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Enforcement Updates

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Meeting
St Petersburg, FL. November 2024



Gulf of Mexico Snapshot

- **245** Opened Incidents
- **9** Cases referred to General Counsel/US DOJ
 - Illegal Charter
 - Sanctuary Related
- **34** Summary Settlements (\$100-\$2000)
 - Retention During Closure
 - IFQ Program; Sanctuary
- **279** Patrols
- **35%** No Violations or Compliance Assistance



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ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Sanctuary Protection

Outreach/Awareness



Training/Patrols Domestic and International



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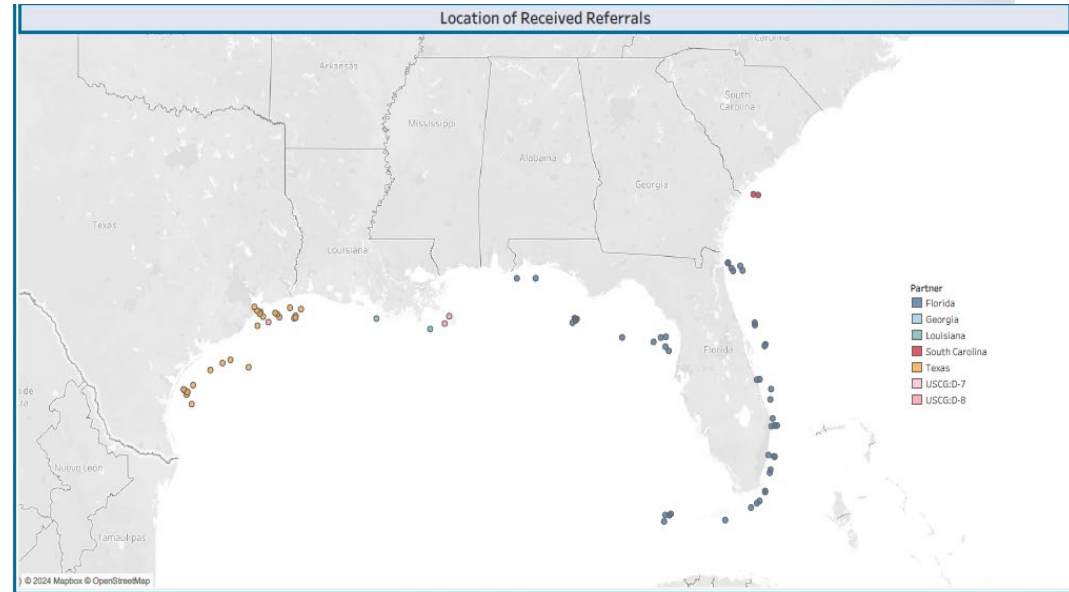
Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

GMFMC Enforcement Partners



105 Overall Enforcement Referrals (Qtr 4)

- Encompasses entire SED
- Within GMFMC:
 - 67 FWC, 3 USCG, 2 LWFD, 29 TPWD



Sanctuary Savior-2024 Season Recap

6 boat crews, Support staff

Joint Effort

- FWC, USCG, CBP,
- County/Local PD

72 vessel stops, 315 people

171 Patrol Hours

Lobster take, spearfishing, groundings

74% Compliance



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TARGETED OPERATIONS

Sanctuary

- Florida Keys
- Fishing within SPAs



Joint Efforts

- Illegal Activity
- 10 boat crews, entire TX coastline
- HMS/MSA/TEDS/IUU lanchas



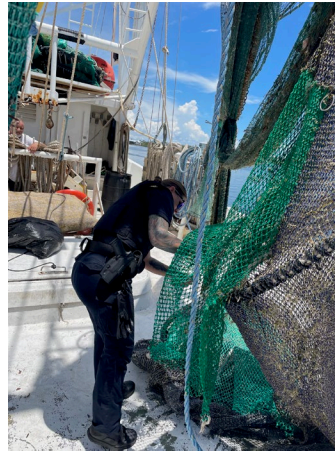
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TARGETED OPERATIONS

Shrimp TEDs

- Louisiana
- Training/Patrol Combo



Illegal Charter

- Florida Panhandle and West Coast
- Reef Fish/CMPs
- Nearshore/Offshore
- Madison Swanson
- 2024 Season Recap->\$130K penalties
 - Web Story



Crack Down on Illegal Charter Operations to Keep Reef Fish Safe: More than \$130,000 in Fines Assessed in Illegal Fishing Penalties

September 19, 2024

NOAA Enforcement wraps up the 2024 federal charter season by targeting illegal for-hire operators across the Gulf.

Feature Story | Southeast



More Information

- > Current Federal Fishing Permit Holders
- > Permits for Gulf of Mexico Charter/Headboat for Reef Fish and Coastal Migratory...

Recent News

FEATURE STORY
Celebrating 125 Years of Science at the NOAA Beaufort Lab
Southeast

FEATURE STORY
NOAA Fisheries Releases National Seafood Strategy Implementation Plan
Alaska, New England/Mid-Atlantic, Pacific Islands, Southeast, West Coast, National, International





Reporting Requirements

Reporting Options For Federal Permit Holders



➤ **Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte**

➤ **Taylor, Dixie, Levy counties**

➤ Use electronic reporting, if able

➤ Paper Based; Delayed Reporting authorized through

➤ **Nov 15, 2024**

➤ **Dec 1, 2024**

➤ **Must land at authorized landing location**

➤ If submitting alternate location, contact OLE and can expedite inspection for approval



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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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