

FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



December 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022

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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 110 fisheries boardings, which is above FY21 boarding numbers.

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

<u>December 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022 Activities</u>	<u>Comparison to FY21</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	110..... 52
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	4..... 1
Violation Rate.....	4%..... 2%
<u>Activities Fiscal Year 2022</u>	<u>Comparison to FY21</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	274..... 124
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	7..... 15
Violation Rate.....	3%..... 12%

Violation Summary

10DEC21: A small boat issued an enforcement action report (EAR) to a recreational vessel for being in possession of an Atlantic Striped Bass in the EEZ.

13JAN22: A cutter issued an EAR to a commercial vessel engaged in fishing in the EEZ without a valid federal permit.

24JAN22: A cutter issued an EAR to a commercial vessel engaged in fishing in the EEZ without an operators permit onboard.

27JAN22: A cutter issued an EAR to a commercial vessel engaged in fishing in the EEZ without an operators permit onboard.

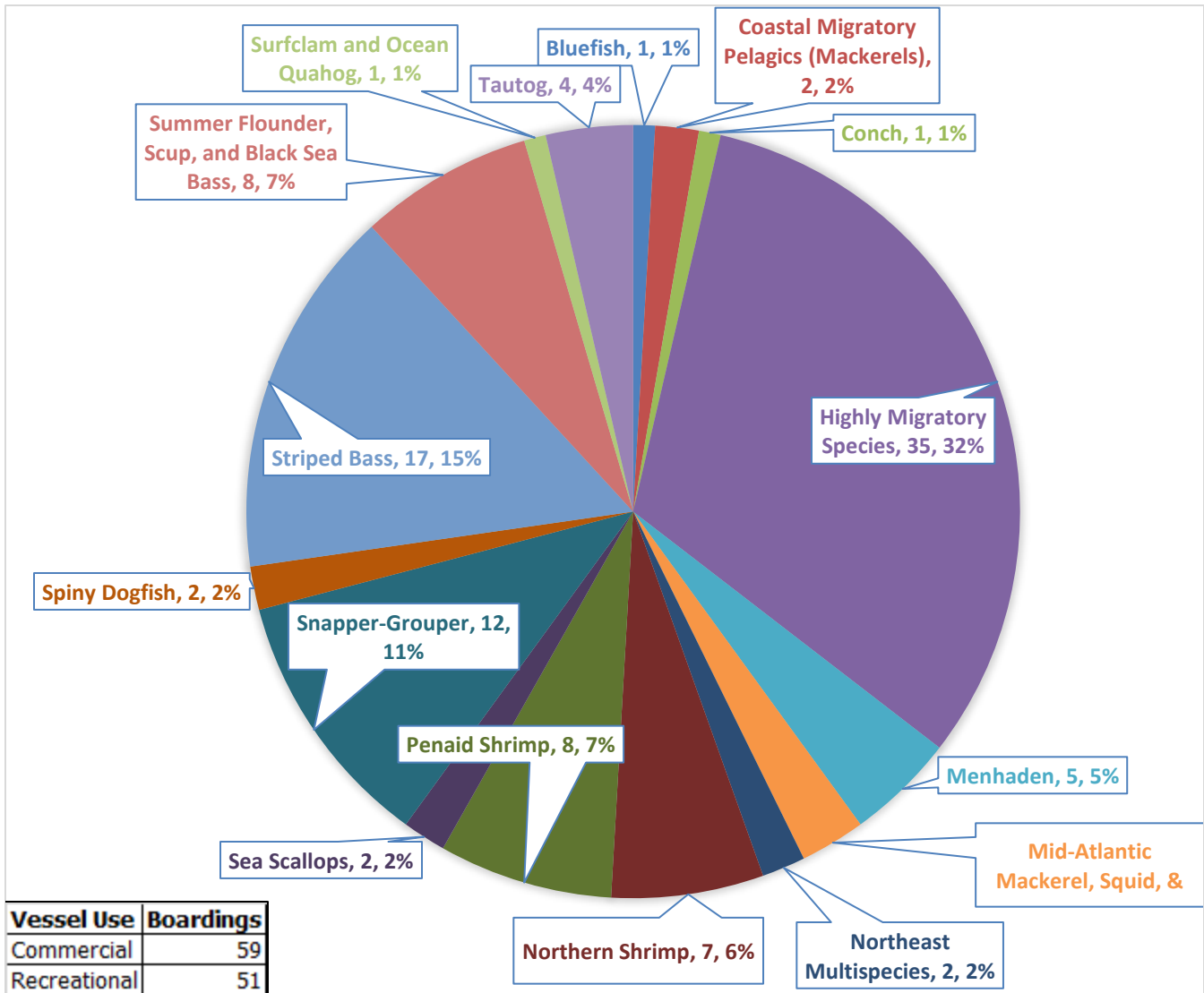
Operations

09NOV21-28FEB22: Operation Stars and Stripers - targets fishers fishing for Atlantic Striped Bass in the EEZ.

Marine Protected Species Support Summary

No cases.

December 2021 – January 2022 District 5 Boardings by Fishery



II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(December 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations.....	This Period.....	Fiscal Year to Date
Dockside Exams.....	51.....	107
Decals Issued	36.....	85
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations.....	.03.....	04

III. Search and Rescue Cases

From December 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022 there were 13 marine casualties/terminations reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision – 0
- Capsize – 0
- Collision – 0
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – 2
 - **29DEC21:** A mystery oil sheen was reported in the vicinity of Oriental, NC. A contractor was hired by Coast Guard responders to clean up the spill and help prevent further environmental impact. The investigation to identify a responsible party is on-going.
 - **19JAN22:** A fishing vessel discharged diesel fuel into the water in the vicinity of Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. The responsible party took action to secure the source and effect clean-up; case closed.
- Death/Missing – 0
- Fire – 0
- Flooding – 2
