

LEC/LETC State Report – 3/15/23
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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department continues to work closely with our State and Federal Partners to provide effective and efficient conservation law enforcement across the State of Texas as well as within the EEZ.

JEA 2022-2023 Priority Hours/Enforcement Actions

2022-2023 JEA Tracking Sheet											
JEA Total Hours											
	TED		TED Inspections Completed	VESSEL BOARDINGS		REEF Fish		General Enf./HMS		Flower Garden Banks	Cha
	NEAR SHORE	Long- range		COMPLETED	NOAA Required Boardings	MID RANGE	80'/MTOG	MID RANGE	Long Range	80'/MTOG	NEA SHO
SEPT	0	6	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCT	17	8	11	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOV	12	20	11	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEC	16	12	4	4	9	0	8	0	0	0	0
JAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
FEB	3	0	3	3	0	8	0	0	8	0	0
MAR					9						
APR					13						
MAY					11						
JUNE					9						
JULY					24						
AUG					15						
TOTAL HOURS COMPLETED	48	0	46	29		8	18	0	8	0	0
TOTAL CONTRACT HOURS	328		240	123	123	72	48	72	128	128	30
HOURS REMAINING	280		194	94	123	64	30	72	120	128	30
PERCENTAGE COMPLETED	14.63%		19.17%			11.11%	37.50%	0.00%	6.25%	0.00%	0.00%

Grants/Projects

In addition to JEA funded patrols, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department participates in NRDA funded patrols which concentrate on Ted Enforcement along the Texas Coast. The Department is also working with the Texas Trustees on the implementation of a new NRDA project that will provide additional funding for equipment and operating to remove illegal fishing gear from the waters of the Gulf of Mexico - South of Corpus Christi.

Regulatory Changes/Legislation

Spotted Seatrout Update – As a result of the widespread impact to spotted seatrout from the winter freeze of 2021 and following the emergency rule which established a 3 fish bag limit with an increase in the minimum size limit to 17 inches and created a maximum size limit of 23 inches. This was followed in the 2022-2023 statewide hunting and fishing proclamation by furthering the emergency rule for this license year and it went into effect March 16, 2021. The rule will sunset on August 31, 2023.

IUU/Lancha Statistics

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department continues to focus on IUU enforcement at our Ports of Entry and on our waterways along the Texas/ Mexico border. IUU fishing continues to be a concern along the Texas/Mexico border as the lancha fleet continues to negatively impact our natural resources. In addition to JEA funding, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department continues to provide State funding to increase IUU enforcement.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT LANCHA STATISTICS (SEPT. 2022-PRESENT)			
LANCHAS OBSERVED	LANCHA INTERDICTIONS	GILL NET SEIZURES	LOM
30	1	6,100 FT.	

