

FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



August 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

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List of Abbreviations

CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	SAR – Search and Rescue
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	WLB – 225’ Buoy Tender
WPB – 87’ Patrol Boat	P/C – Pleasure Craft
STA – USCG Small Boat Station	F/V – Fishing Vessel
EPIRB – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	A/S – Air Station
WMEC – 210’ or 270’ Medium Endurance Cutter	SEC - Sector
M/V – Motor Vessel	M/T – Motor Tanker
FRC – 154’ Fast Response Cutter	

I. Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Enforcement and Marine Protected Species Operations

Operations Summary

During this period, Fifth District law enforcement units conducted 130 fisheries boardings, which are aligned with our FY21 projections.

Boarding Statistics (Note: "This Period" data should be considered preliminary and is subject to change)

<u>August 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021 Activities</u>	<u>Comparison to FY20</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	132..... 86
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	1..... 4
Violation Rate.....	0.8%..... 5%

<u>Activities Fiscal Year 2021</u>	<u>Comparison to FY20</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	682..... 664
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	21..... 28
Violation Rate.....	3%..... 4%

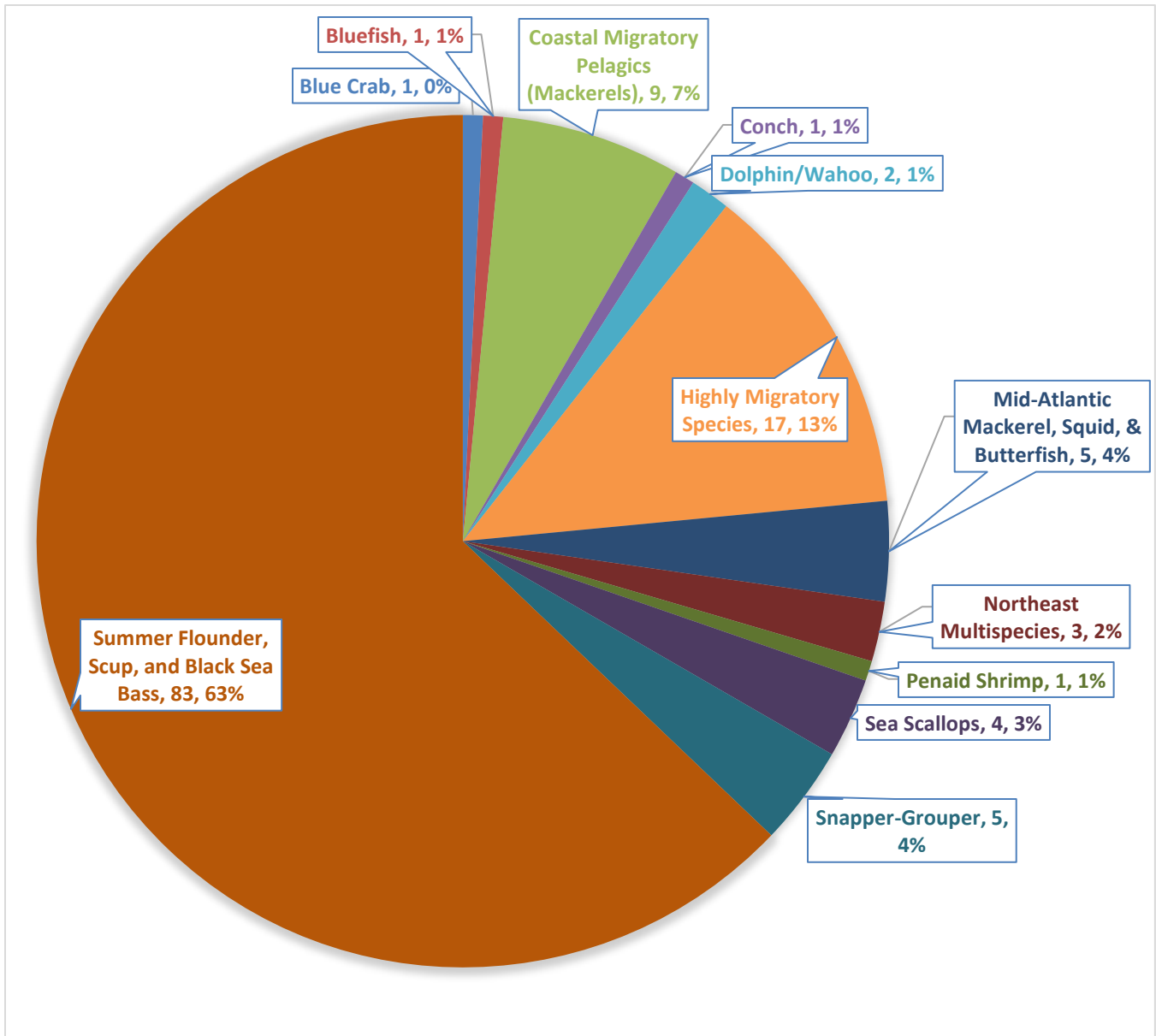
Violation Summary

29SEP21: USCGC LAWSON issued a fisheries violation to a commercial fishing vessel for engaging in fishing without proper gear on-board in accordance with the master's federal fisheries permit.

Marine Protected Species Support Summary

26AUG21: Sector Delaware Bay received a report of an alive and stranded humpback whale on a sandbar in the vicinity of Cape Henlopen, DE. The Marine Mammal Stranding Center was contacted and Coast Guard launched a small boat to establish a safety zone around the whale. The stranded whale was able to free itself with rising tide, but then beached itself again on the sandbar and was unable to get free. NOAA determined further assistance was not possible and euthanized the whale.

August – September 2021 District 5 Boardings by Fishery



II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(August 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations.....	This Period.....	Fiscal Year to Date
Dockside Exams.....	44.....	394
Decals Issued	40.....	337
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations.....	00.....	06

III. Search and Rescue Cases

From August 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021 there were 1 marine casualties reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision – 0
- Capsize – 0
- Collision – 0
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – 0
- Death/Missing – 0
- Fire – 0
- Flooding – 1
 - **29AUG21** – The engine room on a fishing vessel flooded with four feet of seawater due to a failed raw water suction hose. Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light responded and escorted the vessel to homeport without further incident.
- Fouling – 0
- Grounding – 0
- Injury – 0
- Loss of Propulsion/Steering – 0
- MEDEVAC – 0
- Fall(s) Overboard – 0
- Sinking – 0
- Terminations – 0

IV. Outreach – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Information

- Nothing significant to report