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# NOAA Office of Law Enforcement Overview

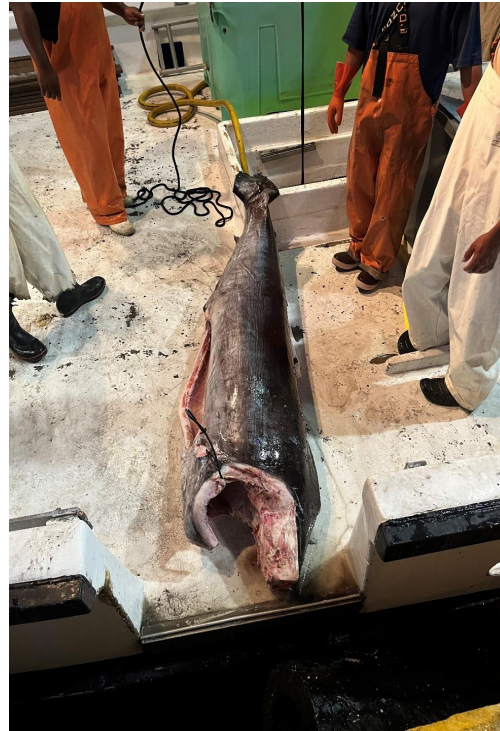
Caribbean Fishery Management Council Meeting  
August 19, 2023



Manny Antonaras, Assistant Director  
Miguel Borges, Special Agent

# OLE Caribbean Updates

- Conducted multiple pelagic longline offload inspections in Puerto Rico. No violations detected.



# OLE Caribbean Updates

OLE presence during  
two day Blue Marlin  
Tournament.





# Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

## •CFMC Enforcement Partners



## •Cooperative Enforcement

- Trainings
- Joint Patrols



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# SED Caribbean Updates

## Trade Monitoring

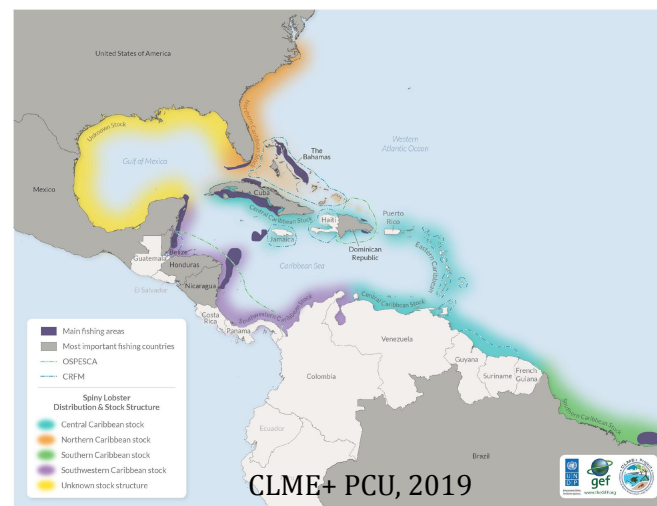
### STT Airport Inspections

- CBP coordination

- Spiny lobster, mahi, tuna, conch



### Ponce Inspections



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# Partnerships: Trade Monitoring

