Endangered Species Act	C1401204	12/3/2014	50CFR223.207(d)(3)(l)		Case Initiated	IMPROPER FLAP LENGTH ON TED.
Endangered Species Act	C1401206	12/3/2014	50CFR622.29(a)(1)(iii)		Case Initiated	MISSING TURTLE MITIGATION GEAR

Law/Regulation / Program	Case Number	Date Opened	Regulation	Action Taken	Incident Status	Violation
MSFCMA	C1401207	12/3/2014	50 CFR 622.13(r)	Summary Settlement	Case Initiated	EXCEED A BAG OR POSSESSION LIMIT, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
MSFCMA	C1401209	12/3/2014	50 CFR 622.13(u)	Summary Settlement	Closed - Case Adjudicated	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY AFTER CLOSURE OF A FISHERY, SECTOR, OR COMPONENT OF A FISHERY, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
MSFCMA	C1401208	12/3/2014		Summary Settlement	Case Initiated	TEDS VIOLATION
MSFCMA	C1401226	12/5/2014	50CFR622.13	Violation	Case Initiated	LANDING WITH NO ALLOCATION
MSFCMA	C1401233	12/8/2014	50CFR622.13(u)	Summary Settlement	Closed - Case Adjudicated	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY AFTER CLOSURE OF A FISHERY, SECTOR, OR COMPONENT OF A FISHERY, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
MSFCMA	C1401238	12/9/2014	50 CFR 622.13(u)	Written Warning	Case Initiated	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY AFTER CLOSURE OF A FISHERY, SECTOR, OR COMPONENT OF A FISHERY, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
MSFCMA	C1401239	12/9/2014	50 CFR 622.13(u)	Summary Settlement	Case Initiated	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY AFTER CLOSURE OF A FISHERY, SECTOR, OR COMPONENT OF A FISHERY, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.



Law/Regulation / Program	Case Number	Date Opened	Regulation	Action Taken	Incident Status	Violation
MSFCMA	C1401237	12/9/2014	50CFR62213(ii)	Violation	Case Initiated	INSUFFICIENT IFQ ALLOCATION
MSFCMA	C1401247	12/10/2014	50CFR622.39(c)(1)	Summary Closed - Case Settlement Adjudicated		RED SNAPPER IN CLOSED SEASON
Marine Mammal Protection Act	C1401263	12/16/2014		Written Warning	Case Initiated	ILLEGAL POSSESION OF TWO DEAD DOLPHINS
Federal Regulations (non-fisheries)	C1401266	12/17/2014	18USC545	Other	Case Initiated	NARCOTICS SMUGGLING
MSFCMA	C1401270	12/22/2014		Violation	Case Initiated	CUT UP SHARK AS BAIT

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Law/Regulation/ Program	Case Number	Date Opened	Regulation	Action Taken	Incident Status	Violation
Marine Sanctuaries Act	C1401175	11/2/14	15CFR922.164(d)(1)(iii)	Violation	Case Initiated	SPEARFISHING IN SPA
Marine Sanctuaries Act	C1401175	11/2/14	15CFR922.164(d)(1)(iii)	Violation	Case Initiated	SPEARFISHING IN SPA
Marine Sanctuaries Act	C1401186	11/17/14	15CFR922.164(d)(1)(iii)	Violation	Case Initiated	SPEARFISHING IN SPA
Marine Sanctuaries Act	C1500012	11/20/14	15CFR922.164(a)	Violation	Case Initiated	AREA TO BE AVOIDED

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CASES SENT TO GENERAL COUNSEL FY 2015 1st QUARTER SOUTHEAST DIVISION

