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Enforcement Updates

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Meeting
Houston, TX. June 2024



Gulf of Mexico Snapshot

- **110** Opened Incidents
- **15** Cases referred to General Counsel/US DOJ
 - Sanctuary Related
 - Observer Harassment
 - IFQ Program
- **36** Summary Settlements (\$275-\$2000)
 - Retention During Closure
 - Sanctuary Related
- **41% No Violations or Compliance Assistance**



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ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Seafood Imports



Sanctuary Protection



Protected Species

Viewing

- Dolphins=50 yards
- Whales=100 yards

NO feeding, petting

Cape Coral Livin'





Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

• GMFMC Enforcement Partners



• 28 Overall Enforcement Referrals (Qtr 2)

- Encompasses entire SED
- Within GMFMC:
 - 12 FWC, 6 USCG, 2 AMRD, 1 TPWD





TARGETED OPERATIONS

For-Hire Charters

- West Coast of FL
- Reef Fish as Bait, Undersize Fish, Failure to Keep Intact



Seafood Imports

- Panama City
- Inspect/Train



IFQ Catch Shares/Sanctuary

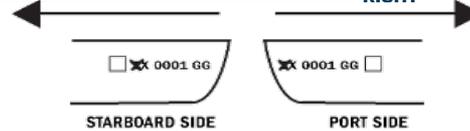
- Inspect/Train
- 1 month long
- Proper Notifications, Turtle Gear, Descender Device





CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

➤ Charter Enforcement



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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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