**Joint container exam with  
CBP and USFWS Inspector.  
Container coming from Japan  
with imitation crab meat.**

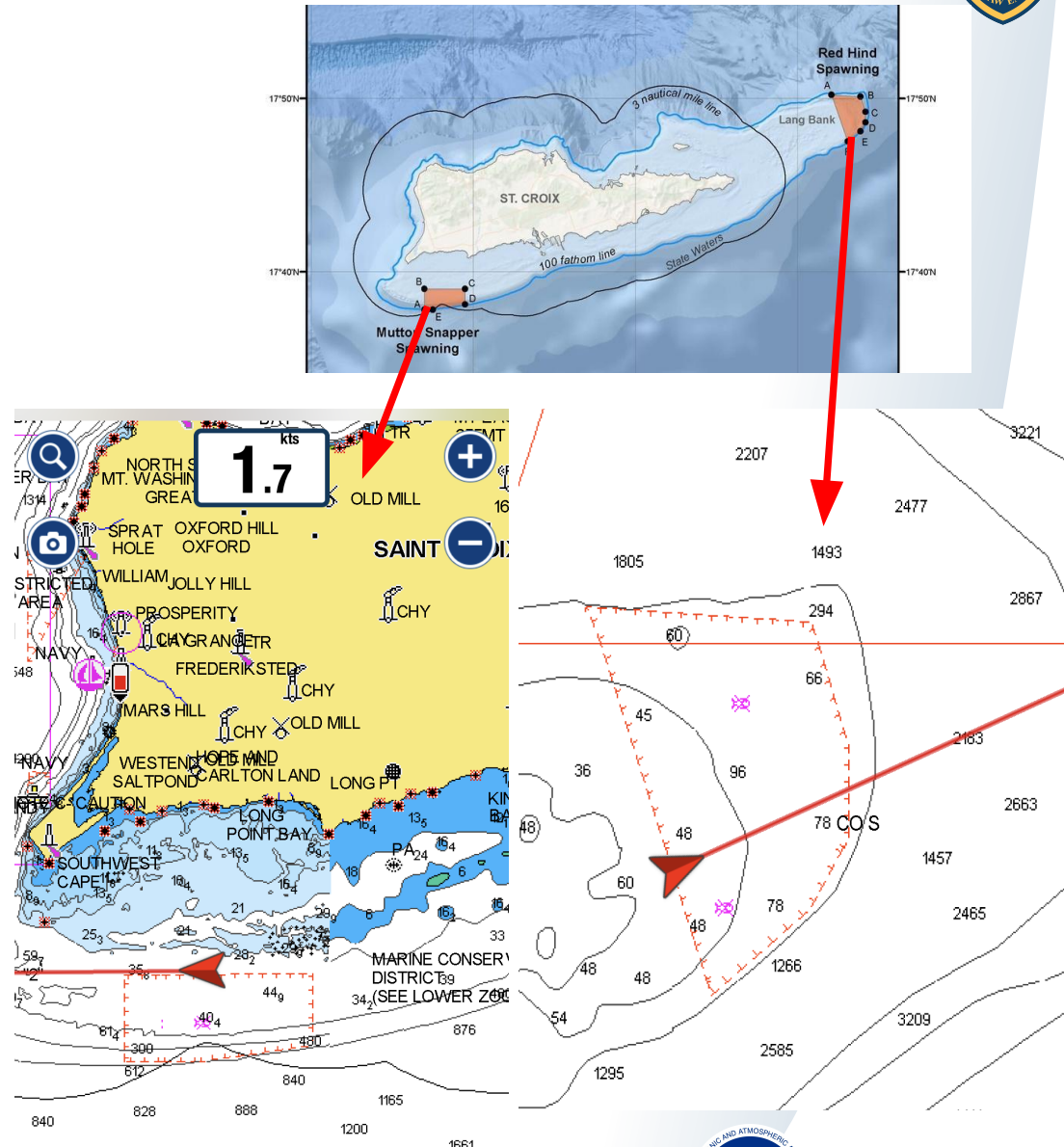
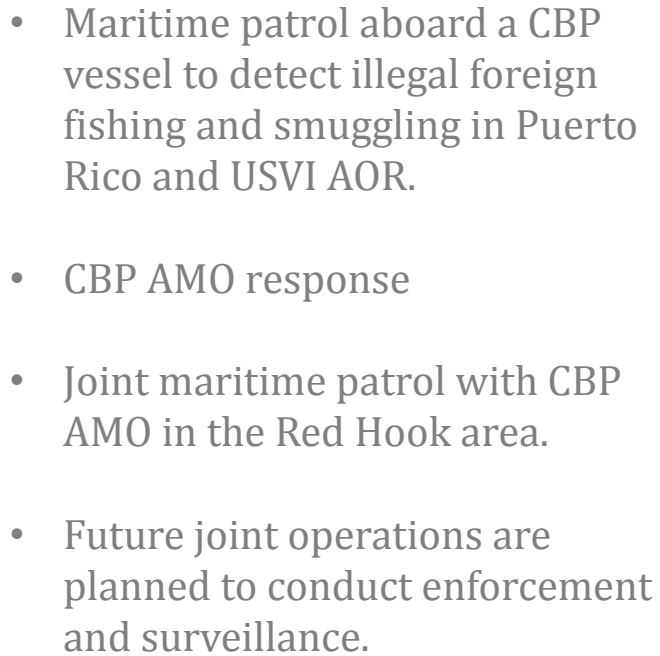




# Joint Enforcement



Joint night patrol on the coastline of the Balneario de Vega Baja





# Partnerships: Joint ESA Investigation

- Initiated by USVI DPNR
  - Defendant Roberto Carmona pled guilty to two counts and was sentenced to one year of probation and a fine of \$500.00.
  - Sentencing for the second defendant, Hector Soto-Encarnacion, is scheduled for August 31, 2023 at 0930hrs at St. Croix.



# Partnerships: PR and USVI Environmental Crimes Task Force

- PR and USVI Environmental Crimes Task Force
- Jobos Bay: Two Men Indicted for Environmental Crimes Committed in the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and Las Mareas Community of Salinas, Puerto Rico



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# OUTREACH

□ Enforcement Priorities 2023-2027

□ OLE Annual Report FY 2020

□ IUU Partnership Fact Sheet

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## Request for Comments: NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement Priorities

March 15, 2023

NOAA Fisheries seeks public comment on enforcement priorities for 2023-2027. The comment period is open through April 17, 2023.

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NOAA Fisheries released the Office of Law Enforcement's [Draft Enforcement Priorities for 2023-2027](#).

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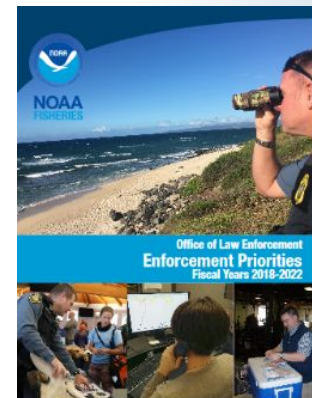


# OLE Resources

NOAA OLE Website:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/about/office-law-enforcement>

- ❑ Enforcement Priorities; Annual Reports
- ❑ Vessel Monitoring Information (system requirements and type approvals)
- ❑ IUU Information



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NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Actions:

<https://www.gc.noaa.gov/enforce-office7.html>

SED OLE Fishery Council Report (Quarterly)

- ❑ Effort throughout 3 regional councils; in Briefing Book



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# QUESTIONS



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