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FISHERIES

Office of Law
Enforcement

NOAA Office of Law Enforcement Overview

Port State Measures Inspector Training Workshop
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NOAA OLE

- Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD
- Five divisions co-located with regional offices
- 53 field offices throughout the U.S. and territories
- 71 Special Agents
- 62 Enforcement Officers
- 62 Support Staff (including fisheries intelligence analysts)



U.S. Primary Jurisdiction



- 3.36 million square miles of open ocean
- More than 95,000 miles of U.S. coastline
- 13 National Marine Sanctuaries and 4 National Marine Monuments
- High seas and international trade relating to U.S. treaties and international law

Primary Laws OLE Enforces



- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Lacey Act
- Port State Measures Agreement Act of 2015 (PSMA)
- National Marine Sanctuaries Act



Law Enforcement Operations

- Patrols & Inspections
- Investigations
- 28 State Cooperative Enforcement Partnerships
- Cooperation with U.S. Coast Guard
- Federal Partnerships (USFWS, CBP)
- Compliance Assistance & Education
- Nationwide Satellite based Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)
- Prosecution Partnership
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section
 - U.S. Department of Justice



Using VMS, NOAA Enforcement monitors more than 4,500 vessels to ensure compliance and provides data to the U.S. Coast Guard, State and Territory partners, NOAA scientists, and fisheries managers.



International Law Enforcement



Law Enforcement – International

- Investigations of Illegal Unreported & Unregulated (IUU) fishing activity and trafficking in IUU fish & fish products
- Fisheries enforcement technical assistance to combat IUU fishing
- Engagement in bilateral and multilateral arrangements to combat IUU fishing
- Port State Measures and other IUU-fishing related agreements & legislation
- Coordination with international organizations (e.g. INTERPOL, International MCS Network)
- Presidential Task Forces on Wildlife Trafficking & IUU Fishing/Seafood Fraud



Partnerships – U.S. Government

Established:

- *Coast Guard*
- *Customs and Border Protection*
- *Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center – CTAC*
- *Navy*
- *INTERPOL*
- *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
- *Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE)*

Muchísimas gracias!!



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