

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
LETC/LEC STATE REPORT**

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Law Enforcement Division (LDWF/LED) are continuing to work vessel and dockside fisheries enforcement inspections for any federal/state cooperatively managed species violations. We are also continuing to conduct TED compliance inspections. In fiscal year 16/17, Agents boarded 114 vessels and inspected 270 TED's. Of the 270 TED's inspected, 11 citations (criminal and warning) were issued. Although some inspections were given verbal warnings, the observed compliance rate for TED compliance is approximately 95%.



LDWF/LED recently graduated 23 cadets in April of 2017 and currently is hiring 24 more enforcement cadets for an academy beginning sometime in July 2018. Our in-service program consists of continued training in all basic peace officer standards along with specialized training for wildlife agents. Each agent attends a week long in-service training during the year which involves specialized training such as: officer survival (simunition), Taser recertification, defensive tactics, first aid recertification, legal review, Intoxilizer 9000 and SFST re-trainer, to name a few.



We are working on a time, attendance and compliance intercept application which will optimize patrol information on observed compliance based on compliance intercepts made by our enforcement agents, advancing conservation law enforcement, strategic planning, performance measures and officer safety. This app will replace our current JEA app and has been designed and evaluated. It is currently being developed by a third party with an anticipated testing date sometime in June.



LDWF/LED division is continuing to educate fisherman, industry representatives, and updating policies and procedures associated with wildlife management and fisheries enforcement. In 2017, we had an administration change when Colonel Joey Broussard retired and Colonel Sammy Martin assumed the chief's position. Colonel Martin has 35 years as a Wildlife Conservationist coming from the coast of Louisiana in Terrebonne Parish.



Colonel Samuel Martin

LDWF/LED has had a very busy JEA year. For fiscal year 16/17, Louisiana agents patrolled 12,719 hours dedicated to recreational and commercial federal fisheries enforcement. The following charts reflect some of our observed compliance rates for commercial and recreational activities:

COMMERCIAL Vessel Inspection Breakdown			
FMP's	Inspection	Vessels	%
REEF FISH INSPECTION	31	425	7.29%
HIGHLY MIGRATORY INSPECTION	43	425	10.12%
COASTAL MIGRATORY INSPECTION	48	425	11.29%
SHRIMP INSPECTION	308	425	72.47%
TEDs	270	114	
Note: Vessels identified as Participating in FMP			

COMMERCIAL VESSEL Observed Compliance				
	FMP's	# Cited	Inspected	%
COMMERCIAL VIOLATIONS	REEF FISH	4	31	87.10%
	HIGHLY MIGRATORY	1	43	97.67%
	COASTAL MIGRATORY	2	48	95.83%
	SHELLFISH	18	308	94.16%
	TEDs	11	270	95.93%

DOCKSIDE/DEALER Inspection			
FMP's	Inspection	Dealers	%
REEF FISH INSPECTION	177	456	38.82%
HIGHLY MIGRATORY INSPECTION	154	456	33.77%
COASTAL MIGRATORY INSPECTION	230	456	50.44%
SHRIMP INSPECTION	371	456	81.36%

DOCKSIDE Observed Compliance				
	FMP's	# Cited	Inspected	%
DOCKSIDE VIOLATIONS	REEF FISH	2	177	98.87%
	HIGHLY MIGRATORY	1	154	99.35%
	COASTAL MIGRATORY	2	230	99.13%
	SHELLFISH	3	371	99.19%

RECREATION Inspection Breakdown			
FMP's	Inspection	Vessels	%
REEF FISH INSPECTION	278	614	45.28%
HIGHLY MIGRATORY INSPECTION	86	614	14.01%
COASTAL MIGRATORY INSPECTION	313	614	50.98%
SHRIMP INSPECTION	5	614	0.81%
RED DRUM INSPECTION	330	614	53.75%

REC. VESSEL OBSERVED COMPLIANCE				
	FMP's	# Cited	Inspected!	%
RECREATIONAL VIOLATIONS	REEF FISH	33	278	88.13%
	HIGHLY MIGRATORY	7	86	91.86%
	COASTAL MIGRATORY	13	313	95.85%
	SHELLFISH	1	5	80.00%
	RED DRUM	14	330	95.76%

Note: Vessels identified as Participating in FMP

CHARTER Vessel Inspection			
FMP's	Inspection	Vessels	%
REEF FISH INSPECTION	23	56	41.07%
HIGHLY MIGRATORY INSPECTION	23	56	41.07%
COASTAL MIGRATORY INSPECTION	27	56	48.21%
SHRIMP INSPECTION	1	56	1.79%
RED DRUM INSPECTION	23	56	41.07%

CHARTER VESSEL OBSERVED COMPLIANCE				
CHARTER VIOLATIONS	FMP's	# Cited	Inspected!	%
	REEF FISH	1	23	95.65%
	HIGHLY MIGRATORY	0	23	100.00%
	COASTAL MIGRATORY	1	27	96.30%
	RED DRUM	0	23	100.00%

Louisiana is committed to establish and maintain compliance through the execution and enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the state relative to the management, conservation and protection of renewable natural wildlife and fisheries resources and relative to providing public safety on the state's waterways and lands for the continued use and enjoyment by current and future generations.

Beyond the traditional role of ensuring compliance with licensing and harvesting regulations, the Enforcement Division also conducts search and rescue missions, enforces boating safety laws, investigates boating and hunting accidents and provides boater education classes for thousands of citizens each year.