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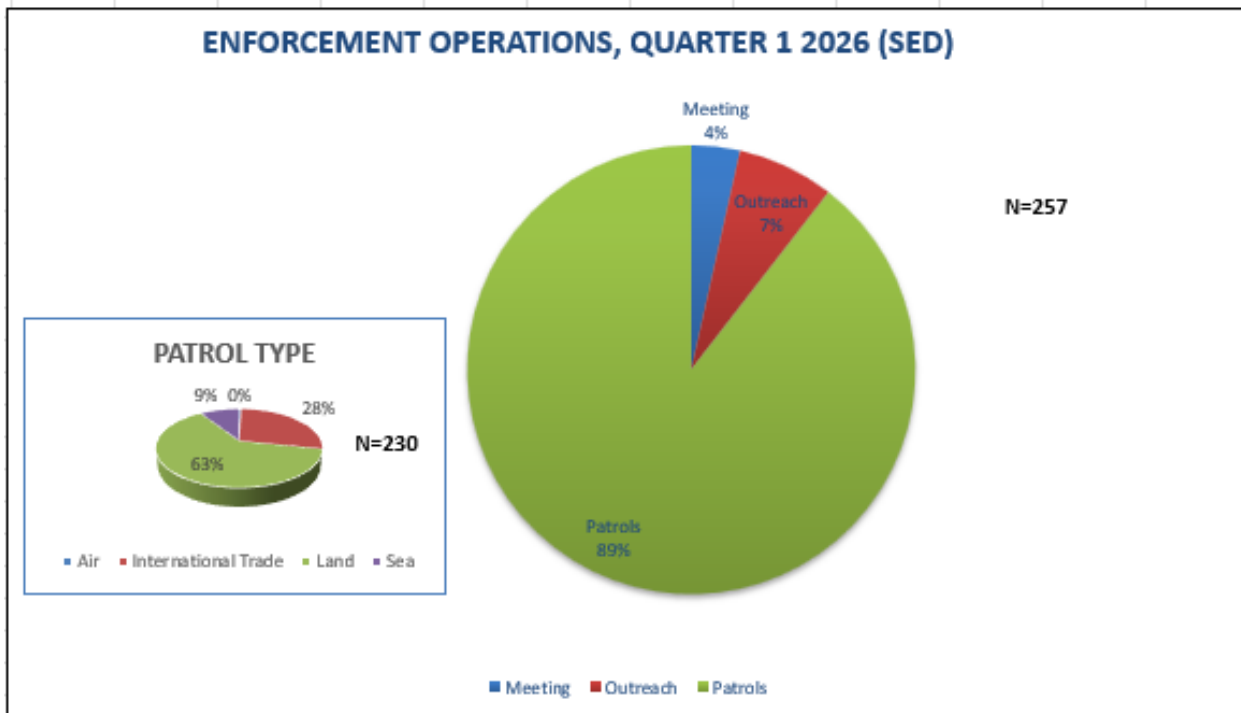
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Enforcement and Compliance

Data represent National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries' Office of Law Enforcement, Southeast Division's (OLE-SED) enforcement efforts conducted throughout FY Quarter 1, 2026, **October 1, 2025- December 31, 2025**. When appropriate, information is separated by council, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC), Gulf Fishery Management Council (GFMC) and Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC).

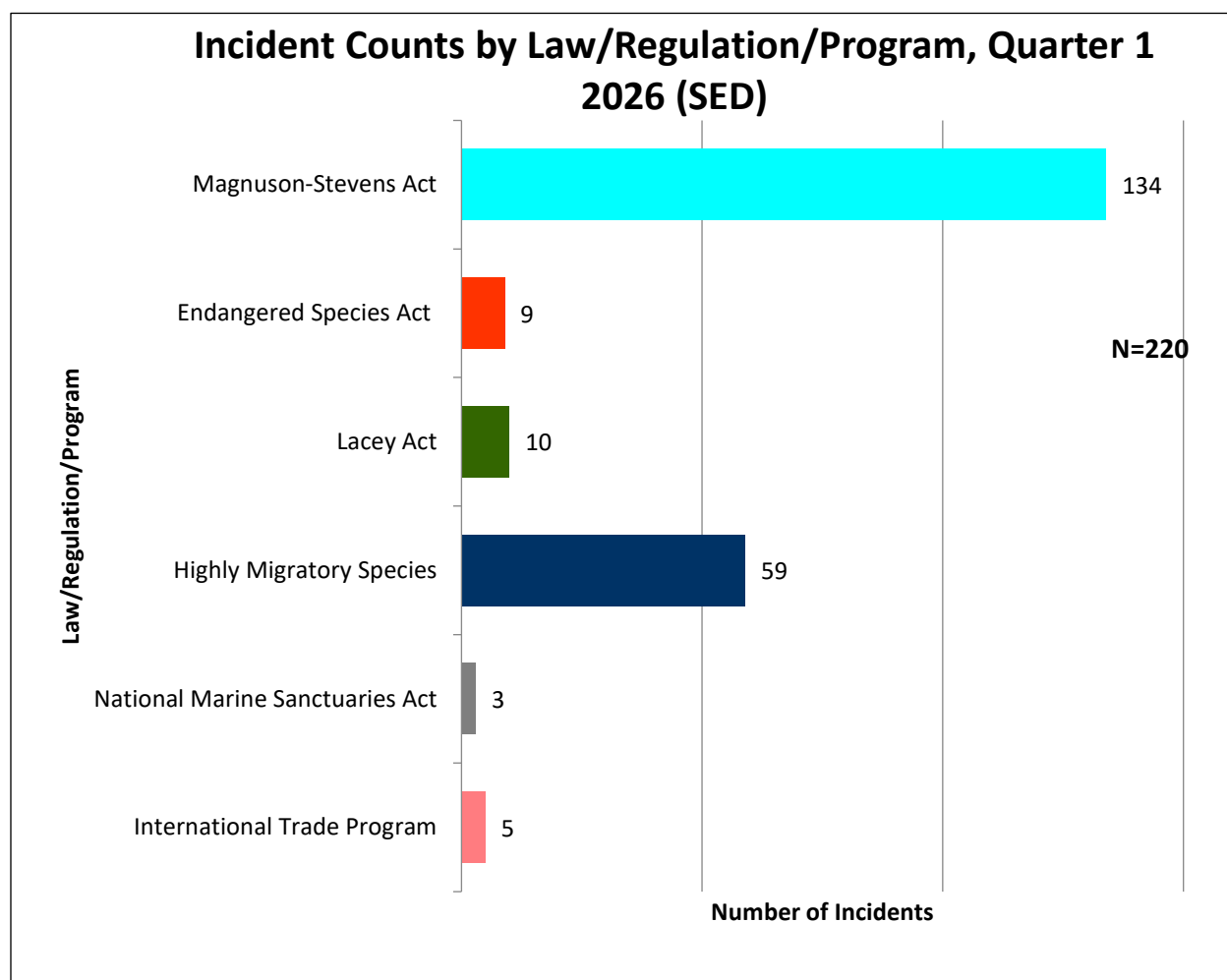
Patrols, outreach and education, compliance assistance, and investigations are the primary activities of OLE's mission to protect marine wildlife and habitat by enforcing domestic laws and supporting international treaty requirements designed to ensure global resources are available for future generations. Enforcement efforts are routinely conducted with multiple federal, state and local partners throughout the division. This quarter, OLE-SED conducted and documented **230** patrols, **18** specific instances of outreach and attended **9** meetings.



