



Heartland District Enforcement Update



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Exclusive Economic Zone Enforcement

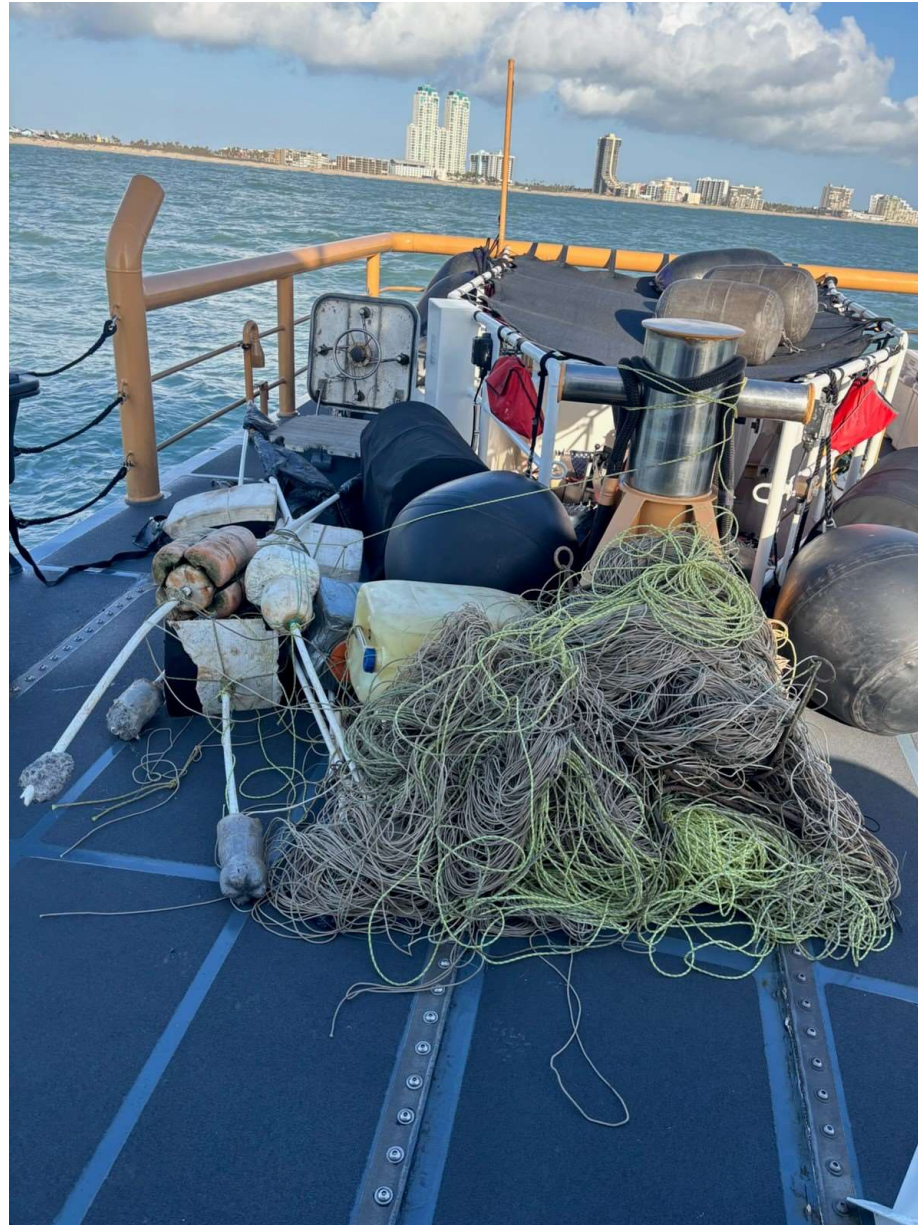


| Fiscal Year | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|------|
| Interdictions | 53 | 57 | 47 | 12 |
| Red Snapper (lbs) | 5,895 | 12,376 | 15,859 | 270 |

- Comments:
 - Through March of FY25 we have had 131 detections. Through the same time series in FY26, we have had 68 detections.
- Mission Highlights:
 - 2 Cases have been referred for prosecution under the Lacey Act. DOJ has expressed interest in prosecution for additional charges to include obstruction of justice.
 - 25 MAR 2026: CGC YELLOWFIN recovered 6 nautical miles of illegal long line fishing gear found 8 nautical miles north of the MBL. 80 red snapper and 12 sharks were released from the gear.



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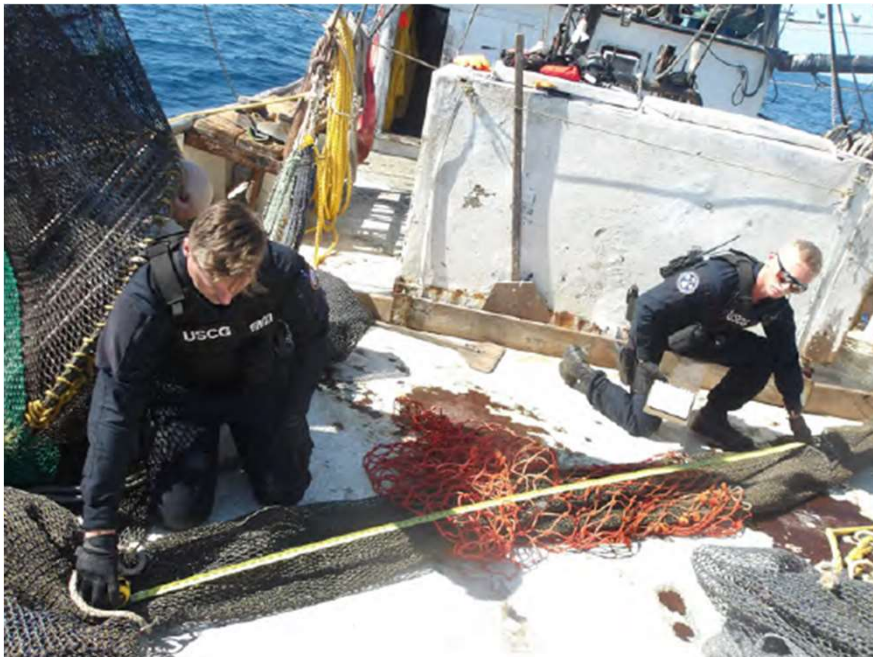




Domestic Fisheries Enforcement



| Fiscal Year | 2025 | 2026 |
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| Boardings | 487 | 177 |
| Significant Violations | 9 | 6 |



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Marine Protected Resources



| Fiscal Year | 2025 | 2026 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Requests for Assistance | 1 | 1 |
| Interactions | 1 | 1 |

- 15 DEC 25: Sector New Orleans responded to a request for information on a potential manatee stranding. A shoreside unit was able to locate the animal and capture video and photographic evidence of the animal's condition to be used by rescue teams.





Questions?

