

FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



June 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023

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 95 fisheries boardings, which is less than FY22 boarding numbers. This is largely due to competing mission demands; several Fast Response Cutters have deployed to support a migrant surge off the coast of southern Florida over the last several months.

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

June 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023 Activities	Comparison to FY22
Fisheries Boardings.....	95..... 129
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations	0..... 2
Violation Rate	0%..... 1%
Activities Fiscal Year 2023	Comparison to FY22
Fisheries Boardings.....	502..... 666
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations	7..... 13
Violation Rate	1%..... 2%

Violation Summary

No violations were issued during this period.

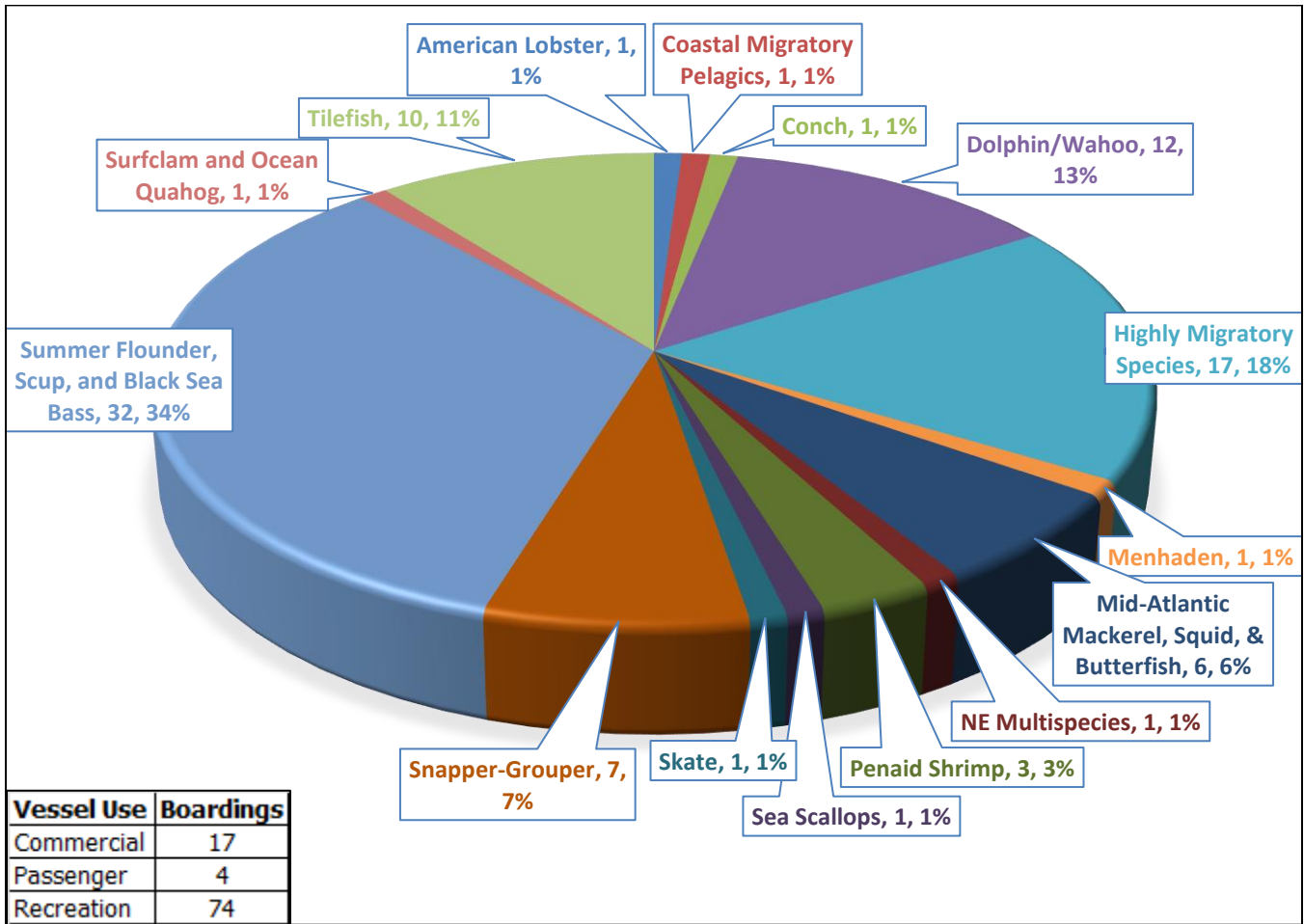
Marine Protected Species Support Summary

27JUN23: Station Oregon Inlet received a phone call from a recreational fisherman stating a sea turtle swallowed their hook and was bringing the turtle to a near-by boat ramp. The station responded and was able to remove the hook, and the National Park Service arrived shortly after and determined the turtle was in good health and could be released back into the ocean.

Operations

Nothing significant to report.

June 2023 – July 2023 District 5 Boardings by Fishery



II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(June 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations.....	This Period.....	Fiscal Year to Date
Dockside Exams.....	56.....	355
Decals Issued	42.....	272
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations.....	00.....	09

III. Search and Rescue Cases

From June 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023, there were 3 reported marine casualties/terminations involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Collision – 1
 - **06JUL23:** The pleasure craft TUNA COWBOY collided with the fishing vessel ANYA JO while both vessels were transiting in the vicinity of Cape May Inlet, NJ. No pollution or injuries were reported by either vessel, investigation pends.
- Fire – 1
 - **18JUN23:** District Five was notified of a 406MHz EPIRB from the fishing vessel FULL TIMER located 18 miles east of Oregon Inlet. Station Oregon Inlet launched their small boat and upon arrival they found the vessel had an engine fire and were disabled. No medical concerns or injuries were reported, and the small boat towed the vessel to Wanchese Harbor.
- MEDEVAC – 1
 - **20JUN23:** Sector Maryland-NCR received notification for a MEDEVAC request from fishing vessel JUDITH M for person on board who lost consciousness with low blood pressure. The vessel was 8 miles from Ocean City Inlet and returning to Ocean City, when the Station Ocean City small boat arrived on scene and transferred EMS to the vessel, and escorted them back to the dock, transferring the person to an awaiting ambulance.

IV. Outreach – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Information

- Fifth District and Sector units continue outreach efforts through dock walks, training, and educational efforts.
- Fifth District and Sector units assisted Fishing Partnership Support Services with scheduling upcoming Industry “Drill Conductor Courses” training.