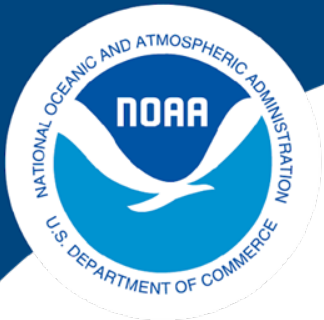




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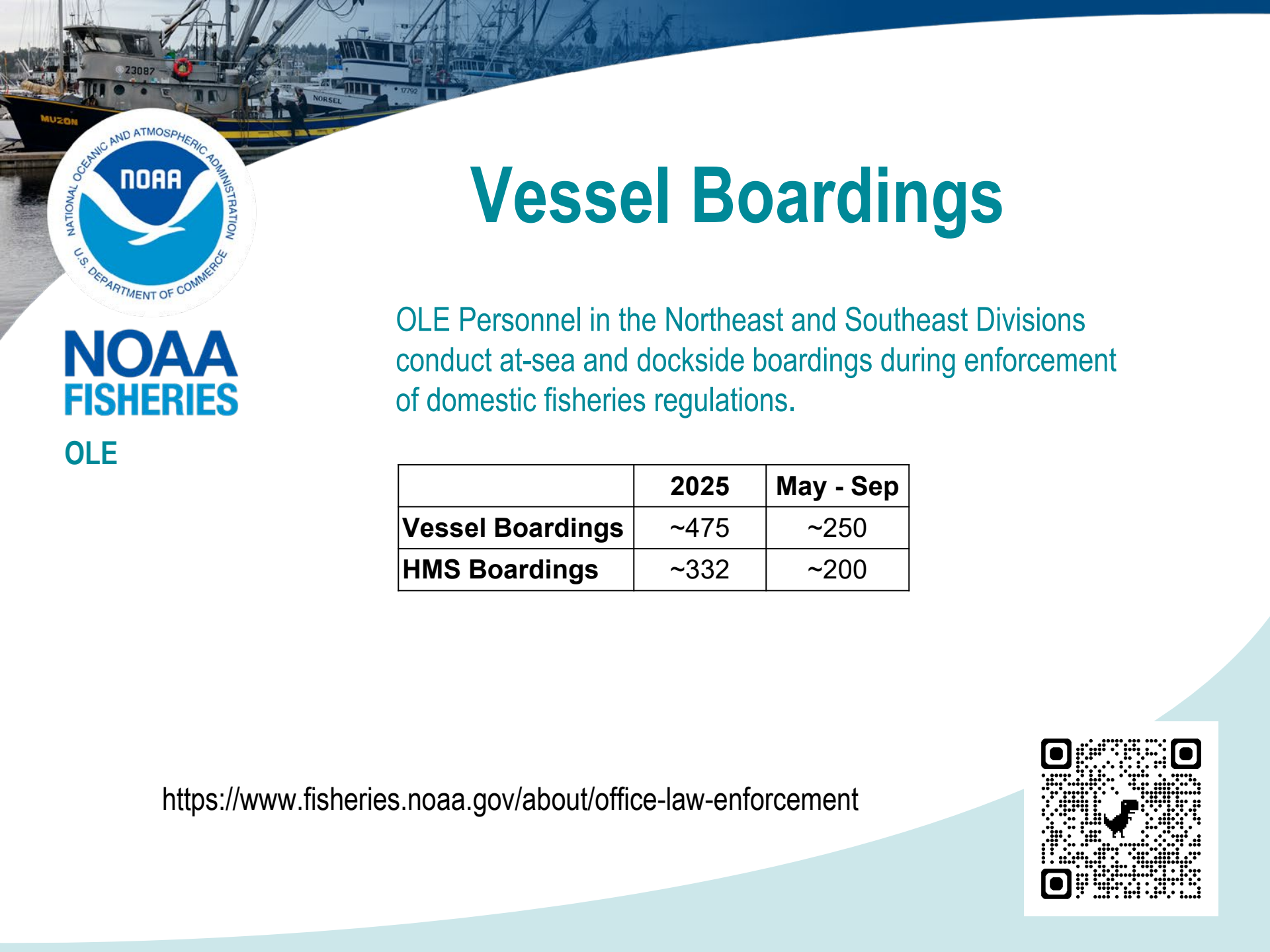
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Office of Law Enforcement HMS Updates



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Vessel Boardings

OLE Personnel in the Northeast and Southeast Divisions conduct at-sea and dockside boardings during enforcement of domestic fisheries regulations.

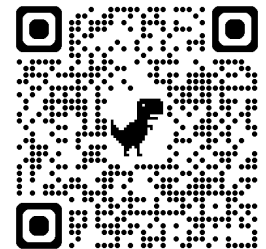
	2025	May - Sep
Vessel Boardings	~475	~250
HMS Boardings	~332	~200



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HMS Investigations

From October 1st, 2024 to September 2025, OLE personnel conducted 111 investigations related to Atlantic HMS. 40 of which resulted in civil violations and 39 investigations that are still ongoing.

	2024	2025
HMS Commercial	50	24
HMS Charter	43	41
HMS Dealer	5	6
HMS Recreational	43	40
Total	141	111

HMS Related Violations

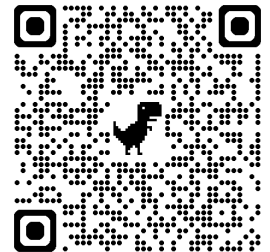


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- Fish for, catch, possess, retain, land, or sell Atlantic HMS without the appropriate permit.
- Failure to report bluefin tuna
- Failure to report landings
- Sell or transfer, for commercial purposes, an Atlantic tuna, shark, or swordfish other than to a dealer that has a valid dealer permit.

<https://www.noaa.gov/general-counsel/gc-enforcement-section/enforcement-charging-information>





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Cooperative Enforcement Partners

NOAA OLE continues to work with cooperative enforcement partners such as state natural resources officers as well as United States Coast Guard and other Federal agency partners. These partnerships are important due to the limited number of Enforcement Officers and Special Agents that NOAA OLE has and the large area that we patrol. While on patrol, these partners have been instrumental in conducting dockside and on the water HMS vessel boardings.



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