Incident Information

During the first quarter, OLE-SED opened 220 incidents, which included 117 counts in the SAFMC area, 111 counts in the GFMC area and 3 counts in the CFMC area¹. These incidents originate from both NOAA personnel and our enforcement partners.

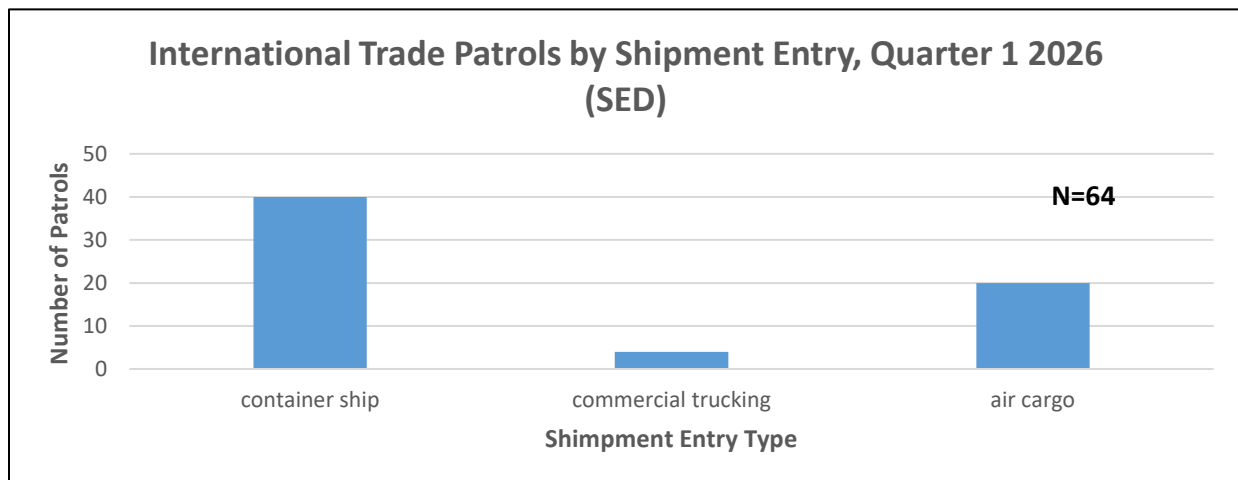
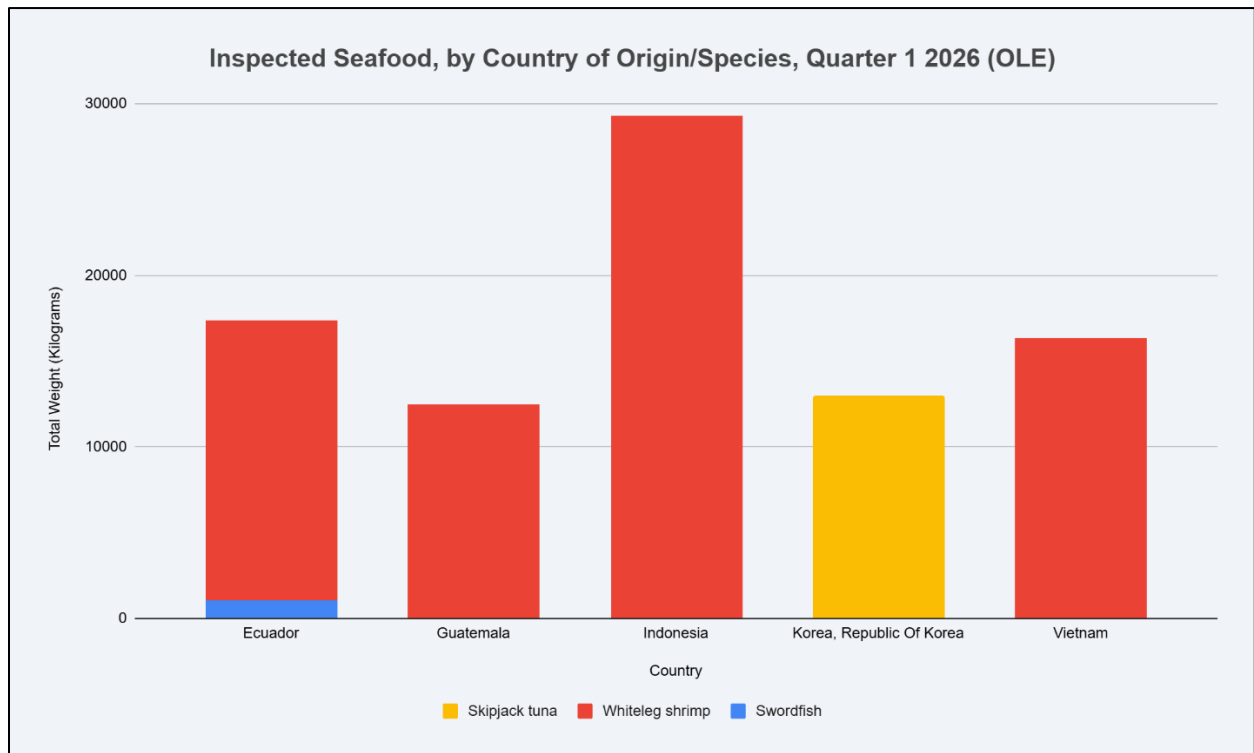
Summary of Incidents by Primary Law/Regulation/Program; Quarter 1, 2026



¹ Incidents occurring in the Florida Keys area are included in both SAFMC and GFMC counts; total individual counts are greater than opened incidents due to multiple counts charged for separate incidents

International Trade Patrols

OLE regularly conducts seafood inspections coming into the U.S. to protect commerce and ensure imported seafood is caught and imported legally. Officers and agents inform other agencies at these port of entry locations of potential seafood fraud and provide training on means of inspection and verification seafood is imported properly into the U.S. Throughout the quarter, NOAA enforcement divisions nationwide inspected **88,539** kg of imported seafood from **5** countries. OLE-SED officers conducted **64** international trade specific patrols. Efforts were focused on a variety of airports, land crossings and shipping ports.