Law/Regulati on/ Program	Case Number	Date Opened	Date Sent to GC	Regulation	Case Status Date	Incident Status	Violation
MSFCMA	C1400713	7/19/2014	10/3/2014	50CFR224.105(b)(2)	11/19/2014	Closed - Adjudic ated	POSSESS RED SNAPPER IN EXCESS OF TRIP LIMIT
MSFCMA	C1400379	4/16/2014	10/6/2014	15CFR922.163(a)(5)(i)	10/6/2014	Open	FAILURE TO REPORT
Marine Sanctuaries Act	C1401010	4/6/2014	10/24/2014	50CFR224.105(b)(2)	10/24/2014	Open	DAMAGE TO SEAGRASS
MMPA	C1300624	5/31/2013	11/5/2014	50CFR622.37	11/5/2014	Open	ALLEGED SPEEDING IN SEASONAL MANAGEMENT AREA
MSFCMA	C1401048	6/23/2014	11/14/2014	50CFR635.71(b)(19)	11/14/2014	Open	LAND A GIANT TUNA DURING CLOSED SEASON
MSFCMA	C1300861	6/13/2013	11/18/2014	50CFR622.34(b)	11/18/2014	Open	TEN (10) RED SNAPPER IN THE CLOSED SEASON
MSFCMA	C1300871	6/13/2013	11/18/2014	50CFR622.34(b)	11/18/2014	Open	POSSESSION OF RED SNAPPER DURING A CLOSED SEASON
Marine Sanctuaries Act	C1401167	7/12/2014	11/20/2014	15CFR922.163(a)(5)(i)	11/20/2014	Open	DAMAGE TO SEAGRASS
Marine Sanctuaries Act	C1401163	7/27/2014	11/21/2014	15CFR922.163(a)(5)(i)	11/21/2014	Open	DAMAGE TO SEAGRASS
MSFCMA	C1300866	6/13/2013	12/1/2014	50CFR622.7(o)	12/1/2014	Open	FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A FISH INTACT

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Case Number	Issue Date	SS Amount	Due Date	Status	Violation
C1400687	8/26/2014	\$600.00	10/28/2014	Accepted	FISHING IN SPA
C1401071	10/16/2014	\$275.00	11/15/2014	Accepted	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY AFTER CLOSURE OF A FISHERY, SECTOR, OR COMPONENT OF A FISHERY, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
C1401120	10/27/2014	\$975.00	11/26/2014	Accepted	FAIL TO MAINTAIN FISH INTACT THROUGH LANDING
C1400975	10/21/2014	\$200.00	12/10/2014	Accepted	POSSESS SPEARGUN IN SPA
C1401095	11/10/2014	\$500.00	12/10/2014	Accepted	FAIL TO MAINTAIN A FISH INTACT THROUGH OFFLOADING ASHORE, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
C1401160	12/3/2014	\$300.00	1/2/2015	Accepted	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY AFTER CLOSURE OF A FISHERY, SECTOR, OR COMPONENT OF A FISHERY, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
C1401207	12/3/2014	\$500.00	1/2/2015	Issued	EXCEED A BAG OR POSSESSION LIMIT, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
C1401209	12/3/2014	\$300.00	1/2/2015	Accepted	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY AFTER CLOSURE OF A FISHERY, SECTOR, OR COMPONENT OF A FISHERY, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.



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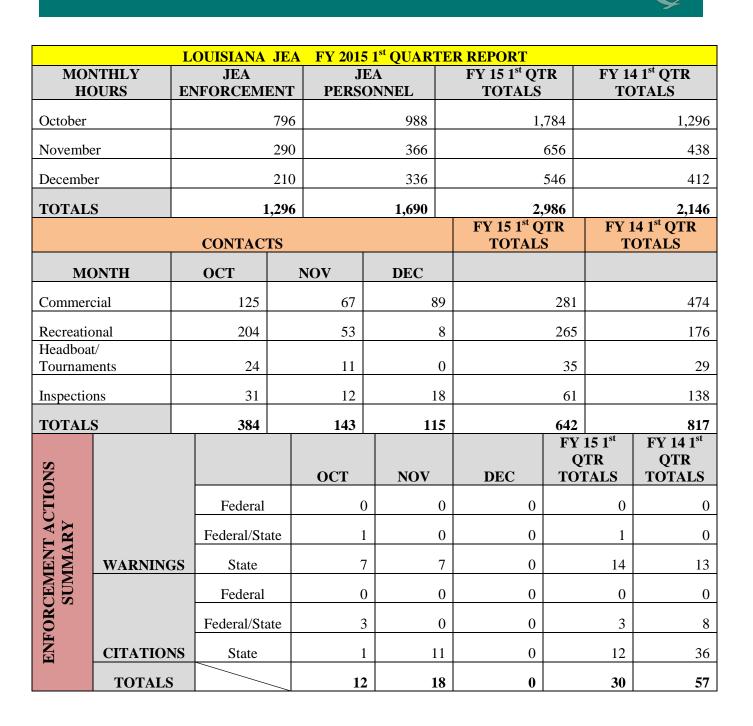
Case Number	Issue Date	SS Amount	Due Date	Status	Violation
C1401208	12/3/2014	\$100.00	1/5/2015	Issued	TEDS VIOLATION
C1401175	12/5/2014	\$600.00		Accepted	SPEARFISHING IN SPA
C1401233	12/12/2014	\$325.00	1/15/2015	Accepted	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY AFTER CLOSURE OF A FISHERY, SECTOR, OR COMPONENT OF A FISHERY, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
C1401239	12/16/2014	\$275.00	1/15/2015	Issued	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY AFTER CLOSURE OF A FISHERY, SECTOR, OR COMPONENT OF A FISHERY, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART.
C1401247	12/12/2014	\$325.00	1/16/2015	Accepted	RED SNAPPER IN CLOSED SEASON

