

FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



June 1, 2022 – July 31, 2022

Presented to the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council

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

Operations Summary

During this period, Fifth District law enforcement units conducted 103 fisheries boardings, which is consistent with FY21 boarding numbers.

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

<u>June 1, 2022 – July 31, 2022 Activities</u>	<u>Comparison to FY21</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	103..... 105
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	2..... 3
Violation Rate.....	1%..... 2%
<u>Activities Fiscal Year 2022</u>	<u>Comparison to FY21</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	631..... 450
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	13..... 20
Violation Rate.....	2%..... 4%

Violation Summary

16JUL22: A cutter issued an enforcement action report to a recreational vessel engaged in fishing without a federal permit.

23JUL22: A cutter issued an enforcement action report to a recreational vessel engaged in fishing without a federal permit.

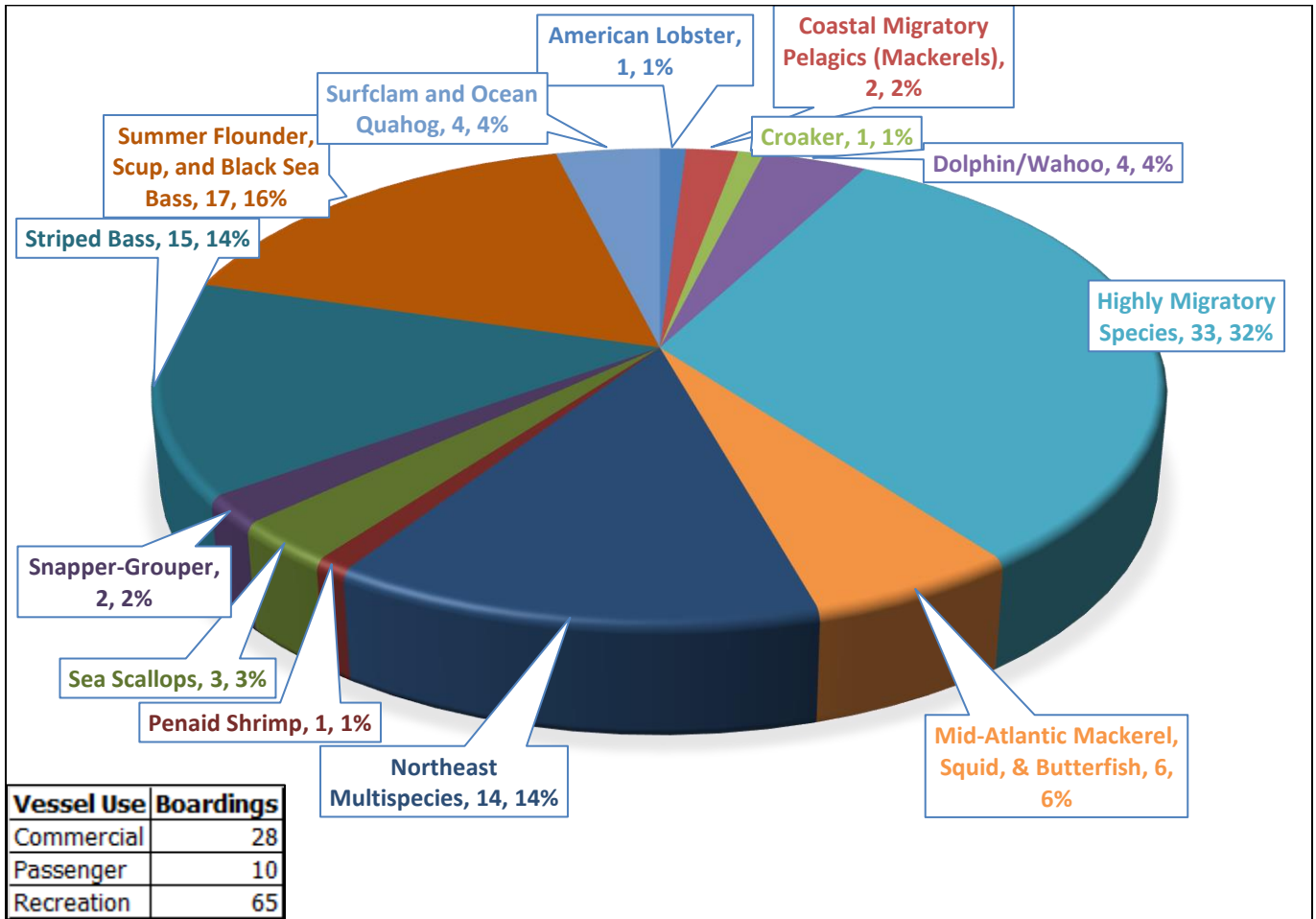
Operations

13JUN – 31JUL22 – Sector Virginia conducted an enforcement operation targeting the Highly Migratory Species fishery.

Marine Protected Species Support Summary

No cases.

June 2022 – July 2022 District 5 Boardings by Fishery



II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(June 1, 2022 – July 31, 2022)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations.....	This Period.....	Fiscal Year to Date
Dockside Exams.....	65.....	333
Decals Issued	62.....	257
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations.....	00.....	04

III. Search and Rescue Cases

From June 1, 2022 – July 31, 2022 there were 3 marine casualties/terminations reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision – 0
- Capsize – 0
- Collision – 1
 - **12JUN22:** A commercial fishing vessel struck an object and sank in the Elizabeth River Channel with 04 personnel on board. A USCG cutter witnessed the vessel sinking and rescued all 04 people in the water transferring them to EMS for further medical evaluation.
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – 0
- Death/Missing – 0
- Fire – 1
 - **01JUN22:** Sector Del Bay Command Center received a call regarding a fire onboard a commercial fishing vessel with 04 people on board. The crew was able to extinguish the fire without further incident and the vessel was towed to Lighthouse Marina, Barnegat NJ, where the vessel was met by the local fire department which deemed the vessel safe. The investigation determined that the initiating event was an electrical fire within the vessel's crane wiring harness; whereas, the fire spread to the aft portion of the main engine that affected two hatch covers and deck bench seat within the wheelhouse.
- Flooding – 0
- Fouling – 0
- Grounding – 0
- Injury – 0
- Loss of Propulsion/Steering – 0
- MEDEVAC – 0
- Fall(s) Overboard – 0
- Sinking – 1
 - **28MAY22:** A commercial fishing vessel was being towed by another fishing vessel when the towline broke, and the vessel drifted out to sea and was broken apart by the waves sinking near Shackleford Banks. At the time of the incident, there were three crewmembers

aboard the towing vessel and no one on the vessel being towed. The weather had deteriorated during the tow while in the vicinity of Beaufort Inlet, NC. When the vessel sank the EPIRB was activated and alerted USCG which launched a small boat, but only found debris in the search area. The investigation determined that the initiating event for this casualty was when the vessel being towed was set adrift after the towline parted resulting in the wind and waves breaking it apart eventually causing the vessel to sink.

- Terminations – 0

IV. Outreach – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Information

- Fifth District sector units continue outreach efforts through dock walks, training, and educational efforts.