U.S. Coast Guard
District 8

Living Marine Resources

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Discussion Topics

- Area of Responsibility
- Coast Guard – Mexico Meetings
- Gulf of Mexico Regional Fisheries Training Center
- Recent Operations

Coast Guard District 8

Coast Guard – Mexico Meetings

Staff Talks in Mexico City, MX

- Illegal, Unreported, & Unregulated Fishing
- Counter Narcotics
- Search and Rescue
- Pollution Response
- Port Security
- Cybersecurity
- Intelligence

Mexican Embassy, DC

- Particular focus with IUU-F in the GOM
- Reducing the number of incursions and repeat offenders

Gulf of Mexico Regional Fisheries Training Center

- One of 5 Coast Guard fisheries training centers
- Located at Coast Guard Base New Orleans, LA
- New Commanding Officer – LT Victor Alma

FY 22

- Provided a combined total of 3,900 hours of in-person LMR management and law enforcement instruction
- Traveled to every Gulf Coast state with touring workshop
- Trained 95 Coast Guard law enforcement officers from over 20 units across the Gulf

Gulf of Mexico Regional Fisheries Training Center

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- Trained 29 partner law enforcement agents throughout the Gulf
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Topics Covered

- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Magnuson/Stevens Act
- Fisheries Management Plans
- National Marine Sanctuaries
- Fishing Vessel Gear and ID
- Boarding Procedures
- Species ID
- Fisheries Case Package Preparation
- Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Act

Recent Operations

CGC EDGAR CULBERTSON (WPC 1137)

- Maritime Boundary Line Patrol
- 2 lanchas interdicted, 8 Mexican nationals apprehended
- Retrieved 4 sets of longline gear from the water

55 sharks located in lancha fish hold

EC crewmembers removing longline gear & catch from water

Recent Operations

CGC JACOB POROO (WPC 1125)

- Conducted fisheries patrol in Sector Mobile area of responsibility
- 11 vessel boardings
- 10 violations issued (7 from one boarding)
- 24 new crew qualifications following transfer season/dry dock

JPO LE team conducting a recreational boarding

JPO LE team conducting LMR boarding on F/V BILLY B

Air support from Aviation Training Center Mobile

Recent Operations

CGC HAROLD MILLER (WPC 1138)

- Conducted fisheries patrol across three Sectors (Mobile, New Orleans, and Houston)
- 9 vessel boardings
- 39 violations issued
- 3 vessel terminations

Boarding of MISS HALEY II

MISS HALEY II Boarding

- No distress signals on board
- Expired EPIRB
- Survival craft equipment deficient
- Master under the influence
- Vessel was on a declared Reef Fish trip but actually targeting HMS
- NOAA Enforcement met the vessel at the pier and monitored catch offload
- Outstanding crewmember arrest warrant

Thank You