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# Enforcement Overview

Caribbean Fishery Management Council Meeting  
April 24, 2024

**Supervisory Enforcement Officer  
Pat O'Shaughnessy**



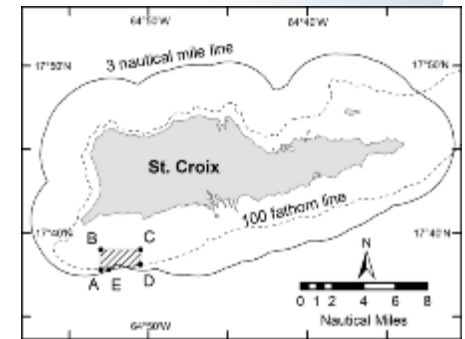
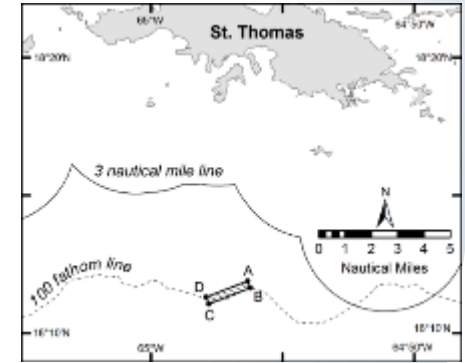
**Special Agent  
Miguel Borges**



# Enforcement Reminders

## Seasonal Spawning Closures

- Grouper species in federal waters off Puerto Rico, USVI-through April 30th
- **Grammanik Bank**
  - Any non-HMS fish species-through April 30th
- Mutton and Lane in federal waters off Puerto Rico, USVI-through June 30th
- **Mutton Spawning Aggregation Area**



## Shark Retention Prohibited

- Oceanic Whitetip
- Hammerheads
- Commercial/recreational ban-dealers included
- Effective February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024





# USVI

## IUU/Seafood Import Monitoring Program (SIMP)

- Point source tracking
- Proper documentation
- Mislabeling/Repackaging seafood product





# Puerto Rico

## Patrols

- Grouper/Snapper retention focus
- Boarded several vessels



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# RECENT CASES

## Glass Eels

- Joint Effort
- 110,000 eels, 50k, est \$100,000
- Criminal case
  - Lacey Act trafficking, smuggling, failure to stop



## Endangered Species

- Green sea turtle in cooler
- Public complaint/tip integral
- Subject sentenced to 1 yr probation



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# 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

