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Enforcement Updates

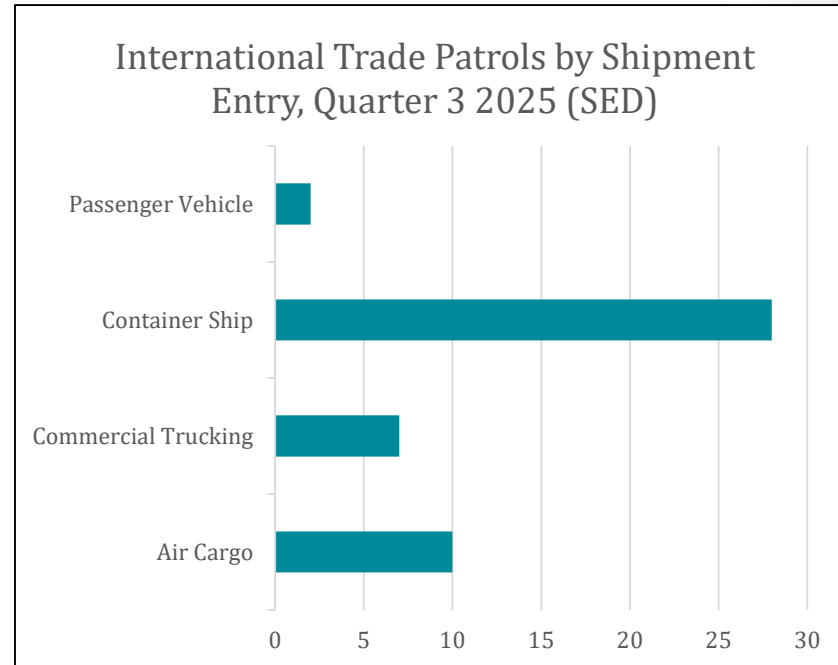
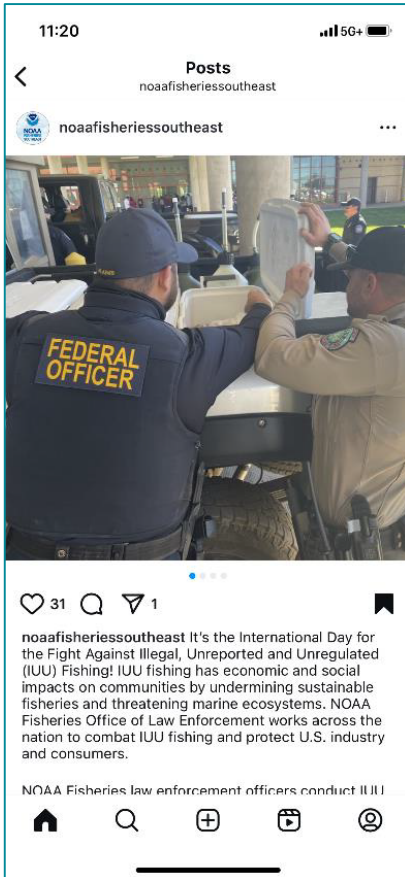
Gulf Council Fishery Management Meeting
San Antonio, TX. August 2025
Compliance Liaison Matt Walia





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Ports of Entry Focus



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Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

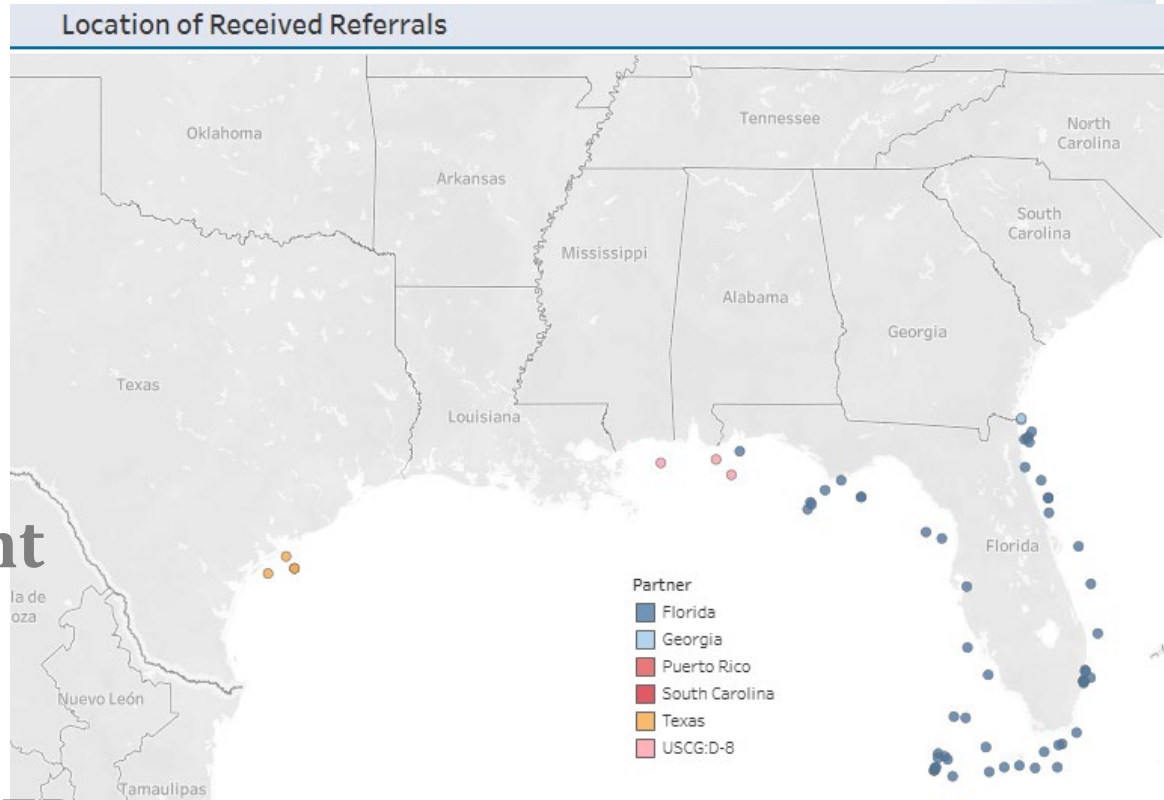
GFMC Enforcement Partners



82 Overall Enforcement Referrals

(APRIL-JUNE)

- Encompasses entire SED
- Within GFMC:
 - 68 FWC, 5 TPWD, 3 USCG



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Snapper Ops

TEXAS

- Joint patrols
- 49 boardings

LOUISIANA

- Charter/HMS/Shrimp
- Joint patrols-multiple crews
- 55 boardings conducted

FLORIDA

- Charter/Closed areas
- Captains admit on charter
- Joint patrols out to Madison Swanson-22 vessels encountered



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RECENT CASES

MARINE MAMMAL

- Tour boat operator
- Intentionally altered behavior
- Case made with public help



SANCTUARY

- State referrals
 - Fishing in SPAs/ERs
 - Unpermitted Charters
- Lack of knowledge



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REMINDERS

Federal Snapper For-Hire Season

- **OPEN until Sept 16**
- Be aware of state boundaries

IFQ Compliance

- JEA training/case referral increase
- Landing early
- Offload issues

Recreational Gag

- **Open Sept 1-Sept 15**
- 2/person Bag Limit

48% Compliance among Gulf Incidents





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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