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Enforcement Overview

Caribbean Fishery Management Council Meeting
April 19, 2023





SED Caribbean Updates

Patrol on west side of Puerto Rico with CBP

- vessels in Bajo de Sico with catch



Seafood Mislabeling Complaints

- Red hind, Goliath grouper
- Imports/Wrong Species ID
- Territorial infractions-DNER case

Dolphin Harassment



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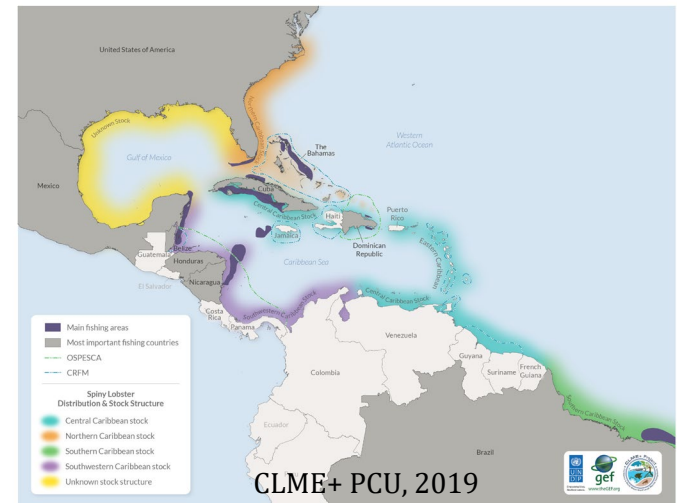
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Trade Monitoring

- **STT Airport Inspections**
 - CBP coordination
 - Spiny lobster, mahi, tuna, conch



➤ Ponce Inspections



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RECENT CASES

Aifa Seafood Inc

- 2019 shipments spiny lobster from FL to China (Haiti origin)
- Pled guilty, May sentencing

Elite Sky

- 2018-2019 spiny lobster from FL to China (Nicaragua/Belize origins)
- \$250,000 fine, 5 yrs probation

Operation Rock Bottom Defendant

- \$10,000 fine
- 5 yrs probation, community service
- Ban on snorkel/scuba within PR EEZ
- Ban on marine aquarium business, collecting/owning marine organisms



“Live Florida Spiny Lobsters,
Product of the USA”



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Enforcement Partnerships & Referrals

