

FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



February 1, 2022 – March 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 69 fisheries boardings, which is above FY21 boarding numbers.

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

February 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022 Activities	Comparison to FY21
Fisheries Boardings.....	69..... 62
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	1..... 1
Violation Rate.....	1%..... 2%
Activities Fiscal Year 2022	Comparison to FY21
Fisheries Boardings.....	384..... 186
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	8..... 16
Violation Rate.....	2%..... 9%

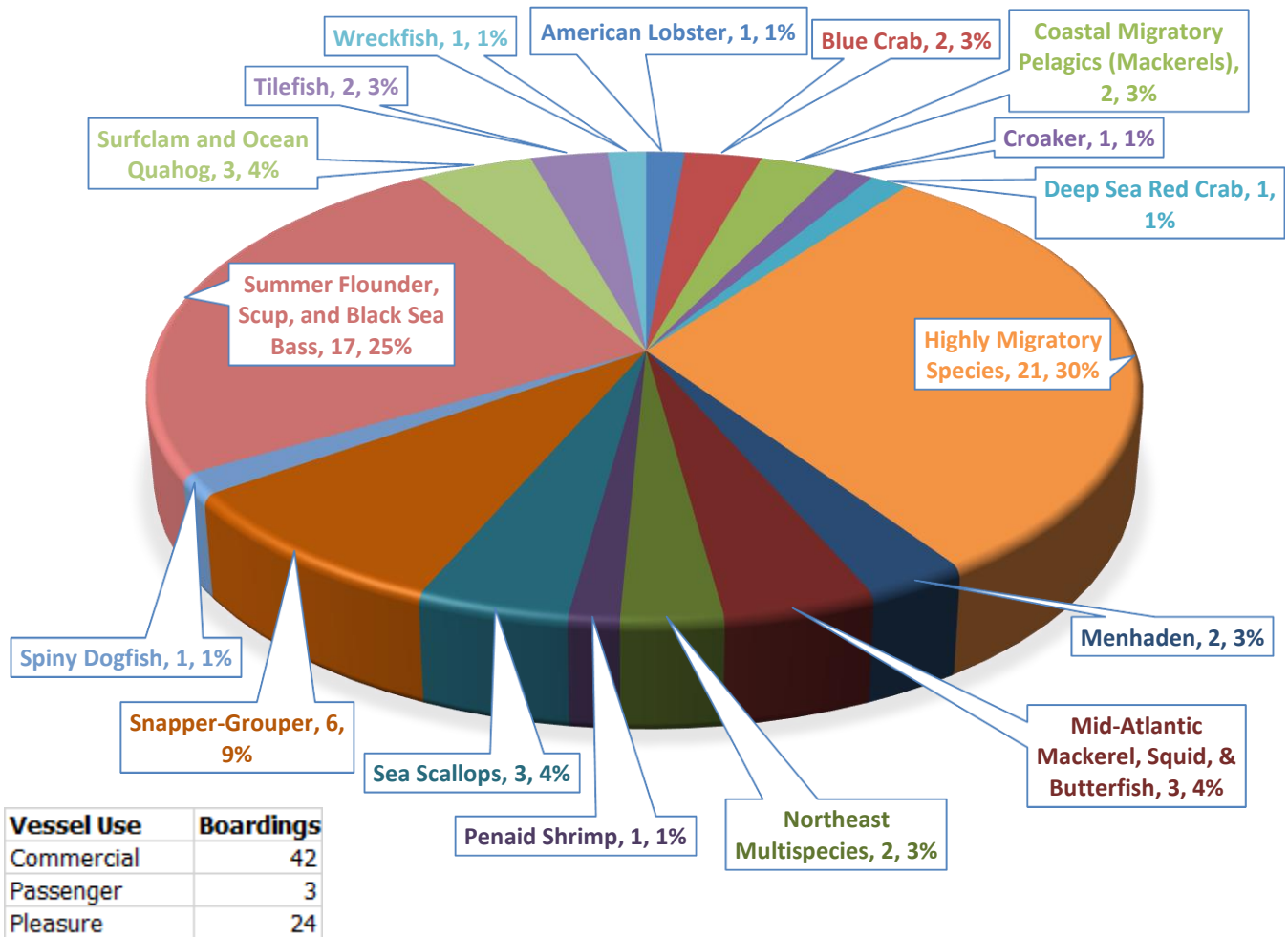
Violation Summary

05MAR22: A cutter issued an enforcement action report to a recreational vessel engaged in fishing without a valid federal permit.

Marine Protected Species Support Summary

20FEB22: A cutter assisted NC Wildlife Resources Commission release approximately 20 sea turtles to their natural habitat.

February 2022 – March 2022 District 5 Boardings by Fishery



II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(February 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations.....	This Period.....	Fiscal Year to Date
Dockside Exams.....	81.....	188
Decals Issued	59.....	144
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations.....	00.....	04

III. Search and Rescue Cases

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

- Allision – 0
- Capsize – 0
- Collision – 1
 - **10FEB22:** Two fishing vessels collided approximately 35 NM east of Oregon Inlet, NC. There were no injuries reported and damage was minimal for both vessels. A USCG investigation determined that the operator of one of the vessels failed to proceed at a safe speed for prevailing conditions resulting in a collision, which constitutes a violation of the navigation rules.
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – 1
 - **16FEB22:** A fishing vessel discharged hydraulic oil into the water at Hetteras Marina, NC from the bilge pump during a commercial fishing vessel safety examination. The vessel secured the bilge pump and reported the incident; the discharged oil was not recoverable.
- Death/Missing – 0
- Fire – 0
- Flooding – 0
- Fouling – 0
- Grounding – 0
- Injury – 0
- Loss of Propulsion/Steering – 1
 - **10FEB22:** A vessel fishing approximately 35 nm east from Oregon Inlet, NC lost steering due to a ruptured hydraulic hose. The vessel was safely towed back to the pier by another fishing vessel operating in the area. An assessment revealed the operator had previously made temporary repairs by patching the hose and securing it with several hose clamps that were installed with a plastic fitting where the hose penetrates the bulkhead. The USCG determined the temporary repairs contributed to the ruptured hydraulic hose because the bulkhead penetration did not have fitting for the hydraulic hose, and the hose was chafing against the fiberglass.

- MEDEVAC – 0
- Fall(s) Overboard – 0
- Sinking – 0
- Terminations – 0

IV. Outreach – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Information

- Commercial 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 2022 Atlantic City Boat Show in Atlantic City, New Jersey.