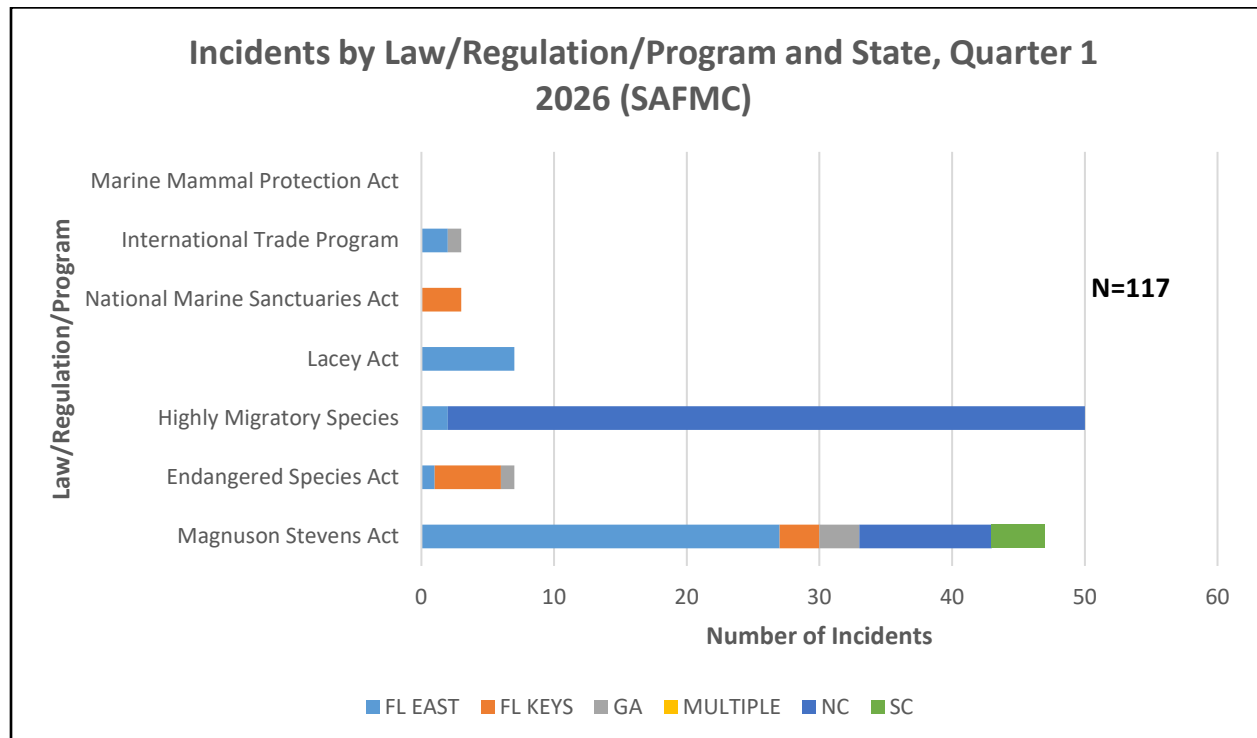


South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Summary

**Total number of incidents listed below includes effort by OLE and enforcement partners, by location

Number of Incidents by Primary Law/Regulation/Program and Location; Quarter 1, 2026 (SAFMC)

Law/Regulation/Program	FL EAST	FL KEYS	GA	MULTIPLE	NC	SC	Total
Magnuson Stevens Act	27	3	3		10	4	47
Endangered Species Act	1	5	1				7
Highly Migratory Species	2				48		50
Lacey Act	7						7
National Marine Sanctuaries Act		3					3
International Trade Program	2		1				3
Marine Mammal Protection Act							0
TOTAL	39	11	5	0	58	4	117

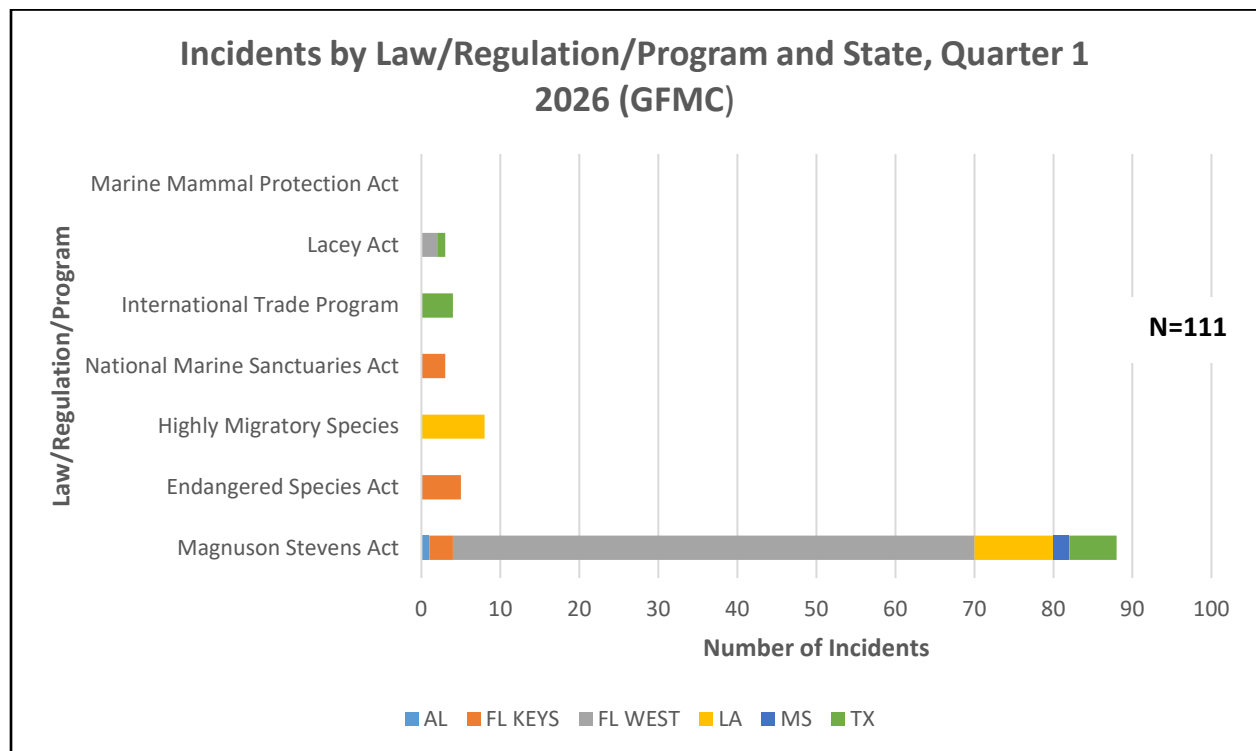


Gulf Fishery Management Council Summary

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Number of Incidents by Primary Law/Regulation/Program and Location; Quarter 1, 2026 (GFMC)

Law/Regulation/Program	AL	FL KEYS	FL WEST	LA	MS	TX	Total
Magnuson Stevens Act	1	3	66	10	2	6	88
Endangered Species Act		5					5
Highly Migratory Species				8			8
National Marine Sanctuaries Act		3					3
International Trade Program						4	4
Lacey Act			2			1	3
Marine Mammal Protection Act							0
TOTAL	1	11	68	18	2	11	111

