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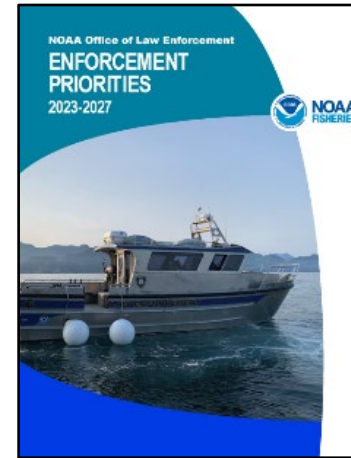
Enforcement Overview

Caribbean Fishery Management Council Meeting
August 12, 2026.

Compliance Liaison Matt Walia



OLE- Mission, Organization, Authority



Personnel - Full Staff



- **Mission Support- Travel/Budget/Management**
- **Investigative Support- Industry/Casework/Monitoring**
- **Enforcement Operations - 35 field law enforcement personnel**
 - **15** Special Agents
 - **20** Enforcement Officers
 - **6** Supervisors
 - **1** Compliance Liaison
- **Management**
 - **1** Assistant Director
 - **1** Deputy Special Agent in Charge



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SOUTHEAST DIVISION

AD

A-DSAC

NED

SED

New Bern

SA
EO

Charleston

SEO **VACANT**

SA
EO **VACANT**

Savannah

EO

Jacksonville

ASAC
SA

Panama City

SA
EO

Mobile

EO **VACANT**

Slidell

SA **VACANT**

Niceville

SA
EO **VACANT**

Houma

EO

League City

ASAC
SA
SEO
EO
EO

Corpus Christi

SA **VACANT**
EO **VACANT**

Harlingen

EO
EO

SED

Caribbean

San Juan

SA

St. Thomas

EO **VACANT**

St. Petersburg

ASAC VACANT
SA
SA
SEO
EO
EO

Cape Canaveral

EO

Sunrise/Miami

SA
SA
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EO

Ft Myers

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FL Keys

SA
EO **VACANT**
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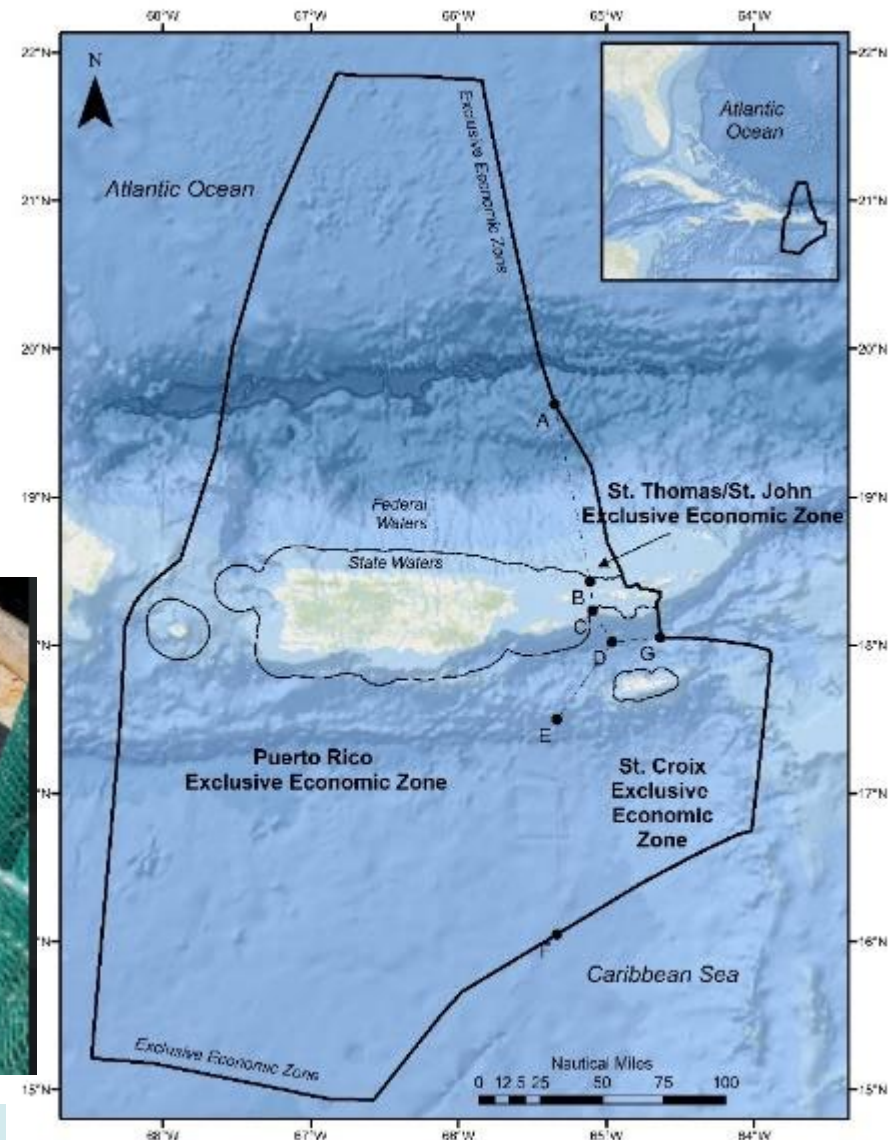
Federal Jurisdiction

