

FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



October 1, 2021 – November 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 149 fisheries boardings, which is above FY21 boarding numbers.

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

<u>October 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021 Activities</u>	<u>Comparison to FY21</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	149..... 43
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	3..... 14
Violation Rate.....	2%..... 32.5%

<u>Activities Fiscal Year 2022</u>	<u>Comparison to FY21</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	149..... 43
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	3..... 14
Violation Rate.....	2%..... 32.5%

Violation Summary

02NOV21: A cutter issued an enforcement action report (EAR) to a commercial vessel engaged in fishing for shrimp in the EEZ without a federal fisheries permit or operators permit onboard.

11NOV21: A cutter issued an EAR to a commercial vessel engaged in fishing for scallops in the EEZ without an operators permit onboard.

17NOV21: A small boat issued an EAR to a recreational vessel engaged in fishing for Atlantic Striped Bass in the EEZ.

Operations

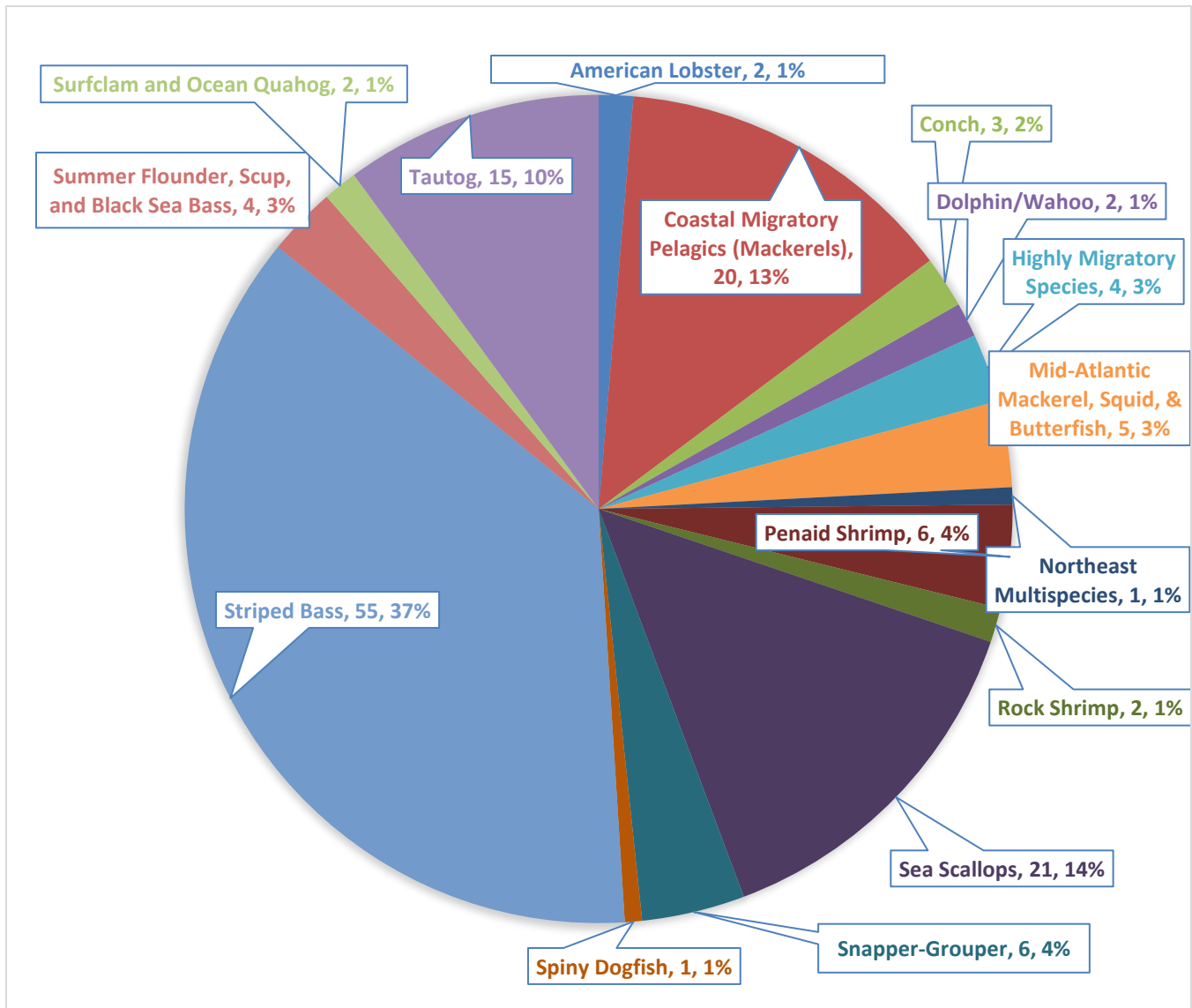
09NOV21-28FEB22: Operation Stars and Stripers - targets fishers fishing for Atlantic Striped Bass in the EEZ.

01DEC21-05DEC21: Right Whale Surge Operation – operation is joint with NOAA targeting vessels violating right whale speed zone restrictions at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay.

Marine Protected Species Support Summary

No cases.

October – November 2021 District 5 Boardings by Fishery



II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(October 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations.....	This Period.....	Fiscal Year to Date
Dockside Exams.....	56.....	56
Decals Issued	49.....	49
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations.....	01.....	01

III. Search and Rescue Cases

From October 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021 there were 5 marine casualties reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision – 0
- Capsize – 0
- Collision – 0
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – 1
 - **15OCT21:** A fishing vessel discharged approximately 10 gallons of diesel fuel into the water in the vicinity of Newport News, VA due to an issue with the fuel tank.
- Death/Missing – 1
 - **27OCT21:** The USCG received a report that an operator of a fishing vessel F/V was missing and then recovered several days later.
- Fire – 1
 - **28OCT21:** A fishing vessel caught fire at a pier in the vicinity of Chester, MD that was determined to be a battery charger being left on and unattended.
- Flooding – 0
- Fouling – 0
- Grounding – 1
 - **09OCT21:** A fishing vessel ran aground near Barnegat Inlet, NJ. No damage was sustained and the vessel was ungrounded.
- Injury – 0
- Loss of Propulsion/Steering – 1
 - **29OCT21:** A fishing vessel lost propulsion due to a faulty computer component related to the engine approximately 85NM off Atlantic City, NJ. The part was delivered and vessel was able to get back underway.
- MEDEVAC – 0

- Fall(s) Overboard – 0
- Sinking – 0
- Terminations – 1
 - **14OCT21:** A fishing vessel was boarded and the voyage was terminated for fishing without the required amount of survival suits for the number of people onboard.

IV. Outreach – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Information

- Coast Guard fishing vessel examiners are actively distributing cold water flyers to fishing vessels throughout the District 5 area of responsibility.