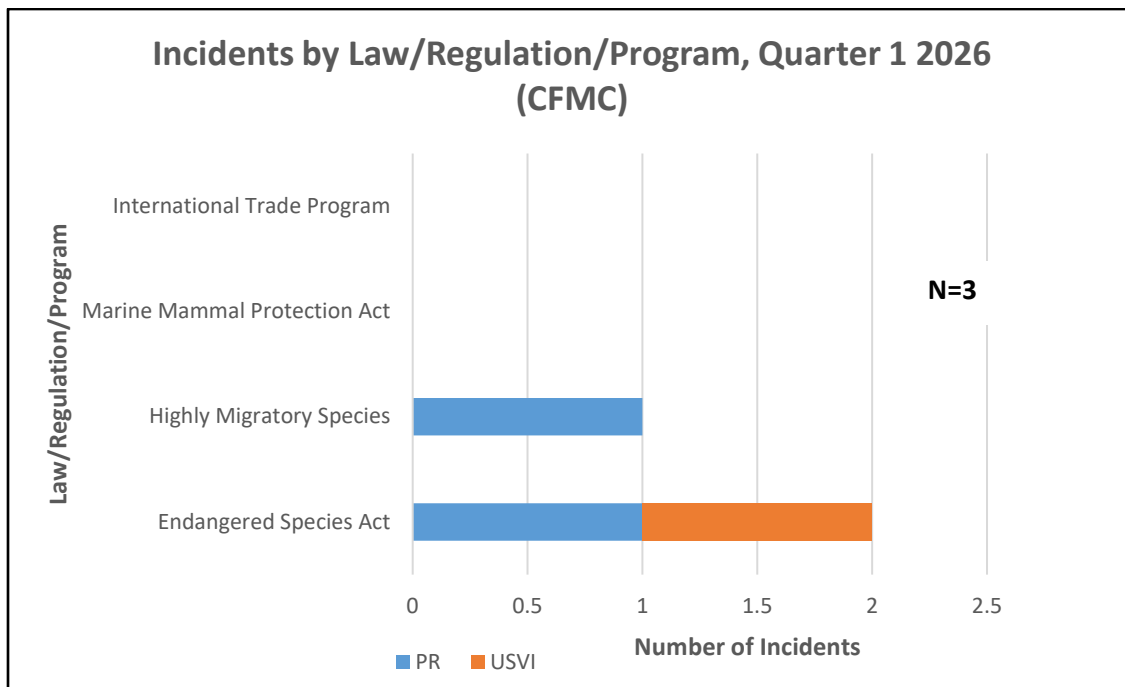


Caribbean Fishery Management Council Summary

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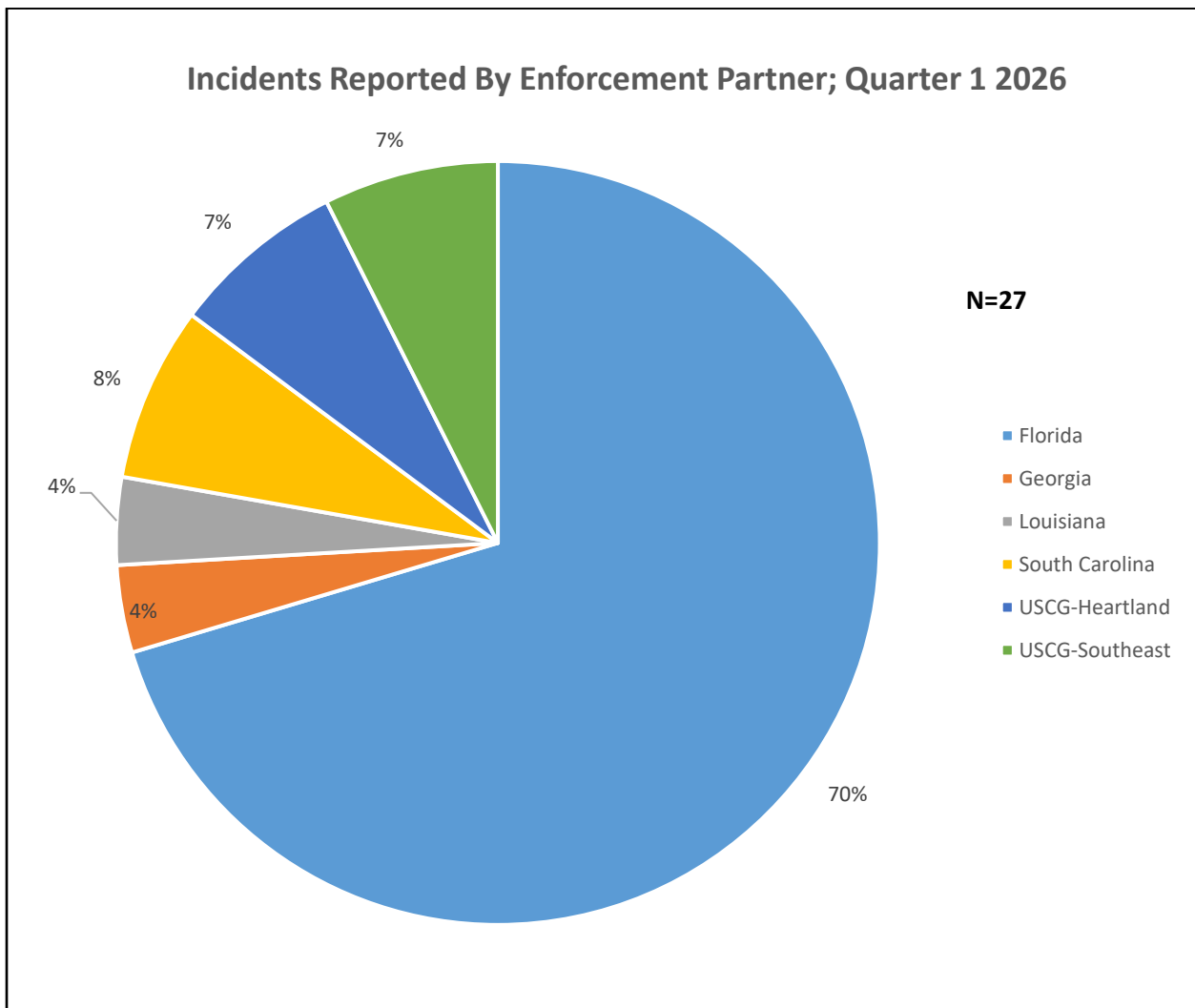
Number of Incidents by Primary Law/Regulation/Program and Location; Quarter 1, 2026 (CFMC)

Law/Regulation/Program	PR	USVI	Total
Magnuson Stevens Act			0
Endangered Species Act	1	1	2
Highly Migratory Species	1		1
Marine Mammal Protection Act			0
International Trade Program			0
TOTAL	2	1	3

