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**Office of Law
Enforcement**

FY 2022 Quarter 1 Enforcement Overview

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting



March 7, 2022

South Atlantic Snapshot

- 211 Opened Incidents
- 7 Cases referred to General Counsel/US DOJ
- 24 Summary Settlements (\$250-\$2700)
 - Retention during closure/undersize possession
 - TED/BRD Requirements
 - Observer Program Requirements
- Remaining were unfounded, boardings, fix-its, compliance assistance or WWs.



ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Vessel in MPA during closed season
 - Undersize, bag limit, retention, gear
 - \$63,705 NOVA assessed
- Shrimper in Tortugas Shrimp Sanctuary
 - USCG intercept
 - Catch seized



Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

- **SAFMC Enforcement Partners**



- **79 Overall Enforcement Referrals**

- Encompasses entire SED
- Within SAFMC:
 - FWC, USCG, GADNR



SPECIAL OPERATIONS/PATROLS

➤ HMS Targeted Patrols

- NC docks/dealers
- High Compliance
- Over 60 boardings/50 calls

➤ Marine Protected Areas

- Before snapper opening
- USCG coordination





CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

- SEFHIER Outreach and Enforcement
- Unpermitted Charter Operations
- North Atlantic Right Whale Enforcement Measures

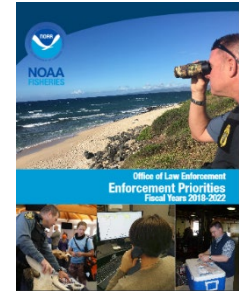


OLE Resources

NOAA OLE Website:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/about/office-law-enforcement>

- Enforcement Priorities; Annual Reports
- Vessel Monitoring Information (system requirements and type approvals)
- IUU Information



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- Proposed/Upcoming notices
- Bahamian/US EEZ fishing
- Unpermitted Charters

NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Actions:

<https://www.gc.noaa.gov/enforce-office7.html>

SED OLE Fishery Council Report (Quarterly)

- Effort throughout 3 regional councils; in Briefing Book



QUESTIONS

