

United States Coast Guard

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species FYTD17 Fisheries Enforcement Overview



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HMS Advisory Panel Meeting
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Enforcement Effort*

FYTD17 (through 16AUG17)

Up >10%
over FY16
at this
time.
Mostly in
major
cutters.

CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	1039.0
Small Boats	8240.9
Cutters > 65'	47334.3
Total Hours	56,614.3

*Domestic Fisheries

- Atlantic Seaboard
- Gulf of Mexico
- Caribbean
- Great Lakes



Total HMS Boardings FYTD17 through 16AUG

CG Boarding Activities	District 1 (NE)	District 5 (Mid-Atlantic)	District 7 (Southeast and Carib)	District 8 (Gulf of Mexico)	All Units
FY15	95	109	37	22	263
FY16	128	120	23	4	275
FYTD17					
Commercial	72	49	5	6	86
Passenger	1	13	0	0	5
Pleasure	25	109	5	3	58
FYTD17 Total	98	171	17	12	298

Total FYTD already exceeds FY15 and FY16. Substantial increase in pleasure craft in Mid-Atlantic.

USCG Boardings where HMS Violations were Detected: MAY – JUL 2017

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
D5	MAY 2017	CGC VENTUROUS	Possession of 03 undersized yellowfin tuna. (COMM)
D5	JUN 2017	CGC VENTUROUS	Possession of 02 undersized yellowfin tuna. (COMM)
D5	JUN 2017	CGC VENTUROUS	Possession of 02 undersized yellowfin tuna. (COMM)
D5	JUN 2017	CGC VENTUROUS	Possession of 05 undersized yellowfin tuna (COMM)

USCG Boardings where HMS Violations were Detected: MAY – JUL 2017

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
D5	JUN 2017	CGC SHEARWATER	Possession of 01 undersized yellowfin tuna; lacked HMS Angling permit. (REC)
D5	JUN 2017	CGC ROLLIN FRITCH	Possession of 01 shortfin mako without HMS Angling permit. (REC)
D1	JUL 2017	STA East Moriches	Lack of valid HMS permit; removed fins from thresher. (REC)

USCG Boardings where HMS Violations were Detected: MAY – JUL 2017

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
D5	JUL 2017	STA Manasquan Inlet	Lack of valid HMS permit; retention of 04 albacore tuna. (REC)
D5	JUN 2017	CGC ROLLIN FRITCH	Possession of 01 shortfin mako without HMS Angling permit. (REC)
D7	JUL 2017	STA Ft. Myers	Lack turtle handling/release gear. (COMM)
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Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity along US/MX EEZ: FY14- FYTD17*

	Detections	Interceptions	Interdictions
FY14	163	117	33
FY15	220	160	38
FY16	175	141	45
FYTD17	126	104	30

There are fewer detections compared to FY15 and FY16 at this time in the year. Interdiction rates are still at historical highs.

****Through JUL**

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (MAY- JUL 2017)

Incursion Date	Gear Type & Length	Number & Type of HMS Species
06MAY17	4000 yds Longline	29 sharks, 1 skipjack tuna, 1 puffer, 151 red snapper, 2 stingrays, 1 cobia, 1 remora, 1 amberjack, 7 lane snapper; 90% alive
12MAY17	Longline	1 shark, 1 puffer, 4 red drum

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (MAY- JUL 2017)

Incursion Date	Gear Type & Length	Number & Type of HMS Species
30MAY17	35yds Longline	25 dead sharks
20JUN17	2000yds Longline	17 live sharks, 11 dead sharks, 15 fish
02JUL17	900yds Longline	04 dead sharks, 30 Spanish Mackerel

Ongoing Efforts- Domestically

- Updated USCG shark handling/release guidance.
- Reducing pollution/debris- engaging District Fishing Vessel Examiners when notified by Observer Program of potential incidents.



Ongoing Efforts- Africa

- Continuing to consider opportunities for high seas boarding/inspection through ICCAT.
- Conducting LE capacity building in Western Africa with UK, Navy, and African Countries.



Ongoing Efforts- Mexico

- **Planning concurrent patrols, bilateral agreement, and/or law enforcement shiprider on CG ships.**
- **Participating in ongoing diplomatic meetings with at the Admiral level.**
- **Conducted Joint Enforcement Exercise- North American Maritime Security Initiative.**
- **Administering port denial of Mexican fishing vessels.**



Questions?



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