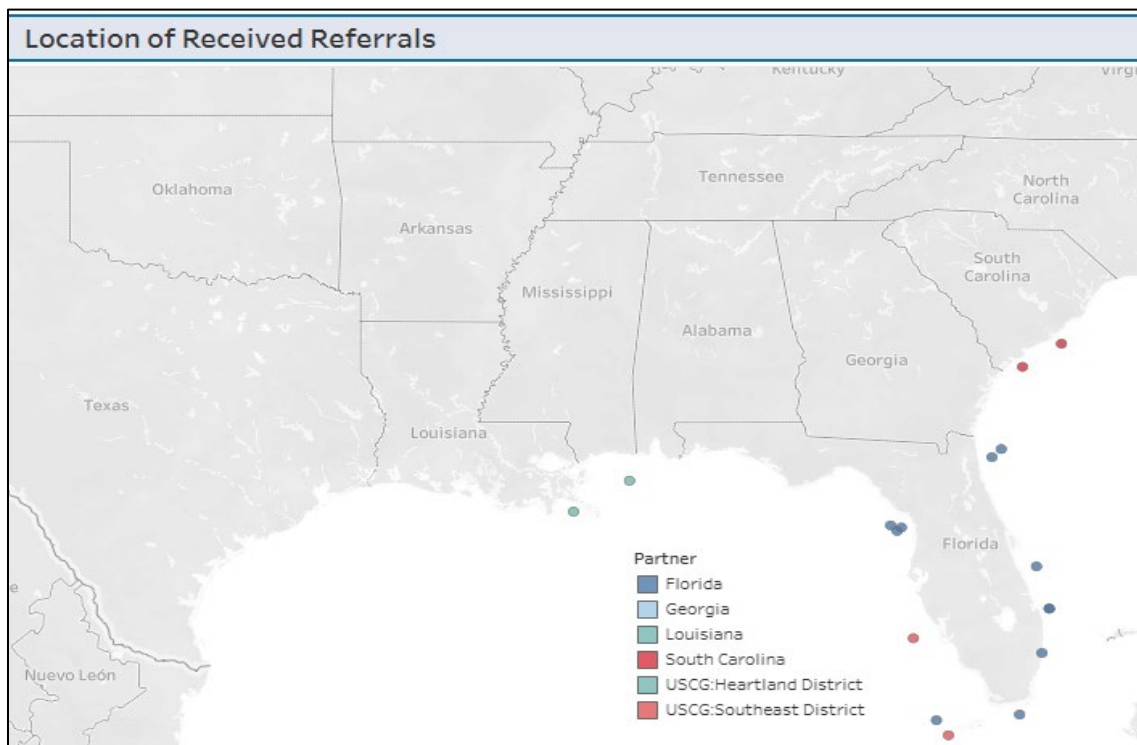


Summary of Cases by Joint Enforcement Agreement and United States Coast Guard Partners

Throughout Quarter 1, 2026, there were **27** cases referred to OLE-SED through Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) and United States Coast Guard (USCG) partners. Below is a summary showing the overall distribution of cases initiated by partner, and a breakdown of case counts by primary law/regulation/program per enforcement partner¹. Effort consisted of dockside vessel boardings, offshore vessel boardings and interaction with the general public and industry members.



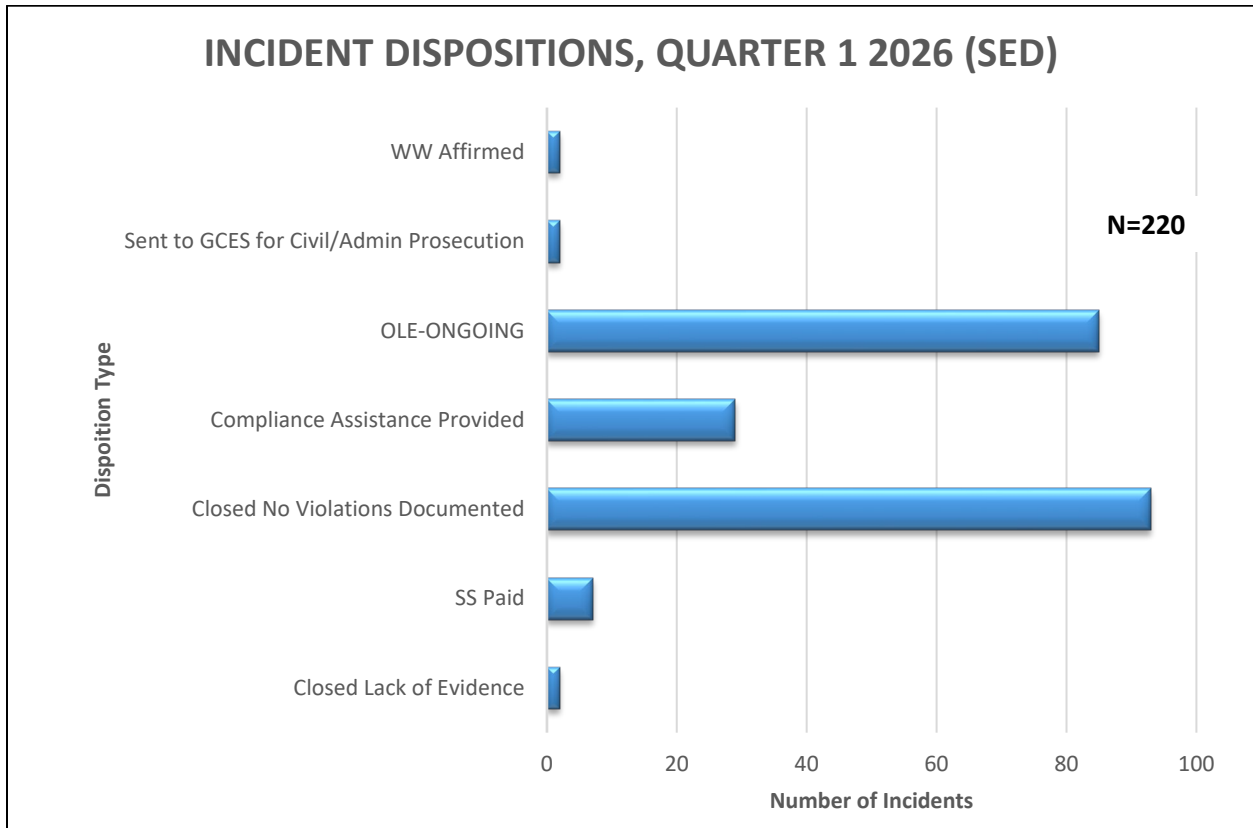
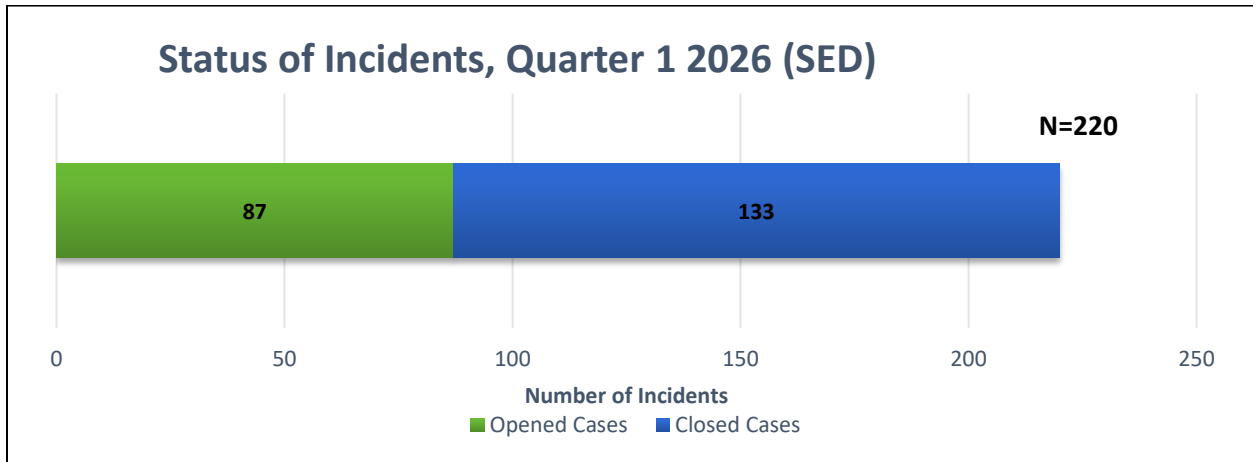
Law/Regulation/Program	GA	FL	LA	SC	USCG-HEARTLAND	USCG-SOUTHEAST	TOTALS
Magnuson Stevens Act	1	14	1	2	2	2	22
Endangered Species Act		1					1
Highly Migratory Species							0
Lacey Act		3					3
Marine Mammal Protection Act							0
National Marine Sanctuaries Act		1	1				1
TOTALS	1	19	1	2	2	2	27



