

United States Coast Guard

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species FYTD18 Fisheries Enforcement Overview



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Enforcement Effort*

FYTD18 (through 01MAR2018)

Compared to FY17 at this time in the year- we have expended more cutter hrs.

CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	429.7
Small Boats	3365.0
Cutters > 65'	23,887.7
Total Hours	27,682.4

*Domestic Fisheries

- Atlantic Seaboard
- Gulf of Mexico
- Caribbean
- Great Lakes



Total HMS Boardings FYTD18 through 31JAN

CG Boarding Activities	District 1 (NE)	District 5 (Mid-Atlantic)	District 7 (Southeast and Carib)	District 8 (Gulf of Mexico)	All Units
FY16	128	120	23	4	275
FY17	169	186	15	12	382
FYTD18					
Commercial	24	11	1	9	45
Passenger	0	0	0	1	1
Pleasure	14	19	5	0	38
FYTD18 Total	38	30	6	10	84

**USCG Boardings where
HMS Violations were Detected:
AUG 2017- JAN 2018**

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
1 (NE)	OCT 2017	CGC SITKINAK	Possession of yellowfin tuna with pectoral fins removed before landing.
8 (Gulf of Mexico)	OCT 2017	MSU Morgan City	Illegal possession of 30 shark fins. Transferred to LADWF.

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity along US/MX EEZ: FY15- FYTD18*

	Detections	Interceptions	Interdictions
FY16	175	141	45
FY17	132	107	31
FYTD18**	54	41	15

There are more detections compared to FY16 and FY17 at this time in the year. Interdiction rates are still at historical highs.

****Through JAN**

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (AUG 2017- JAN 2018)

Incursion Date	Gear Type & Length	Number & Type of HMS Species
09AUG17	1000 yds Longline	08 Sharks, 02 Eels, 01 Red Snapper
20DEC17	2000 yds Longline	02 Sharks (dead), 02 Red Snapper
30DEC17	Longline	61 Red Snapper, 28 Sharks (live), 04 Eels
31DEC17	8000 yds Longline	81 Red Snapper, 17 Sharks (live), 01 Shark (dead), 01 Eel

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (AUG 2017- JAN 2018)

Incursion Date	Gear Type & Length	Number & Type of HMS Species
05Jan18	2000 yds Longline	04 Sharks (dead), 10 Red Snapper, 01 Stingray
05JAN18	5200 yds Longline	44 Sharks (live), 29 Sharks (dead), 34 Red Snapper, 01 Cobia
14JAN18	Longline	63 Red Snapper, 20 Sharks (dead), 10 Sharks (live), 01 Cobia, 01 Eel
14Jan18	3700 yds Longline	44 Red Snapper, 22 Sharks (dead), 09 Sharks (live), 05 Eels

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (AUG 2017- JAN 2018)

Incursion Date	Gear Type & Length	Number & Type of HMS Species
25JAN18	4000 yds Longline	82 Red Snapper, 26 Sharks
25Jan18	Longline	18 Red Snapper, 02 Sharks

Ongoing Efforts- Domestically

- **Partnered with NOAA on new commercial sale endorsement roll-out; ensuring CG enforcement officers were aware.**
- **Continuing to board HMS permitted vessels as high precedence fisheries.**



Ongoing Efforts- International

- **Continue to advocate for high seas boarding/inspection professional exchanges through ICCAT and North Atlantic Coast Guard Forum.**
- **Conducting law enforcement capacity building in Western Africa. FY18 Partners: Benin, Cote D'Ivoire, Senegal, and Cabo Verde.**



Ongoing Efforts- International

- **Planning concurrent patrols with Mexico; discussing bilateral agreement, and/or law enforcement shiprider on CG ships.**
- **Conducting Joint Enforcement Exercise with Mexico- North American Maritime Security Initiative.**
- **Enforcing port denial of Mexican fishing vessels. Working in close cooperation with NOAA and Dept of State regarding Mexico's prosecution of offenses in US waters.**
- **USCG- Implementing use of biometrics in Spring 2018 that should help identify repeat offenders.**

Questions?



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