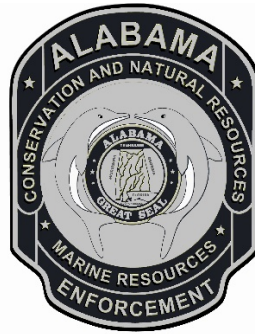


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We have been lucky so far that none of our enforcement personnel have had covid-19. Few have been exposed but none have tested positive. Most of our enforcement staff have been vaccinated with only a couple opting out due to it being voluntary. Officers are still patrolling and making cases but are doing their best to remain socially distant and wearing masks when dealing with the public.

From September 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021, AMRD enforcement officers conducted:



- *2285 commercial fishermen intercepts
- *3125 recreational fishermen intercepts
- *432 seafood dealer and/or processor inspections
- *4395 hours of patrol
- *2025 vessel boardings
- *382 Citations / Warnings were issued

Grants

Officers continue to work out the priorities of our JEA grant as well as a NRDA Sea Turtle and Dolphin grant which provides our Enforcement Section with equipment and overtime opportunities. Our coastal camera system was upgraded using Port Security Grant money and we now have 23 cameras throughout the coast that monitor 24/7.

Outreach

Our outreach events have been very limited due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Most of our outreach has been speaking with fishermen at marinas and docks as well as press releases and radio shows.

Staffing

In hopes to finally become full staff, AMRD recently hired four new officers and one transfer to full fill vacant positions. While doing so we had one officer transfer and two resign, so maybe next year? The four officers pictured will be attending the police academy beginning in May.