Puerto Rico

➤ 9nm

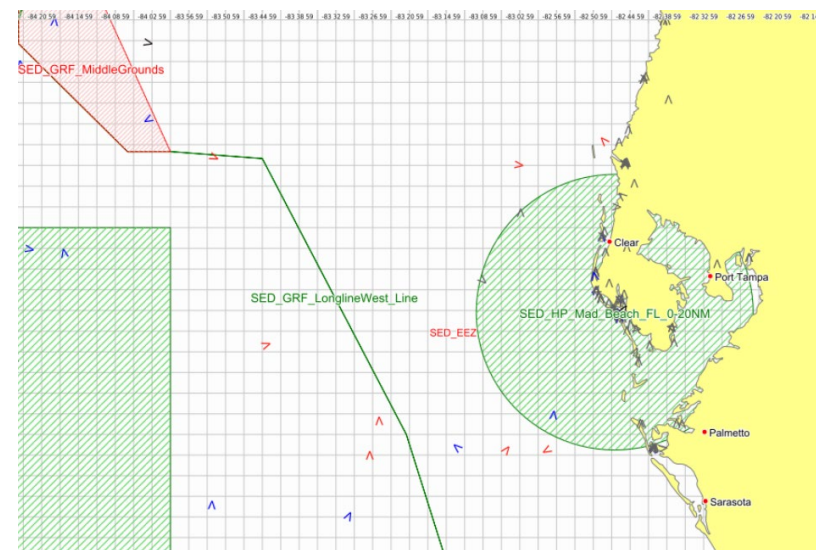
USVI

➤ 3 nm



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Enforcement of Regulations



Monitoring



At-Sea Boarding



Dockside

Effective Regulations Should Be:

➤ **Simple, Compatible, Accountable**

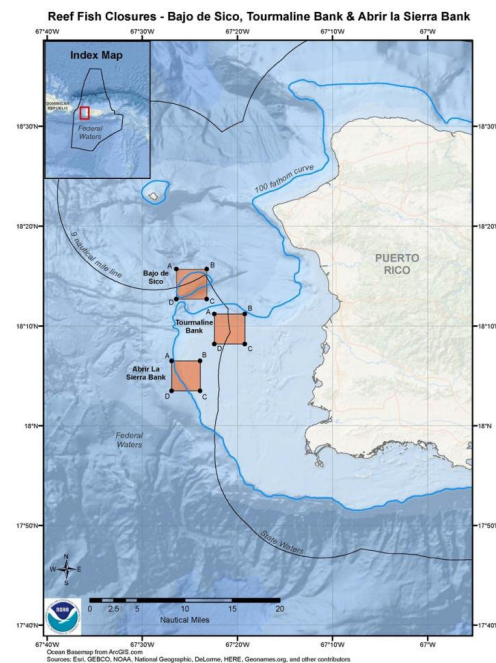


Closed Area

- Joint Patrol
- 25 deepwater snapper



\$5,750 NOVA



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Conch Possession

- Commercial diving boat
- Multiple Incursions
 - Boarded by DNER and USCG
 - **DNER Referral**
- Denied allegations
- 14 conchs (out of shell)
- Egg bearing lobster

\$14,250 NOVA



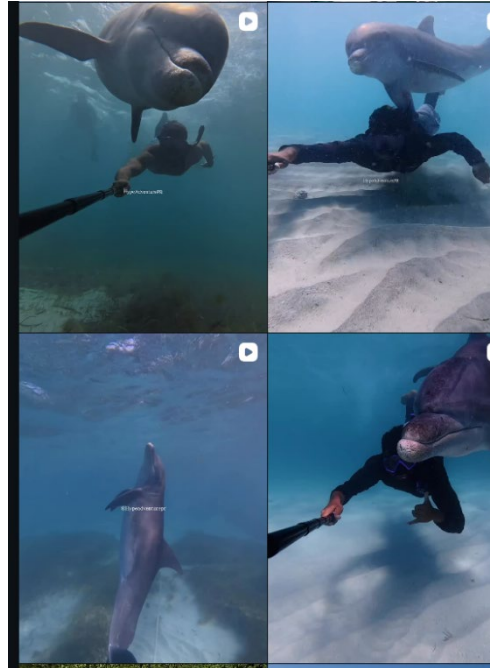
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Marine Mammals/Endangered Species Act

Viewing

- Dolphins=50 yards
- Whales=100 yards

NO feeding, petting



Joint Marine Mammal Operation

- Off Culebra, PR
- Drone Surveillance
- Civil Penalties Assessed
- Education/Stewardship
- Similar Operations Planned



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Report A Violation

NOAA's Law Enforcement Hotline,
available 24/7 at
(800) 853-1964
contact.nmfs.ole.sed@noaa.gov

- 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

