



State Effort Inside 9 miles



- Water Safety Inspections (reason for the stop)
- License Requirements (only for the resources in possession)
- Bag Limit Checks (for the resources in possession)



Provides a Stable Environment

- Reduced vessel damage
- More thorough inspection
- Allows for more vessel checks
- Cell and Radio Service for verification
- Less Federal Fishing Compliance

Bag Limit Violations

- Bag limits are kept whole in traditional compartments.
- Excess fish are kept in small ice chests in forward compartments.
- The fish fillets represent a sperate violation however the intent of the violator is to bring in excess fish in hopes they are not detected.



Gulf Open Water Inspections

- Allow for species specific checks
- Allow for Equipment use checks
- Typically target Recreational anglers
- Reduced number of checks per patrol
- Higher risk of damage and injury
- Difficult to coordinate with weather, staffing, and recreational desire.
- Very Expen\$ive





Federal Fisheries Violations

- 8 hour patrol resulted in:
- 2 vessel checks
- 1 violation of snapper closure
- Referred to NOAA OLE under the JEA contract



- Turtle Excluder Device Enforcement
- Reef Fish Enforcement
- Highly Migratory Enforcement
- IFQ enforcement
- IUU Enforcement (At US border crossing only)

Turtle Excluder Device Inspections

• 367 Miles of Coastline

Inshore and Offshore

State and Federal prosecution







Texas Parks & Wildlife Law Enforcement Division

Incident Report

4200 Smith School Rd Austin, TX 78744 Phone: (512) 389 - 8400 Fax: (512) 389 - 4800

CAMERON 19-MTOG-8177491 Occurrence Date / Time

NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

Pending Approval (1)

ion of Red Snapper during the Closure in Federal Waters **Incident Location** South Padre Island 78597 United States of America Clery Location

- Closed Season Effort
- Bag Limit Effort
- Locate
- Prove Venue
- Send Report for Federal Prosecution

Reef Fish Enforcement



- Target the Recreational Fishing Fleet
- Recreational Allocation
- Mexican Fishing Lancha Interdiction is not addressed
- Mexico Lancha Fishing allocation

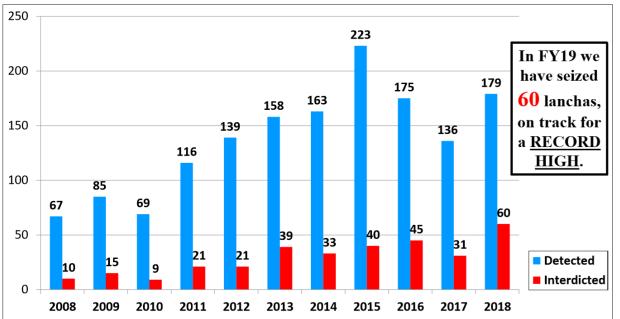


Mexico Fishing Fleet from Playa Bagdad

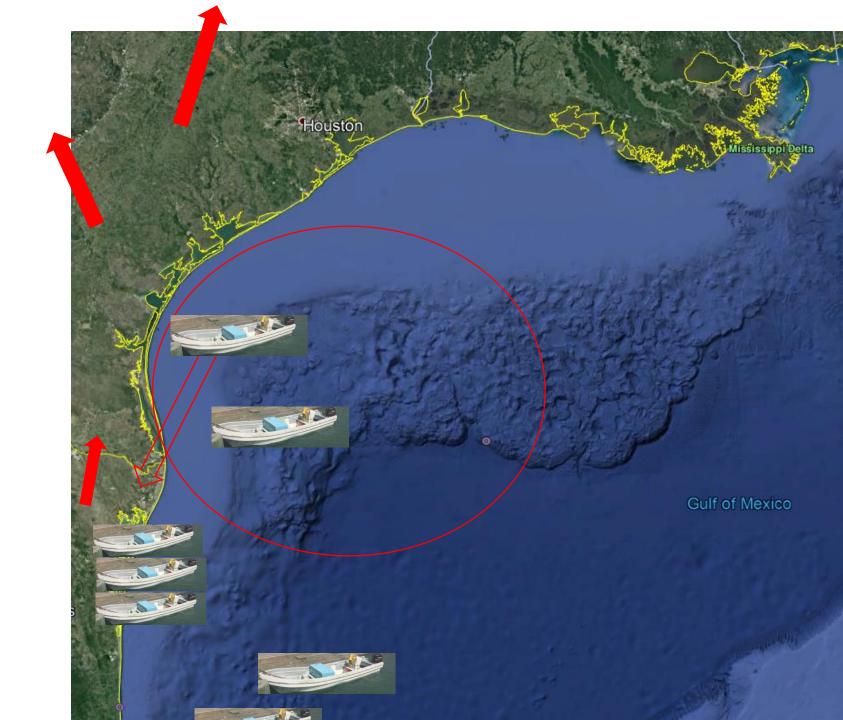


Lancha Detections vs Seizures: FY 2008-2018

60 lanchas seized in FY 2018....a record year!



60 x 800lbs = 48,000 lbs of snapper 179 x 800lbs = 143,200 lbs removed Texas Recreational Allocation= 241,245 pounds The true volume may exceed the total gulf allocation Millions of # illegally caught in the US EEZ and imported back into the US

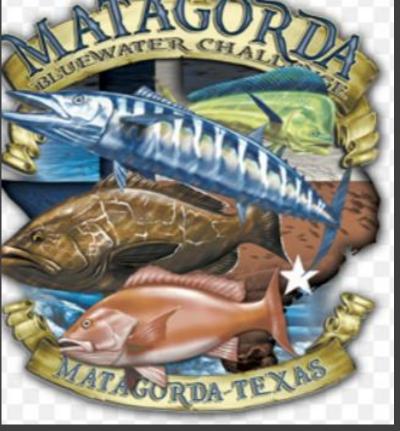




• 2018 Contract focused the States effort on Federal Waters and dockside inspections.









HMS Species 2 Significant Impacts



- Efforts to control under reporting of Commercial Harvest of :
- Red Snapper
- Grouper
- Tilefish

IUU Inspections at International Border





Verifying the load

• Requires the truck to be completely unloaded then reloaded.



IUU Circle

 Supports the effort to hold countries in compliance with international harvest plans and reporting.

 Verify the load is true at importation

 Verify the Dealer bought what is advertised for sale.



Questions