

Texas
LEC/LETC State Report – 10/18/22
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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department continues to work closely with our State and Federal Partners to provide effective and efficient conservation law enforcement across the State of Texas as well as within the EEZ.

JEA 2021-2022 Priority Hours/Enforcement Actions

2021-2022 JEA PRIORITY HOURS											
TEDs			TED INSPECTIONS REQUIRED	REEF FISH		HMS	FLOWER GARDEN BANKS	CHARTER FOR HIRE (SEFHIER)		IUU	IFQ
NEARSHORE	MID RANGE	65'		MID RANGE	80'	MID RANGE	80'	NEAR SHORE	DOCKSIDE	DOCKSIDE	DOCKSIDE
308	0	150	123	240	128	240	96	335	198	139	139

JEA 2021 - 2022 Recap									
	Rec. Boat Contacts	Rec. Fisherman Contacts	Com. Boat Contacts	Com. Fisherman Contacts	TED Inspections	State Citations Issued	State Warnings Issued	# of NOAA Case Referrals	# of Arrests
Region 4	397	828	163	401	73	80	59	1	0
Region 8	117	1058	132	306	45	42	13	26	0
MTOG	6	16	12	45	7	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	520	1902	307	752	125	123	72	27	0

Grants/Projects

In addition to JEA funded patrols, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department participates in NRDA funded patrols which concentrate on Ted Enforcement along the Texas Coast. The Department is also working with the Texas Trustees on the implementation of a new NRDA project that will provide additional funding for equipment and operating to remove illegal fishing gear from the waters of the Gulf of Mexico - South of Corpus Christi.

Regulatory Changes/Legislation

Spotted Seatrout Update – As a result of the widespread impact to spotted seatrout from the winter freeze of 2021 and following the emergency rule which established a 3 fish bag limit with an increase in the minimum size limit to 17 inches and created a maximum size limit of 23 inches. This was followed in the 2022-2023 statewide hunting and fishing proclamation by furthering the emergency rule for this license year and it went into effect March 16, 2021. The rule will sunset on August 31, 2023.

IUU/Lancha Statistics

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department continues to focus on IUU enforcement at our Ports of Entry and on our waterways along the Texas/ Mexico border. IUU fishing continues to be a concern along the Texas/Mexico border as the lancha fleet continues to negatively impact our natural resources. In addition to JEA funding, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department continues to provide State funding to increase IUU enforcement.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT LANCHA STATISTICS (SEPT. 2021-AUG. 2022)			
LANCHAS OBSERVED	LANCHA INTERDICTIONS	GILL NET SEIZURES	LONG LINE SEIZURES
77	8	48,990 FT.	136,240 FT.