- CFMC Enforcement Partners



- Cooperative Enforcement

- Trainings
- Joint Patrols



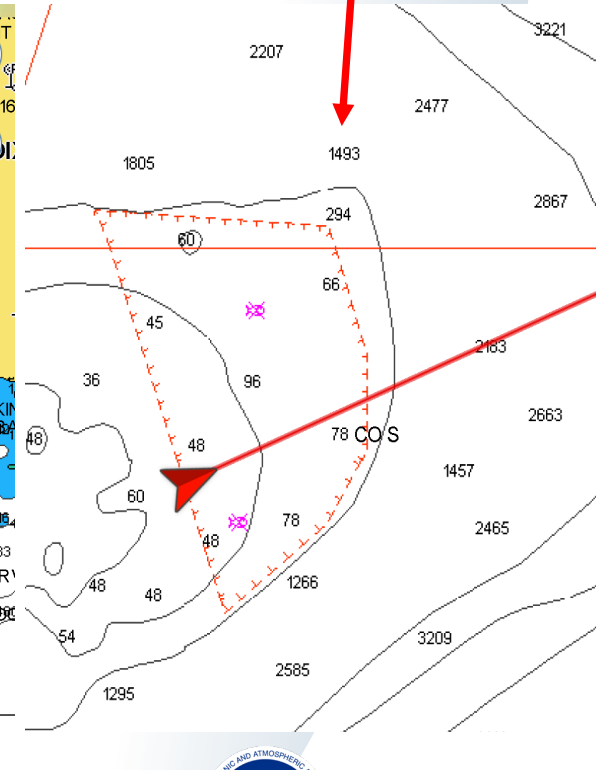
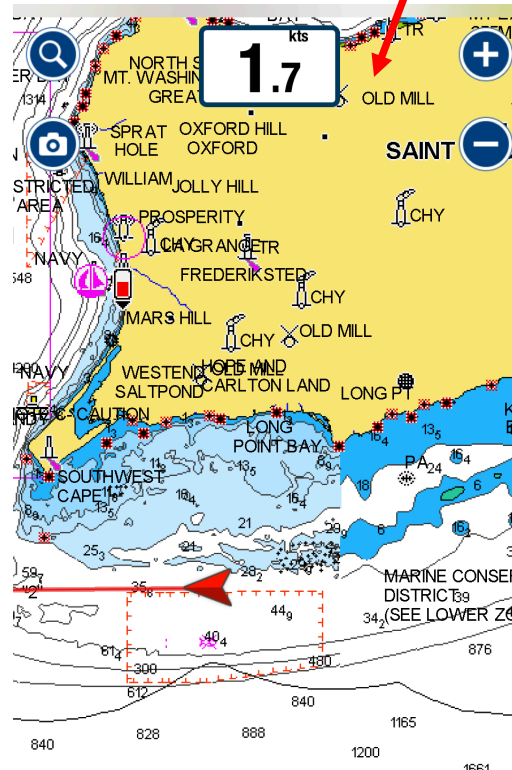
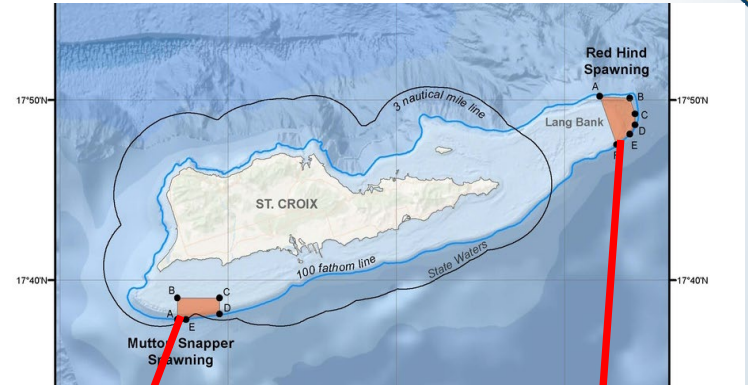
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- 3 day op/6 patrols
- 1 Supervisor, 3 EOs
- USVI DPNR officers and 2 vessels





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Met with fishermen to confirm location of Hind Bank

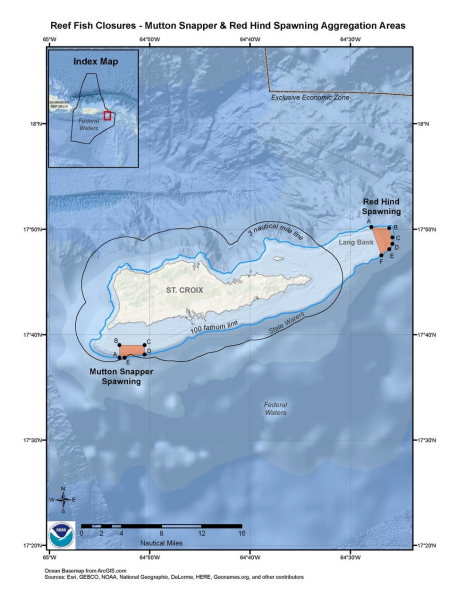
- Reviewed electronics/boundaries and fish trap use

Marine Safety Message broadcast

- Humpback whale mother/calf harassed off coast of STT

Educational Workshop for dealers and commercial fishermen-SW Puerto Rico

- Federal Regulations, Closed Areas explained



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OUTREACH

➤ Enforcement Priorities 2023-2027

➤ OLE Annual Report FY 2020

➤ IUU Partnership Fact Sheet

NEWS

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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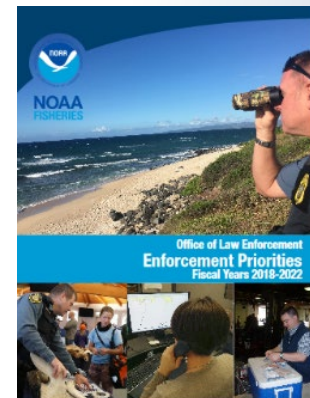


OLE Resources

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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