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Enforcement Overview

Caribbean Fishery Management Council Meeting
April 24, 2024

**Supervisory Enforcement Officer
Pat O'Shaughnessy**



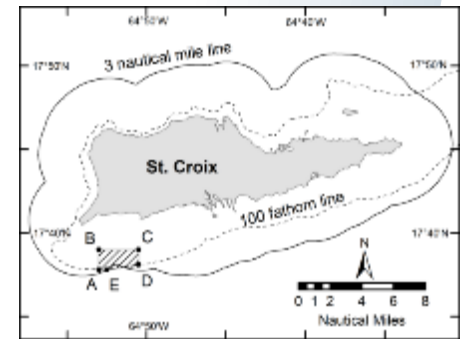
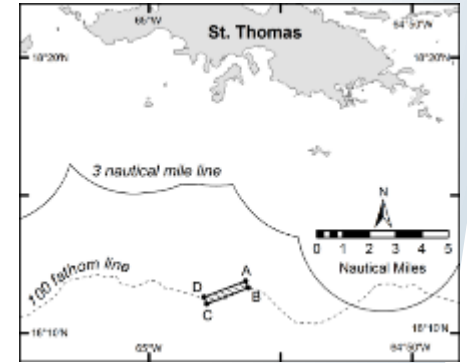
**Special Agent
Miguel Borges**



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 2nd, 2024



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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