JOINT ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT FY 2015 1st QUARTER SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	ALABAMA JEA FY 2015 1 st QUARTER REPORT											
	THLY URS	EN	JEA FORCEM	ENT		EA ONNEL		FY 15 1 st QT TOTALS	'R	FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS		
October				319		549			868	997		
Novembe	r			142		222			364		664	
Decembe	r			287		472			759		578	
TOTALS	S		748			1,243			991		2,239	
	CONTAC							FY 15 1 st Q TOTALS		FY 1	4 1 st QTR OTALS	
MC	NTH		ост	ľ	NOV	DEC						
Commerc	ial		37		57		4		98		133	
Recreatio	ational 8			19		1	1 28		3 7			
Headboat Tourname			7		9		2		18		5	
Inspection			2		2 (0		4		0	
TOTALS			54	87			7	148			145	
					ОСТ	NOV		DEC	FY Q	15 1 st TR TALS	FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS	
TIO			Federal	1	0	,	0	0		0	0	
r AC RY			Federal/St	tate	2	,	1	0		3	0	
ENJ	WARNIN	GS	State		0		0	0		0	0	
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS SUMMARY	SUM		Federal	1	3		0	0		3	0	
Federa		Federal/St	tate	4		1	0		5	3		
ENF	CITATIO	NS	State		0	1	0	0 0		0	1	
	TOTAL				9		2	0		11	4	

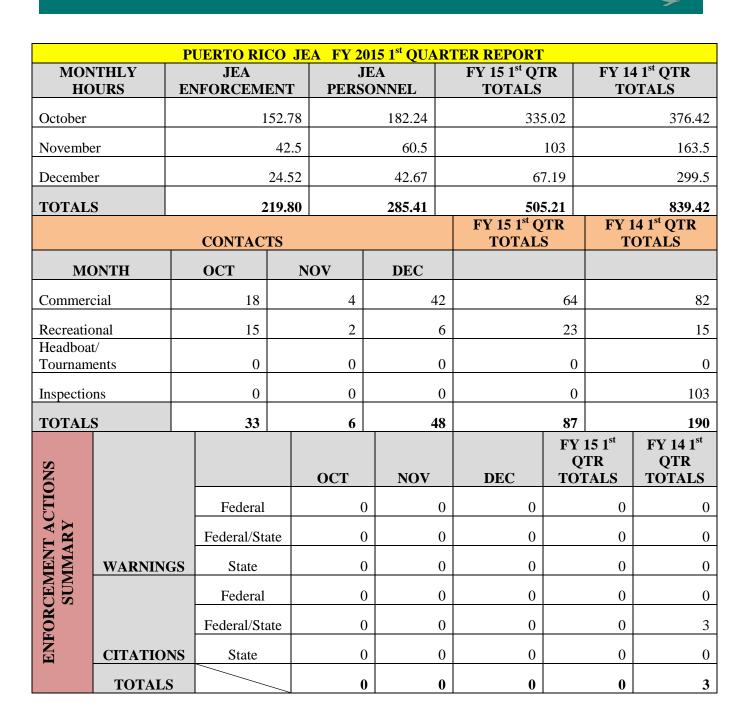
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	NTHLY OURS	JEA ENFORCEN		J	EA ONNEL		FY 15 1 st QT TOTALS		FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS	
October		2	2,670.5		3,475.3		6,145.8		8 7,710.2	
Novembe	er	2,	066.05		2,701.6		4,767	7.65		6,145.15
Decembe	r	2,	041.55		3,445.45		5,	487		5,057.5
TOTAI	LS	6,	778.10		9,622.35		16,400			18,912.9
		CTS				FY 15 1 st Q TOTALS			4 1 st QTR OTALS	
MO	ONTH	OCT	N	ov	DEC					
Commerc	cial	137		14	13	8		289		97
	Recreational			17	4	0		93		16
Headboat Tournam		0		0		0		0		0
Inspection	ns	145		68	10)6	319			182
TOTALS		318		99	28	34	701			275
				ост	NOV		DEC	FY Q	15 1 st TR TALS	FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS
TIC		Federa	1	2	ļ.	0	7		9	2
r ac .ry		Federal/S	tate	5	i	0	3		8	0
CEMENT A	WARNING	S State		11		5	15		31	9
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS SUMMARY	Federa		1	0)	0	1		1	15
ORO	Federal/State		tate	1		0	2		3	0
ENF	CITATION	S State		0)	3	4		7	6
	TOTALS			19)	8	32		59	32