¹ total individual counts may be greater than opened cases due to multiple counts charged for separate cases

Caseload Snapshot

Below is a breakdown of the initiated incidents (220) throughout the quarter, by status and disposition. The total also includes cases referred to OLE-SED by our enforcement partners. Throughout the quarter, enforcement personnel were able to complete investigations and close 51% of the incoming workload.



Enforcement Highlights

Highly Migratory Species

A San Juan, PR Special Agent (SA) issued a written warning (WW) to a commercial fisherman for harvesting a shark in federal waters without a HMS permit.

A North Carolina Enforcement Officer (EO) and SA participated in the first half of a United States Coast Guard (USCG) operation, targeting the bluefin tuna fishery. During the five-day season, officers conducted 24 underway boardings and monitored 27 dockside offloads. No violations were identified, a result that can be attributed to the comprehensive outreach conducted prior to the season opening. The operation will resume in January when the fishery opens again.



Lacey Act

A Miami, FL SA received a referral from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) pertaining to a vessel returning from a Bahamian fishing trip. The subject vessel was subsequently boarded and found to not possess the required Bahamian cruising and fishing permits.

A South Carolina SA attended a plea hearing in Charleston, SC. The defendant accepted a plea deal and pled guilty to a misdemeanor Lacey charge for smuggling a mounted sea turtle head into the US from Cuba. The head was abandoned to United States Fish and Wildlife Service USFWS.

Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Fishing

St. Petersburg, FL SAs and one St. Petersburg EO participated in a coordinated multi-agency inspection with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), USFWS and FWC, at an international shipping facility, focusing on the detection and interdiction of illegally imported seafood products and protected wildlife species in violation of federal and state regulations.

A Harlingen, TX EO conducted an IUU fishing and Seafood Fraud Trade Enforcement operation along the southern border of Texas in coordination with partners from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and CBP. A total of five Seafood Import Monitoring Program (SIMP) inspections were conducted. During one inspection, officers discovered undersized red snapper

and an undeclared grouper beneath a shipment of red snapper. All violations were referred to and pursued by TPWD.

Seafood Import Monitoring Program (SIMP) and Port State Measures Act (PSMA)

A San Juan, PR SA was notified that an importer paid a \$1,000 fine for importing seafood under the Seafood Import Monitoring Program (SIMP) without the required documentation.

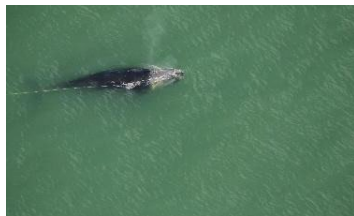
Endangered Species Act



A St. Petersburg Supervisory Enforcement Officer (SEO) and Fort Myers EO conducted a patrol of the Myakka River, Manasota Key, Fort Myers Beach, and Lovers Key State Park. The EOs provided outreach and education regarding sawfish to condo residents adjacent the Myakka River where three were recently caught in the last month. The EOs patrolled Lovers Key

State Park which is a known area of bottlenose dolphin harassment complaints. No violations were documented.

A North Carolina SA conducted turtle excluder device (TED) inspections on a commercial shrimping vessel while underway with the USCG. The inspections revealed multiple violations including broken bars and bar spacing. A summary settlement offer (SSO) and WW were issued.



A Savannah, GA EO responded to a report of a North Atlantic right whale transiting near Jekyll Island, GA, that was observed entangled in fishing gear. NOAA's Protected Resources Division (PRD) coordinated the rescue and recovery response and successfully removed a portion of the trap line from the animal. Following recovery, the recovered gear was jointly evaluated by FWC, Georgia

Department of Natural Resources (GA DNR), NOAA PRD, and OLE. The investigation determined the gear was not of domestic origin. The appropriate international authorities were notified and made arrangements for recovery of the remaining gear. No violations of domestic fisheries regulations were identified during the investigation.

Marine Mammal Protection Act



A League City, TX EO responded to a report from the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network regarding a dolphin stranding near Rockport, TX. The EO, in coordination with the stranding network and SeaWorld San Antonio, located the dolphin within Aransas Bay and

successfully assisted with relocating the animal safely back into the Gulf.

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

A Houston, TX EO reviewed a case referral in reference to a commercial fishing vessel failing to carry an observer during their selection period. The EO issued the owner/operator a \$2,500 SSO.

A Cape Canaveral, FL EO processed a JEA case and issued a \$500 SSO for possession of ten vermillion snapper in the St. Lucie Hump Marine Protected Area (MPA).

A Houma, LA EO issued a \$2,000 SSO to the operator and owner of an IFQ vessel. During patrol, the EO found the vessel landed at an unapproved location without submitting a pre-landing, notice while possessing IFQ species. The vessel also was fishing without a proper declaration and did not possess sufficient allocation for the fish on board at the time it landed.

A Panama City, FL EO issued a \$1,750 SSO to the owner/operator of a recreational fishing vessel for possession of eight red snapper and one scamp grouper inside the Madison and Swanson MPA.

A Panama City, FL EO issued an \$800 SSO to the owner/operator of a recreational vessel for possession of gulf reef fish inside the Madison and Swanson MPA.

A Panama City, FL EO issued a \$375 SSO to the owner/operator of a commercial fishing vessel found to be in possession of five undersized red grouper.

