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Enforcement Updates

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Meeting
Biloxi, MS. August 2024



Gulf of Mexico Snapshot

- **150** Opened Incidents
- **5** Cases referred to General Counsel/US DOJ
 - Illegal Charter
 - Sanctuary Related
- **30** Summary Settlements (\$100-\$2000)
 - Retention During Closure
 - IFQ Program
- **277** Patrols
- **33%** No Violations or Compliance Assistance



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ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Seafood Imports



Outreach/Awareness

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary expanded its boundaries in 2022 in order to meet potential. Free and personal. Be aware of fishing regulations when in and around the sanctuary.

SANCTUARY REMINDERS

- NO ANCHORING**
Anchoring is prohibited for any vessel within the sanctuary.
- NOISE AND LIGHTS ALLOWED**
Includes electronic devices, including cell phones, radios, and music players.
- NOOR**
Location: Sanctuary, 30 miles offshore of the coast of Florida.
- BOUNDARY AREA**
• 18 Protected Area-Off
• 300 nautical miles

CONTACT INFO

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Louisiana Dolphin Shot Dead

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NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement is offering a reward of up to \$20,000 for information that leads to the identification of the person or persons responsible for the death of this dolphin.

Feature Story [Read More](#)




Training/Patrols Domestic and International

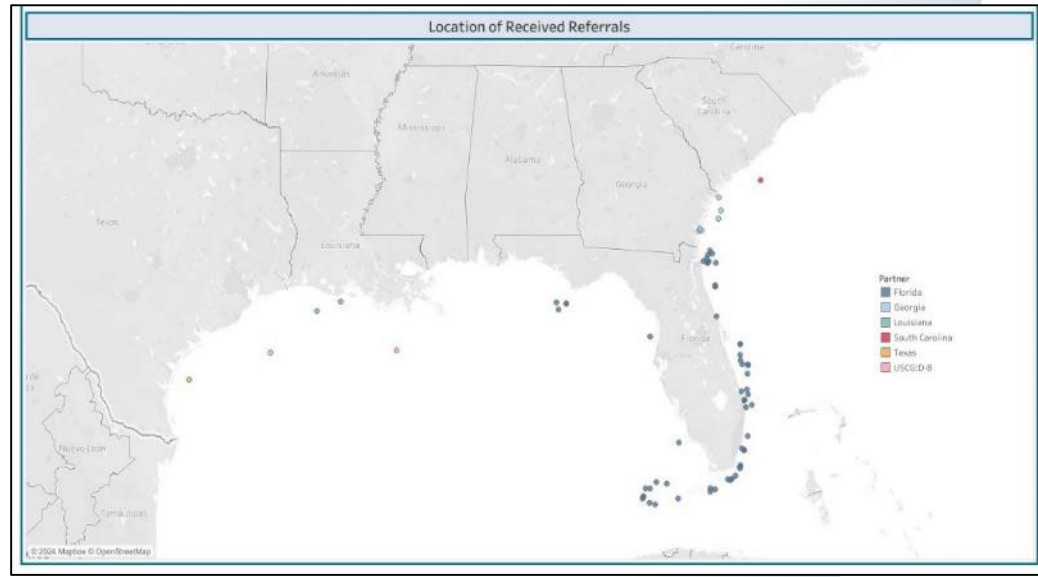




Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

GMFMC Enforcement Partners

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91 Overall Enforcement Referrals (Qtr 3)

- Encompasses entire SED
- Within GMFMC:
 - 77 FWC, 2 USCG, 4 LWFD, 1 TPWD





TARGETED OPERATIONS

Shrimp TEDs/Sanctuary

- Florida Keys
- Train/Inspect



Illegal Charter

- Florida Panhandle
- Reef Fish/CMPs
- Nearshore/Offshore
- Madison Swanson





CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

2024 Lobster Mini Season

- 6 boat crews
- Multi-Agencies





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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