		GEORGIA	JEA	FY 2015 1	st QUARTE	RI	REPORT				
MONTHLY HOURS EN		JEA ENFORCEM			EA ONNEL		FY 15 1 st QTR TOTALS		FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS		
October			153		214		367		35		
Novembe	er		127		169			296		177	
Decembe	r		41.5		195		23	36.5		421	
TOTALS	S		321.5		578			99.5		954	
		CONTAC	CTS				FY 15 1 st Q TOTALS			4 1 st QTR OTALS	
MC	ONTH	ост	N	NOV	DEC						
Commerc	cial	21	10			7		38		83	
Recreation		56	8		17	7	81		37		
Headboat Tournam		0	0		(6		6		0	
Inspection	ns	1	3		(0	4				
TOTALS		78	21		30	0	0			122	
				ОСТ	NOV		DEC	Q'	15 1 st TR TALS	FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS	
TIC		Federa	.1	0	(0	0		0	0	
r ac ry		Federal/S	tate	0	(0	0		0	0	
IEN]	WARNING	GS State		0	(0	0		0	4	
CEMENT A		Federa	.1	0	(0	0		0	0	
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS SUMMARY		Federal/S	tate	4	(0	0		4	0	
ENF	CITATIO	NS State		0	(0	3		3	4	
	TOTALS	S		4		0	3		7	8	



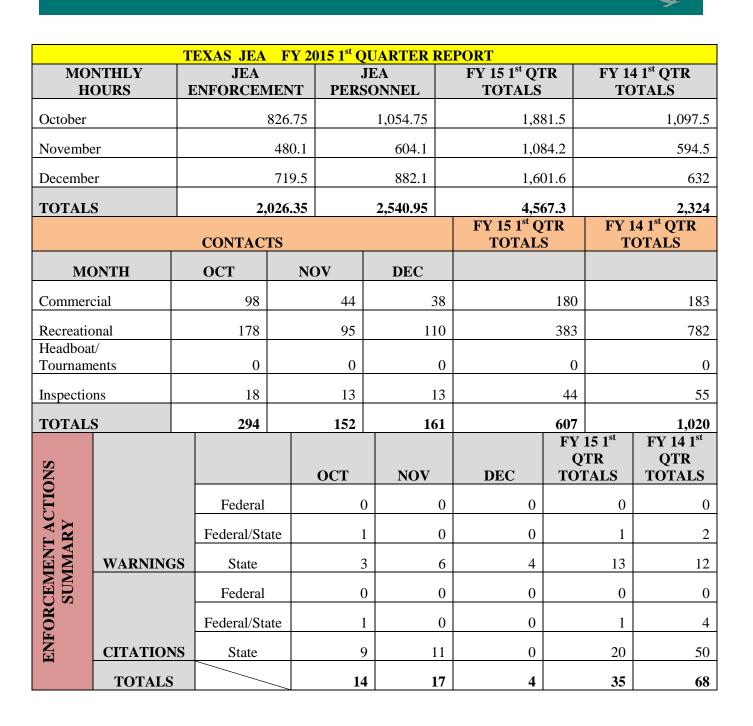
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		MISSISSIPP	I JEA	FY 2015	1st QUAR	TE	R REPORT				
	NTHLY OURS	JEA ENFORCEM	TENT		EA		FY 15 1 st QTR TOTALS		FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS		
п	JUKS	ENFORCEN	ICNI	PERSC	PERSONNEL		IUIALS		IUIALS		
October			250	332			582			871	
Novembe	er		143		164			307		60	
Decembe	r		30		40			70		448	
TOTALS	S		423		536			959	1,379		
		CONTAC	TS				FY 15 1 st Q TOTALS		FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS		
MC	ONTH	ОСТ	N	ov	DEC						
Commerc	cial	9		10	1	5		34		161	
Recreation		75		6		2	83		33		
Headboat Tournam		0		0		0	0		8		
		0		16		0	16		15		
Inspection											
TOTALS	5	84		32	1	7		133 FY	15 1 st	523 FY 14 1 st	
SN				ост	NOV		DEC	Q	TR TALS	QTR TOTALS	
TIO		Federal		0		0	0		0	0	
r ac RY		Federal/Sta	ate	0		2	0		2	0	
Z WARNING		State		0		0	0	0		0	
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS SUMMARY		Federal	Federal			0	0		0	0	
ORC		Federal/Sta	ate	0		0	0		0	3	
ENF	CITATION	State		0		0	0	0		2	
	TOTALS			0		2	0		2	7	