National Marine Sanctuaries



A Key West, FL SA conducted a patrol with a FWC Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) crew in Key West. Multiple TED inspections were completed. One violation was found where the TED angle was greater than 55 degrees.

Cooperative Enforcement/Partnerships

A Houston, TX EO reviewed a TPWD case package where a recreational angler was found in possession of six red snapper over the federal bag limit. The EO issued the owner/operator an \$800 SSO.

A Houston, TX EO reviewed a TPWD case package where a recreational angler was found in possession of 20 red snapper during the federal closed season. The EO issued the owner/operator a \$1500 SSO.

A North Carolina EO reviewed a South Carolina case package where a recreational angler was found in possession of three cobia over the vessel limit. The EO issued the owner/operator a \$325 SSO.

Patrols/VMS/Catch Shares



A Fort Myers, FL EO, St. Petersburg EO, and SEO conducted multiple at-sea patrols targeting illegal charter fishing vessels within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The crew conducted 11 at-sea vessel stops on recreational and charter fishing vessels. Officers

documented one violation pertaining to charter fishing gear, two vessels with four undersized hogfish and three undersized mangrove snappers.



A Fort Myers EO, St. Petersburg EO, and SEO conducted an offshore patrol in the EEZ. Four at-sea vessel stops were completed documenting violations of an undersized gray triggerfish, three undersized hogfish, and a hogfish not intact.

Investigative Support (IS) personnel initiated numerous outreach calls and emails to vessel owners and operators throughout the Southeast Division. The outreach involved VMS compliance, sending automated geofenced VMS alerts notifying vessels about closed area requirements and processing multiple VMS powerdown requests.

A Key West, FL SA completed a four-day patrol on a USCG cutter. The patrol consisted of numerous commercial vessel stops near the Dry Tortugas Ecological Reserve, and an additional eight commercial shrimp vessel boardings north of Marquesas Key.

A Houston, TX EO conducted a land-based patrol around the Freeport, TX area. During the patrol, the EO conducted a dockside boarding of a recreational fishing vessel that was in possession of four red snapper. Further investigation determined the red snapper were harvested from the EEZ during a period when the private recreational angling component for red snapper was closed. The vessel owner/operator was issued an Enforcement Violation Report.

Compliance Assistance/Outreach/Education/Public Affairs

A St. Petersburg, FL EO and SEO conducted a vessel patrol in response to an IFQ violation referral from an IS technician. An IFQ fishing captain failed to submit a pre-landing notification during a previous fishing trip. The inspection revealed that the captain is new to the IFQ fishery. The EO addressed the pre-landing notification issue with compliance assistance and took the time on scene to answer questions and provided further information on IFQ program requirements. Additionally, the EO documented violations for two undersized triggerfish and improper vessel identification.



A Houston, TX EO and a League City, TX EO conducted an outreach event with a local Cub Scouts Pack, providing a hands-on introduction to NOAA's mission and the role of federal law enforcement in protecting natural resources. The scouts learned about marine conservation, responsible fishing practices, and how NOAA

officers help safeguard wildlife and coastal ecosystems. The session included interactive discussion, gear demonstrations, and a Q&A that encouraged the scouts to think about stewardship and environmental responsibility.

Training/Other

A San Juan, PR SA represented NOAA OLE in the Interpol training regarding the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources. NOAA OLE gave a two-day presentation in Spanish for all the participating countries.

Overview of Summary Settlements

Listed below is a summary of the **40** Summary Settlement penalties issued during the quarter. The most frequently observed violation types cited involved retention during closure, undersize possession and/or lack of descender or turtle mitigation devices (15), Unpermitted fishing activity violations (7), Observer Program requirements (7), and IFQ Program requirements (4). **18** violations were cited throughout the Gulf region, **19** violations were cited throughout the South Atlantic region, **3** violations in the Keys area and **0** in the Caribbean region.

LAW/REG/PROGRAM	Brief Synopsis	SS Amount Assessed	STATE
International Trade Program	SIMP Requirements	\$1,000.00	FL EAST
International Trade Program	SIMP Requirements	\$1,000.00	TX
International Trade Program	SIMP Requirements	\$1,000.00	FL EAST
Lacey Act	Possession Requirements	\$500.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Unpermitted Charter Activity-Open Access Permit	\$375.00	FL KEYS
Magnuson Stevens Act	IFQ Program Requirements	\$1,000.00	FL WEST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Retention During Closure	\$1,100.00	TX
Magnuson Stevens Act	IFQ Program Requirements	\$1,000.00	FL WEST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Retention During Closure	\$700.00	TX
Magnuson Stevens Act	Retention During Closure; Undersize Possession	\$800.00	TX
Magnuson Stevens Act	Unpermitted Fishing Activity-Shrimping	\$3,500.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Retention During Closure	\$1,500.00	TX
Magnuson Stevens Act	Observer Program Requirements	\$2,500.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Retention During Closure	\$700.00	TX
Magnuson Stevens Act	Retention During Closure	\$700.00	TX
Magnuson Stevens Act	Using Reef Fish as Bait	\$650.00	TX
Magnuson Stevens Act	Using Reef Fish as Bait	\$550.00	TX
Magnuson Stevens Act	Fishing in Closed Area	\$500.00	FL EAST

Magnuson Stevens Act	Retention During Closure; Undersize Possession	\$750.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Observer Program Requirements	\$2,500.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Undersize Possession	\$325.00	SC
Magnuson Stevens Act	Observer Program Requirements	\$2,500.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Fishing in Closed Area	\$2,500.00	TX
Magnuson Stevens Act	Observer Program Requirements	\$2,500.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	IFQ Program Requirements	\$2,000.00	LA
Magnuson Stevens Act	Retention During Closure	\$275.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Observer Program Requirements	\$2,500.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Retention During Closure	\$1,500.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Unpermitted Charter Activity-Open Access Permit	\$500.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Unpermitted Charter Activity-Open Access Permit	\$500.00	TX
Magnuson Stevens Act	Retention During Closure	\$700.00	TX
Magnuson Stevens Act	Unpermitted Charter Activity-Open Access Permit; Undersize Possession	\$800.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Observer Program Requirements	\$2,500.00	NC
Magnuson Stevens Act	Unpermitted Charter Activity-Open Access Permit	\$500.00	SC
Magnuson Stevens Act	Retention During Closure; Undersize Possession	\$600.00	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	IFQ Program Requirements	\$2,000.00	FL WEST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Undersize Possession	\$325.00	FL WEST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Observer Program Requirements	\$2,500.00	FL WEST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Unpermitted Charter Activity-Open Access Permit	\$500.00	FL KEYS
Magnuson Stevens Act	Undersize Possession	\$650.00	FL KEYS

Investigative Support Program

Southeast Division Active Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Population: **893**

Population Breakdown by (VMS) Fisheries

FISHERY	VESSELS
HMS Pelagic Longline	73
HMS Shark	6
Gulf Reef Fish	535
Rock Shrimp	51
Southeast For Hire*	228
TOTAL	893

The Investigative Support Program staff play a vital role in ensuring compliance and provide assistance to enforcement officers and special agents. Staff received and processed **28** referrals from JEA partners. Case support to the field was provided as well, with work ranging from processing summary settlements (**31**), preparing incident reports for GCES, in support of prosecution (**8**), confirming vessel ownership and track lines, validating AIS data and creating chartlets. During the quarter, fishing trips were monitored via VMS to detect potential violations. Violations ranging from fishing in closed areas, improper gear use and failure to comply with reporting requirements (trip declarations, daily reports, and pre-landing notices) were detected by Investigative Support staff and referred to enforcement officers or special agents for follow-up. Staff technicians sent **243** emails to permit holders regarding VMS requirements, initiated targeted warnings and messages to vessels following observation of suspected VMS or fishing violations, including **145** automated VMS messages sent to notify **49** vessels in real-time about closed area regulations and incursions. Staff also provided targeted education and outreach to vessel owners daily. Additionally, staff conducted **168** calls with industry related to compliance during the quarter.

