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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species FYTD20 Fisheries Enforcement Overview



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Overview

- **Domestic Boarding Efforts and Results**
- **Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity and Interdiction Results**
- **Strategic & Operational Emphasis**
 - **Domestic**
 - **International**

Enforcement Effort*

FYTD20 (through AUG)

Reflects
approx. 12%
less hrs
compared to
FY19 through
AUG.

CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	1339.8
Small Boats	3109.8
Cutters > 65'	54617.6
Total Hours	55957.4

***Domestic Fisheries**

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



Total HMS Boardings

FYTD20 through AUG 2020*

CG Boarding Activities by District	1 (NE)	5 (Mid- Atlantic)	7 (SE and Carib)	8 (Gulf of Mexico)	All Units
FY18	157	143	18	40	358
FY19	129	178	29	22	358
FYTD20*					
Commercial	83	38	15	11	147
Passenger	1	7	5	5	18
Pleasure	103	125	56	19	303
FYTD20* Total	187	170	76	35	468

USCG Domestic Boardings where Potential HMS Violations were Detected: MAY 2020- JUL 2020

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
7 (SE)	MAY 20	STA Islamorada	Possession of undersized sailfish; not in whole form. (REC)
7 (SE)	MAY 20	CGC MORAY	Fishing in Bahamian waters without permit; Catch: 5 Yellowfin tuna. (REC)
8 (GOMEX)	MAY 20	STA Galveston	Lack of HMS permit; Yellowfin Tuna fillets. (REC)
8 (GOMEX)	MAY 20	CGC TIGER SHARK	Retention of shark fins. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUN 20	STA Shinnecock	Possession of 03 Bluefin Tuna without HMS permit. (COMM)

USCG Domestic Boardings where Potential HMS Violations were Detected: MAY 2020- JUL 2020

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
1 (NE)	JUN 20	STA Shinnecock	Illegal retention of 01 Bluefin Tuna. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUN 20	STA Shinnecock	Possession of 03 Bluefin Tuna without an HMS permit. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUN 20	STA Shinnecock	Fileting Bluefin Tuna at-sea. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUN 20	STA Shinnecock	Retaining an overage of 05 Bluefin Tuna. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUL 20	STA Shinnecock	Fileting Bluefin Tuna at-sea. (REC)

USCG Domestic Boardings where Potential HMS Violations were Detected: MAY 2020- JUL 2020

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
1 (NE)	JUL 20	SEC Long Island Sound	Fileting Yellowfin Tuna at-sea. (REC)
1 (NE)	JUL 20	CGC TYBEE	Fileting Bluefin Tuna at-sea; fishing without a federal fisheries permit. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUL 20	STA Shinnecock	Removing Bluefin Tuna tail prior to landing. (REC)
8 (GOMEX)	JUL 20	STA Grand Isle	Illegal blacktip shark fins. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUL 20	STA New London	Fileting Bigeye Tuna at-sea (REC)

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity along US/MX EEZ: FY18- JUL20*

	Detections	Interceptions	Interdictions
FY18	179	139	60
FY19	177	144	74
FYTD20**	298	206	123

Interdiction numbers and rates are at an all-time high.

****Through JUL**

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (APR - JUL 2020)

Incursion Date	Gear Type	Number of HMS Species
APR 2020	Longline	1 shark
MAY 2020	Longline	23 sharks
MAY 2020	Longline	120 sharks
MAY 2020	Not reported	1 shark
MAY 2020	Longline	1 shark
MAY 2020	Longline	1 shark
JUN 2020	Longline	2 sharks
JUL 2020	Longline	200kg shark

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (APR - JUL 2020)

Incursion Date	Gear Type	Number of HMS Species
JUL 2020	Longline	4 sharks
JUL 2020	Longline	5 sharks
JUL 2020	Longline	Sharks
JUL 2020	Longline	8 sharks
JUL 2020	Longline	10 sharks

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity-

Sightings of potential IUU Fishing on High Seas

(APR- JUL 2020)

Location	Vessel	Suspected of	Action
High Seas off Mid- Atlantic	OCEAN STAR No 2	Harvesting without registration; fishing without nationality	Request to add to ICCAT IUU vessel list
High Seas off Mid- Atlantic	MAXIMUS	Operating as carrier vessel without ICCAT authorization	Request to flag state for action/info

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity-

Sightings of potential IUU Fishing

(APR- JUL 2020)

Location	Vessel	Suspected of	Action
High Seas off SE Atlantic	MARIO 11	Shark finning	Flag state and US partnering to relay info to ICCAT to alert potential port and market States and for potential IUU listing

Strategic & Operational Emphasis- Domestic

- **Continue to board HMS permitted vessels in FY21 as high precedence fisheries.**



Strategic & Operational Emphasis- International

- **Developing a Counter-IUU Fishing Strategic Outlook.**
- **Work through the SAFE Act Interagency Working Group on IUU Fishing.**
- **Continue to work as part of the ICCAT U.S. Delegation to promote At-Sea Inspector Exchanges, cooperative intel exchanges, transshipment restrictions, & suspected illegal fishing activity sightings.**
- **COVID-19 impacted joint patrol with Canada.**
- **Continue to build law enforcement capacity in Africa. CGC BEAR partnered with Cabo Verde for a FY20 patrol.**

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