



# First Coast Guard District Report to the NEFMC

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# Enforcement

Stats for FY 2015 (October 1, 2014 – Present)

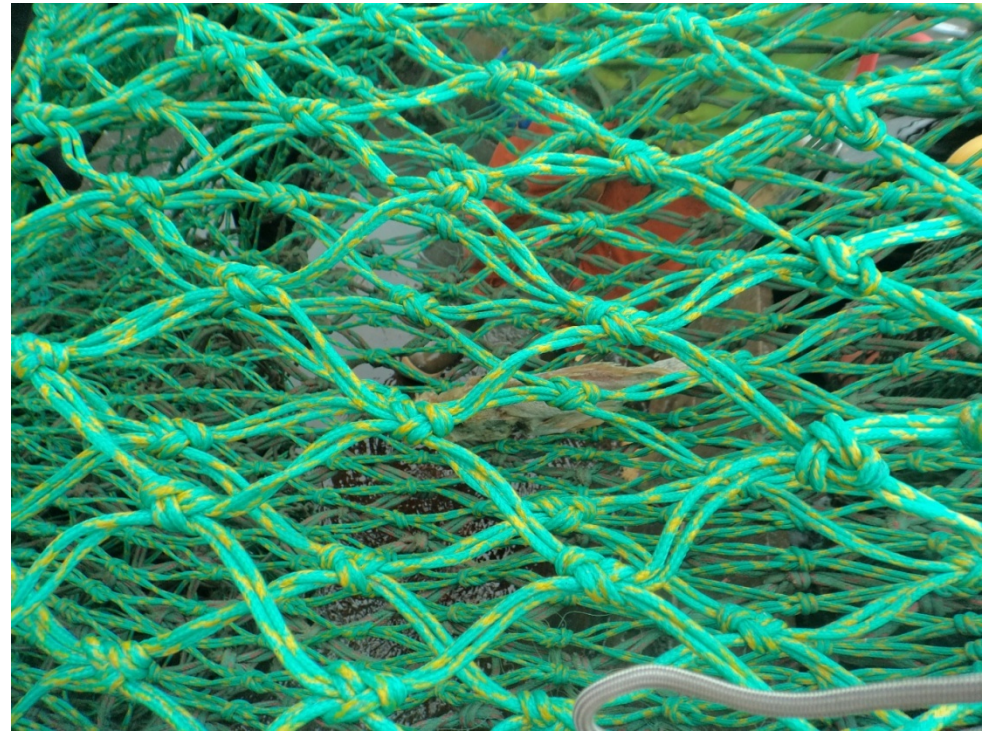
- **Fishing Vessel Boardings – 1363**
- **Fishery Violations Issued – 43**
  
- **Observed Compliance Rate: 96.8%**



# Enforcement Violations

Stats for FY 2015 (October 1, 2014 – Present)

13	Improper Net Configurations
13	Administrative/Permit
9	Undersized Net Mesh
6	Possession/Size Limits or Prohibited Species
1	Gear Stowage
1	Closed Area Incursion





# Safety

Stats for FY 2015 (October 1, 2014 – Present)



- **Safety Exams Conducted: 1071**
- **CFVS Decals Issued: 773**
- **Safety Violations Issued:**
  - 301 violations to 185 individual vessels
  - 18 terminations due to safety
- **Observed Compliance Rate: 85%**



# Safety Violations

Stats for FY 2015 (October 1, 2014 – Present)

## Most Common Safety Violations

Expired Flares	61 cases
Expired EBIRB Battery	14 cases
Expired Hydrostatic Release	14 cases
Expired Life Rafts	19 cases



# Search and Rescue

Stats for FY 2015 (October 1, 2014 – Present)



- **CG Responded to 193 fishing vessel Casualties**
  - **61 Equipment Casualties**
  - **51 Flooding**
  - **14 Onboard fires**
  - **21 Collision/allision**
- **345 Fishermen assisted**
- **18 Medevacs**



# **Fishing Vessel Safety Examination Will Become Mandatory as of 15 October 2015**



- **A dockside safety exam at least once every 5 years will be mandatory for vessels operating beyond 3 nautical miles of the Territorial Sea Baseline or operating anywhere with more than 16 individuals on board (either inside or outside 3 nautical miles). Certificate of Compliance/Decal will be issued upon completion of exam.**
- **Decals that were issued on or after 1 January 2013 will be accepted and fishing vessels will remain in compliance for 5 years from the date of issuance.**
- **Newly approved decals will continue to be issued for a period of 2 years with fishing vessel being considered in compliance for 5 years from the approval date. If a NMFS Observer is onboard a decal will only be valid for 2 years.**
- **Voluntary Exams are encouraged and will continue to be issued for a 2 year period.**



# NEW AIS REQUIREMENTS

*In all navigable waters by 1 Mar 2016*

- Including commercial fishing vessels of 65 feet or more in length
- F/Vs may carry either a Class A or B AIS
- Class A costs about \$3200; Class B \$750
- This will affect approximately 500 F/V in New England
- CG partnered with NOAA sustainable fisheries to send flyers to Sectors and individual boat owners





# Questions?