 - **12DEC21:** A fishing vessel anchored off NC observed water ingress into the machinery space from a pipe failure. A Coast Guard small boat responded and successfully passed two submersible dewatering pumps to the vessel and repairs were safety made.
 - **13JAN22:** A fishing vessel was moored in Calabash, NC began taking on water in the machinery space due to a failed bilge pump causing the vessel to sink at the pier. The owner hired a marine salvage company to dewater and refloat the vessel.
- Fouling – 0
- Grounding – 4
 - **07DEC21:** A fishing vessel lost propulsion off the coast of Duck, NC and ran aground. A Coast Guard helicopter hoisted the crewmembers to safety and the vessel was successfully towed off the beach.

- **09DEC21:** A fishing vessel ran aground in the vicinity of Avon, NC while engaged in fishing. Another fishing vessel and a Coast Guard small boat were able to tow the vessel off the sand shoal without damages.
 - **12DEC21:** A fishing vessel grounded near the inlet of Ocean City, MD while transiting inbound to offload catch. The vessel was refloated the next morning at high tide without damages.
 - **06JAN22:** A fishing vessel ran aground in Newport River, NC due to a submerged rock jetty. The vessel discharged fresh water tanks and transferred fuel tanks, and was able to free the vessel without damages.
- Injury – 0
 - Loss of Propulsion/Steering – 2
 - **08DEC21:** A fishing vessel reported a broken shaft that resulted in water intrusion. Another fishing vessel was able to assist with repairs and provided a tow back to port.
 - **14DEC21:** A fishing vessel experienced a loss of propulsion due to an engine casualty while trawling off the coast of Chincoteague, VA. The vessel was safely towed back to port.
- MEDEVAC – 0
 - Fall(s) Overboard – 0
 - Sinking – 0
 - Terminations – 3
 - **07DEC21:** A fishing vessel was boarded at sea and the voyage was terminated for fishing without the required amount of survival suits for the number of people on board, not having operational lights, and having an expired hydrostatic release for their life raft.
 - **18DEC21:** A fishing vessel was boarded at sea and the voyage was terminated for having no fire extinguishers, no EPIRB, and no visual distress signals on board.
 - **13JAN22:** A fishing vessel was boarded at sea and the voyage was terminated for fishing without a commercial fishing permit and six safety gear violations.

IV. Outreach – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Information

- Coast Guard fishing vessel examiners are actively distributing cold water flyers to fishing vessels throughout the Fifth District area of responsibility.
- Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiners recently participated in the 47th Annual Maryland's Waterman's Association Expo in Ocean City, Maryland.