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# FY 2022 Quarter 2 Enforcement Overview

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Meeting



June 24, 2022

# Gulf of Mexico Snapshot

- 160 Opened Incidents
- 7 Cases referred to General Counsel/US DOJ
- 49 Summary Settlements (\$100-\$3000)
  - Retention during closure/undersize possession
  - TED/BRD Requirements
  - Observer Program Requirements
  - Permit Requirements, Fishing in Sanctuary
- Remaining were unfounded, boardings, fix-its, compliance assistance or WWs.



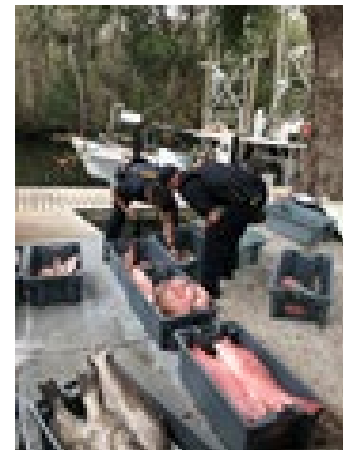
# ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Dolphin Interactions
  - Targeted patrols
  - Recent stranding/Reward Story
- Closed Area Detections
  - USCG collaboration
  - Edges and Steamboat Lumps



Dolphin press release:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/noaa-seeks-information-about-live-dolphin-impaled-head-fort-myers-beach>



# Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

- GMFMC Enforcement Partners



- 44 Overall Enforcement Referrals

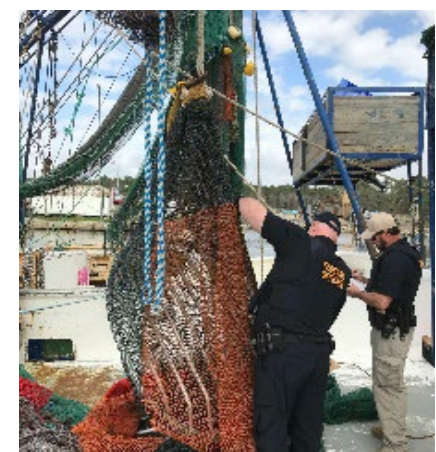
- Encompasses entire SED
- Within GMFMC:
  - FWC, USCG, TPWD





# SPECIAL OPERATIONS/PATROLS

- **Operation Lone Star**
  - TPWD USCG
  - 20,000 lbs + Red Snapper examined
  - IUU patrols/Port Inspections
- **Operation Bammer**
  - AMRD
  - Compliance Assistance/Training
- **Operation SPA Hopper**
  - Sanctuary regulations
  - SEFHIER compliance





# CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

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

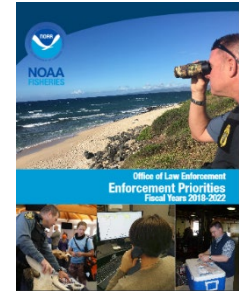


# OLE Resources

**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
- Rewards/Tips
- 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

