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# Enforcement Updates

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Meeting  
January 2024



# Gulf of Mexico Snapshot

- **123** Opened Incidents
- **15** Cases referred to General Counsel/US DOJ
  - Unpermitted Charters
  - Observer Harassment
  - Sanctuary
- **36** Summary Settlements (\$100-\$2000)
  - Retention during closure
  - Sanctuary
- **50% No Violations or Compliance Assistance**



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# ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS



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# Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

## • GMFMC Enforcement Partners



## • 26 Overall Enforcement Referrals (Qtr 1)

- Encompasses entire SED
- Within GMFMC:
  - 19 FWC, 2 TPWD, 1 USCG

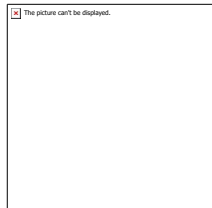


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# TARGETED OPERATIONS

## SPA WATCHER

- Sanctuary Focus (FKNMS)
- Charter Requirements



## LOS COYOTES

## EL TEJANO



- IUU/SIMP Focus
- >19,000lbs seafood, >500 cars inspected, 3,000 red snapper seized
- Launcha deterrence patrols



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# CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

## ➤ Charter Enforcement



## ➤ IUU/SIMP



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# Report A Violation

NOAA's Law Enforcement Hotline,  
available 24/7 at  
**(800) 853-1964**

- Location, time, and date of the activity.
- Description of the activity.
- Name(s) of the vessel, owner/operator, captain, crew, or additional witnesses.



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# QUESTIONS



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