TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

ASSISTANT COMMANDER

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GRANTS/PROJECTS



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TPWD-LE / NOAA-OLE
2025-2026 JOINT ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES

- GENERAL ENFORCEMENT
- TED ENFORCEMENT
- REEF FISH ENFORCEMENT
- IFQ ENFORCEMENT (INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA)
- SANCTUARY ENFORCEMENT
- IUU ENFORCEMENT (ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING)



TPWD-LE / NOAA-OLE
2025-2026 JOINT ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY HOURS COMPLETED

JEA 2025-2026 CONTRACT HOURS (September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026)									
TEDS			REEF FISH		IFQ	IUU	FLOWER GARDEN	GENERAL	
Nearshore Hours	Mid-Range Hours	Long-Range Hours	Mid-Range Hours	Long-Range Hours	Dockside Hours	Dockside Hours	Long-Range Hours	Mid-Range Hours	Long-Range Hours
430	80	150	120	30	95	300	70	80	50

IUU FISHING ALONG THE TEXAS/MEXICO BORDER

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department continues to focus on IUU enforcement at our Ports of Entry and on our waterways along the Texas/Mexico border. IUU fishing continues to be a concern along the Texas/Mexico border as the lancha fleet continues to negatively impact our natural resources. From September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2026, Texas Game Wardens removed 94,230 feet of illegal long-line and gill net during their law enforcement patrols.

In addition to JEA funding, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department continues to provide State funding to increase IUU enforcement. As previously mentioned, the Department has also begun a new NRDA Deepwater Horizon - Texas TIG project. This new project has provided funding for two new long-range patrol vessels, a floating dock, and operating funds for law enforcement patrols. The goal of this project is to remove illegal fishing gear from the waters of the Gulf of America - South of Corpus Christi.








QUESTIONS?