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FISHERIES**

Office of Law
Enforcement

FY 2022 Quarter 1 Enforcement Overview

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Meeting



April 7, 2022

Gulf of Mexico Snapshot

- 198 Opened Incidents
- 2 Cases referred to General Counsel/US DOJ
- 17 Summary Settlements (\$100-\$3000)
 - Fishing in Closed Areas
 - TED/BRD Requirements
 - Observer Program Requirements
- Remaining were unfounded, boardings, fix-its, compliance assistance or WWs.



ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Shrimper in Tortugas Shrimp Sanctuary
 - USCG intercept
 - Catch seized
- Illegal Charter Outreach
 - Rewards offered
 - Recent cases



<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/noaa-office-law-enforcement-offers-rewards-information-unpermitted-fishing-charters>

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/hooking-you-important-tips-great-day-water>

Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

- GMFMC Enforcement Partners



- 79 Overall Enforcement Referrals
 - Encompasses entire SED
 - Within GMFMC:
 - FWC, USCG, TPWD, ADWFF



New Regulations

- **Turtle Excluder Device Requirements**
 - All vessels 40ft or greater using skim trawls
 - Courtesy compliance TED check
 - Workshops/Training sessions available
- **Gulf For-Hire VMS**
 - Reporting effective 3/1/2022
- **DESCEND Act**
 - Venting tool or descending device rigged and ready to use





CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

- SEFHIER Outreach and Enforcement
- Unpermitted Charter Operations
- TED Requirements
- Florida Keys NMS
- Dolphin Feeding/Harassment

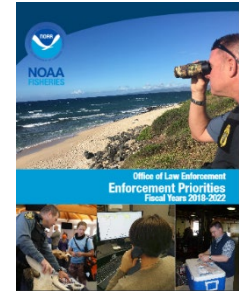


OLE Resources

NOAA OLE Website:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/about/office-law-enforcement>

- Enforcement Priorities; Annual Reports
- Vessel Monitoring Information (system requirements and type approvals)
- IUU Information



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- Proposed/Upcoming notices
- Bahamian/US EEZ fishing
- Unpermitted Charters

NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Actions:

<https://www.gc.noaa.gov/enforce-office7.html>



SED OLE Fishery Council Report (Quarterly)

- Effort throughout 3 regional councils; in Briefing Book

QUESTIONS

