

United States Coast Guard

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

Fisheries Enforcement

Overview



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Overview

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Domestic Enforcement Effort*

FYTD25 (through 25AUG25)



CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	867
Small Boats	2020
Cutters > 65'	34,917
Total Hours	37,803

*Domestic Fisheries

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

Other mission demands affect CG fisheries patrol effort. Reflects approx. 44% reduction since FY20.

Total HMS Fisheries Domestic Enforcement Boardings *FY25 through 25AUG25

CG Boarding Activities by District (old name)	NE (D1)	E (D5)	SE (D7)	Heartland (D8)	All Units
FY23	57	95	21	8	181
FY24	75	86	14	14	189
FYTD25*					
Commercial	46	30	04	09	89
Passenger	02	01	01	01	5
Pleasure	50	43	05	04	102
Total	98	74	10	14	196

- Relatively level number of HMS boardings for 3 years; approx 63% reduction since FY20.

**USCG Domestic Boardings:
Potential Significant Violations with HMS Catch:
APR- JUL 25**

- **None**

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- along US/MX EEZ

	Detections	Interceptions	Interdictions
FY23	232	145	51
FY24	266	203	61
FYTD25*	176	141	44

- **FYTD HMS catch has been approx. 1813lbs of sharks. Species were not often noted.**
- **Interdiction rates continue to remain higher than CG's 20-year average (18%).**

***Through JUL**

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity-

HMS fishing on High Seas (Atlantic Ocean)

(MAY – AUG25)

No dedicated high seas fisheries patrols or joint deployments in foreign partners' EEZs.

Sightings of Suspected IUU-F: None



Strategic & Operational Emphasis- Domestic & International

- **Remain nimble to emergent needs of DHS/USCG.**
- **FY26: Continue to board HMS permitted vessels.**
- **Protect the domestic fishery through continuing pursuing criminal prosecution of fishing (Lacey Act) violations by Mexican lanchas.**
- **Foster high seas & EEZ patrols with partner nations, as priorities allow.**
- **Serve on ICCAT U.S. Delegation to promote at-sea inspections, act upon suspected IUU fishing sightings, & progress enforcement policy.**

Strategic & Operational Emphasis- Domestic & International

- **Implement recommendations from the DHS Office of Inspector General's Report on "Coast Guard Missed Opportunities to Interdict Foreign Fishing Vessels Suspected of Illegally Fishing in U.S. Waters;" published 06JUN25:
oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2025-06/OIG-25-25-Jun25.pdf**
 - **Determine how to use available resources in CGD-H to increase the interdiction rate.**
 - **Develop and implement a performance goal for IUU-F enforcement on the high seas or within the EEZ of another nation.**

Questions?

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