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		SOUTH CA	ROLINA	JEA	FY 2015 1st	t Q	UARTER REI	PORT			
MONTHLY		JEA			EA		FY 15 1 st QTR		FY 14 1 st QTR		
HO	OURS	ENFORCE	MENT _	PERSONNEL			TOTALS		TOTALS		
October			299	404			703			152	
Novembe	er		102		137			239	10		
Decembe	r		111		148			259		165	
TOTALS	S		512		689			201		418	
		CONTAC	CTS				FY 15 1 st Q TOTALS			4 1 st QTR OTALS	
MC	ONTH	ОСТ	NC	V	DEC						
Commerc	cial	23		6		1				15	
Recreation		187		23	2	23	23		3		
Headboat Tournam		19		67		0	8		;		
		2								0	
Inspectio				2		1		5		2	
TOTALS	8	231		98	2	25		354	4 = 4 St	28	
SN				ОСТ	NOV		DEC	Q'	15 1 st TR TALS	FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS	
LIO		Federa	1	0		0	0	101	0	0	
AC		Federal/S		6		1	1		8	3	
WARNING WARNING				1		2	0	13		2	
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS SUMMARY		Federa	1	0		3			3	0	
ORC		Federal/S	tate	1		0	3		4	2	
ENF	CITATION	State		0		1	0		1	1	
	TOTALS			8	1	7	4		29	8	



USVI JEA FY 2015 1st QUARTER REPORT											
MONTHLY HOURS		JEA ENFORCE	JEA ENFORCEMENT		JEA PERSONNEL		FY 15 1 st QTR TOTALS		FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS		
October			0		0		0			162	
Novembe	er		18		18			36		68	
Decembe	r		0		0			0		98	
TOTALS	S		18		18			36		328	
		CONTAC'	TS				FY 15 1 st Q TOTALS			4 1 st QTR OTALS	
MC	ONTH	ОСТ	NO	v	DEC						
Commerc	cial	0		23		0		23		108	
Recreation	Recreational			1		0	1			0	
Headboat/ Tournaments		0		0		0		0		0	
Inspection		0		6		0	6			47	
TOTALS		0		30		0		30		155	
				ОСТ	NOV		DEC	FY Q	15 1 st TR TALS	FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS	
TIC		Federal		0		0	0		0	0	
T AC		Federal/Sta	ate	0		0	0		0	0	
SUMMARY WARNING WINNARY		S State	State			3	3		3	4	
CEN		Federal	Federal			0	0	0		0	
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS SUMMARY		Federal/Sta	Federal/State			0	0		0	0	
ENF	CITATION	S State		0		0	0		0	1	
	TOTALS			0		3	3		6	5	

		SUMMARY	JEA	FY 2015	1st QUARTI	ER	REPORT			
MONTHLY HOURS		JEA ENFORCEM	JEA NFORCEMENT		JEA PERSONNEL		FY 15 1 st QTR TOTALS		FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS	
October		5,4	5,467.03		7,199.29		12,666.32		13,317.8	
Novembe	er	3,3	92.65		4,442.2		7,834	4.85		8,411.15
Decembe	r	3,4	64.57		5,561.22		9,025	5.79		7,524.5
TOTALS	S	12,3	24.25	17,202.71			29,520			29,253.52
		CONTAC	ΓS				FY 15 1 st Q TOTALS			4 1 st QTR OTALS
MC	ONTH	ОСТ	N	ov	DEC					
Commerc	cial	468		235	334	4		1,037		1,301
Recreatio		759		291	207	7		1,257	1,394	
Headboat Tourname		50		50	8	8		128	43	
Inspection	ns	199		138	138	8	475			544
TOTALS		1,476		734	687	7	2,89			3,282
SNO				ОСТ	NOV		DEC	FY Q	15 1 st TR FALS	FY 14 1 st QTR TOTALS
TIC		Federal		2	(0	7		9	0
r AC .RY		Federal/Sta	ate	15	2	4	4		23	4
SUMMARY A SUMMARY A SUMMARY		State		22	26	6	19		67	43
CEN		Federal		8	7	7	4		19	16
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS SUMMARY		Federal/Sta	ate	14	4	5	19		38	25
ENF	CITATION	State		14	35	5	10		45	101
	TOTALS			71	77	7	63		201	189