Investigative Support Program technicians recently contributed to some notable investigations resulting in overall compliance with industry including:

- Vessel monitoring and verification of a rock shrimp vessel found fishing without permits in/near Oculina Bank
- An IFQ vessel landing early at an unapproved location, without any notifications sent
- An IFQ vessel repeatedly submitting partial landing notifications with no accompanying dealer landing transactions

*VMS no longer required for the for-hire fleet, but units still reporting are noted

Observer Program Highlights

During FY Quarter 1, 2026, the Southeast Fisheries Observer Program deployed on **102** trips for **516** sea days. Approximately **100%** of all selected trips were completed without an observer related enforcement incident [assault/harassment (sexual and non-sexual), safety]. Observer programs reported **41** potential fishery violations to OLE-SED. The Galveston Shrimp Program deployed on **17** trips for **162** sea days, and the Galveston Reef Fish Program deployed on **32** trips for **155** sea days. The Panama City Shark Research and deepwater longline Program deployed on **1** trip for **2** sea days and the Panama City South Atlantic Reef Fish Program deployed on **36** trips for **43** sea days. The Miami Pelagic Observer Program deployed on **16** trips for **154** sea days. The summary below details the type of observer related complaints received during Quarter 4 (calendar year) of 2025, for all fisheries covered.

COMPLAINT TYPE	Shrimp Fishery	South Atlantic Reef Fishery	Gulf Reef Fishery	Pelagic Longline Fishery	Shark Fishery	Totals
ASSAULT						0
HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATE/IMPEDEMENT						0
SAFETY						0
NON-COMPLIANT FOR OBSERVER COVERAGE	9	14	8			31
HANDLING				4		4
GEAR				6		6
RETENTION						0
SPATIAL						0
TOTALS	9	14	8	10	0	41

Cases Referred For Prosecution

Listed below is a summary of the 9 cases forwarded to NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section (GCES) and/or the United States Attorney Office/Department of Justice for this quarter. Cases varied in violation type, with 4 occurring in the South Atlantic area, 3 in the Gulf area, and 2 in the Florida Keys area.

LAW/REG/PROGRAM	VIOLATION	STATE
Endangered Species Act	North Atlantic Right Whale Speed Reduction Violations	MULTIPLE
Endangered Species Act	North Atlantic Right Whale Speed Reduction Violations	MULTIPLE
Endangered Species Act	North Atlantic Right Whale Speed Reduction Violations	MULTIPLE
Lacey Act	Possession Requirements	FL KEYS
Magnuson Stevens Act	Closed Area Incursion	FL EAST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Unpermitted Charter Activity-Open Access Permit	TX
Magnuson Stevens Act	Unpermitted Charter Activity-Moratorium Access	FL WEST
Magnuson Stevens Act	Observer Program Requirements	FL WEST
National Marine Sanctuaries Act	Areas to Be Avoided	FL KEYS

*Cases sent to the United States Attorney Office/Department of Justice for criminal prosecution.

NOAA General Counsel Enforcement Section Charging Information

The following Civil Administrative Enforcement Actions are results from NOAA GCES that occurred in the Southeast Division, from **AUGUST 2025- NOVEMBER 2025** (available information since last report). Nationwide results may also be found at the [enforcement charging information site](#)

1. F/V Lady Lauren – Owner Paul Joseph Noel Jr. and Operator Matthew David Noel were charged jointly and severally under the Endangered Species Act with having a noncompliant Turtle Excluder Device installed. A \$23,256.50 NOVA was issued.
2. F/V Eagle Eye – Owner Eagle Eye Fishing Corp. and Operator John J. Cafiero were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with fishing within a closed area. A \$5,750 NOVA was issued.
3. FL1380PV – Anglers Jason Lawrence Stiles and Jarrad William Stiles were charged jointly and severally under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act with fishing with spearguns inside the Key Largo Management Area in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. A \$1,250 was issued.
4. F/V Isabella – Owner Fish Mafia Inc. and Operator Thomas Harsha McNair were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with possessing undersized fish and failing to comply with required protected species conservation measures. A \$5,000 NOVA was issued.
5. F/V Adianelis – Owner/Operator Adid Vega Gracia was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with fishing inside the Abrir La Sierra Bank red hind spawning aggregation area. A \$5,750 NOVA was issued.
6. FL5980RG – Owner Jose Martin Jacobo Remedios and Operator Luis A. Aguero were charged jointly and severally under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act with entering and/or fishing in the Conch Reef Research Only Area. A \$1,250 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$1,125.
7. F/V Hammers Down – Owner/Operator Caleb Padgett was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to comply with the Agency’s Gulf of America red snapper and grouper IFQ programs’ landing and transportation requirements and failing to have on board the required sea turtle mitigation gear. A \$9,450 NOVA was issued.
8. Federally Permitted Seafood Dealer Southeast Fisheries Inc. was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with receiving fish in violation of the Agency’s Gulf of America red snapper IFQ program’s landing and transportation requirements. An \$11,500 NOVA was issued.
9. Federally Permitted Seafood Dealer Wild Seafood Company LLC was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with receiving fish in violation of the Agency’s Gulf of America red

snapper and grouper IFQ programs' landing and transportation requirements. An \$11,500 NOVA was issued.

10. Federally Permitted Seafood Dealer Timothy Dillingham and Dilly's Fish Co. LLC were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with receiving fish in violation of the Agency's Gulf of America grouper IFQ program's landing and transportation requirements. A \$9,000 NOVA was issued.
11. FL2773SW – Owner Mama Tried Fishing LLC and Operator Michael William Boyd were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with charter fishing for Gulf reef fish in the EEZ without a federal charter permit, using Gulf reef fish as bait, and failing to have required fishing gear on board (descending device or venting tool). A \$31,037 NOVA was issued.
12. F/V Never Enough – Owner Sporty Fishing Adventures LLC and Operator Timothy Palmer Jr. were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with fishing without a VMS, failure to submit advance notice of landing of IFQ species, and failure to carry an observer. A \$50,250 NOVA was issued