

Oculina Bank Habitat Area of Particular Concern

Quarterly Enforcement Report

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CASE DISPOSITIONS:

No Oculina specific case dispositions this quarter.

MEDIA:

No Oculina specific media this quarter.

OUTREACH:

No Oculina specific outreach conducted this quarter.

TRAINING:

No Oculina specific training was conducted this quarter.

PATROL ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1. The FL FWCC Patrol Vessel *C.T. Randall* remained out of service the majority of this quarter due to a previous engine room fire. The Randall was returned to the water and spent three days on scene in the OHAPC in March.**
- 2. The USCG conducted numerous cutter, small boat, and aircraft patrols of the area with a total of approximately 62 hours on-scene.**
- 3. SA Chesler received a hotline call from the USCG reporting a cargo container had drifted into the Oculina Bank HAPC. The container was one of approximately 30 that had fallen overboard off of the SEABOARD INTREPID on January 26 south of Key West. The USCG sent a small boat out which located a freezer container with its doors open. The USCG determined the container was not in danger of sinking and contacted the contract towing company to remove the container.**
- 4. SA Chesler received a VMS alert for an incursion by a shrimp trawler into the Oculina Bank HAPC. SA Chesler boarded the vessel dockside. Inspection of the catch and review of the vessel's navigation electronics revealed that there was only royal red shrimp onboard and that the vessel had transited the OHAPC. No violation.**

PATROL REPORTS:

Attachment A: USCG and FL FWCC Oculina Bank patrol effort report, Jan - Mar, 2010 (Spreadsheet)

Attachment B: Oculina patrols by agency, Jan - Mar, 2010 (Graph)

Attachment C: Oculina detections and boardings, Jan - Mar, 2010 (Graph)

NOTES:

This report is comprised of data submitted by LT Brian Sullivan USCG, Lt. Jeff Sidor, and Lt. Jason Marlow, FL FWCC.

Secondary hours for the USCG indicates hours an asset (aircraft, cutter, boat) was in the Oculina Bank but on a non-fisheries mission. Secondary hours for the FL FWCC indicate hours an asset (aircraft, patrol vessel, boat) was transiting to the Oculina Bank or patrolling near the area and available to respond.