

Alabama Marine Resources State Report Spring 2019

From October 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019, AMRD enforcement officers conducted:

*876 commercial fishermen intercepts



*3943 recreational fishermen intercepts



*713 seafood dealer and/or processor inspections



*1549 hours of patrol

*1243 vessel boardings.

*Enforcement Section continues to participate in many events including multiple boats shows and National Night Out programs, as well as, visiting area schools and fishing tournaments to provide education and outreach opportunities.



Regulations

*We are looking to add a Gulf Reef fish Endorsement regulation which would be required for anyone taking or possessing gulf reef fish species.

*We are adding the non-stainless steel circle hook requirement for sharks and gulf reef fish to remain consistent with federal regulations.

*We are increasing the size limit of Cobia to 36 inches fork length to remain consistent with federal regulations.

Staffing

*Enforcement will hire two new officers this spring which will put us at full staff with 19.