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Enforcement Overview

Caribbean Fishery Management Council Meeting
December 4, 2025.

Compliance Liaison Matt Walia



Trainings



USCG Living Marine Resource Training

- Federal violations/trends, case referral
- Dolphin/Wahoo regs, job-aids



DNER Academy

- New recruit training
- Federal violations/trends, case referral



SIMP/IUU

Seafood Import Monitoring Program

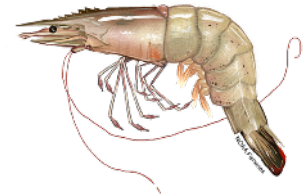
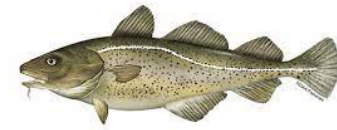
➤ Unique species requiring **reporting/recordkeeping** requirements

➤ Traceability

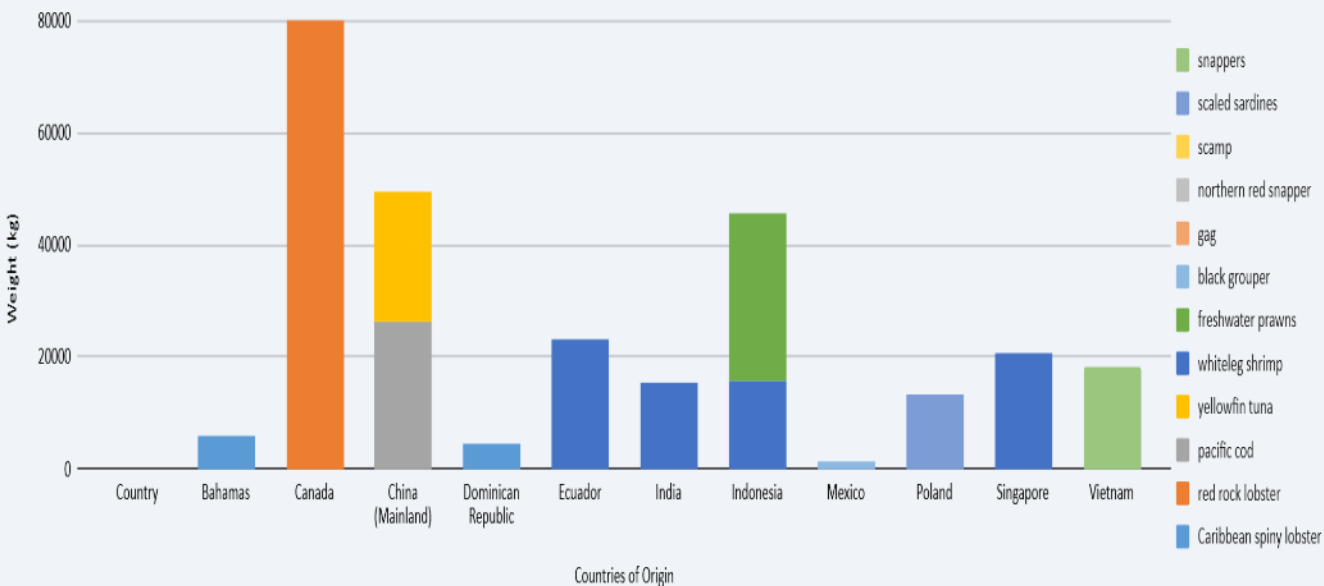
➤ Harvest to point of entry into U.S.

➤ Cod/Shrimp from Spain

➤ Previous non-compliance



Inspected Seafood, by Countries of Origin and Species, Quarter 4 2025 (OLE)





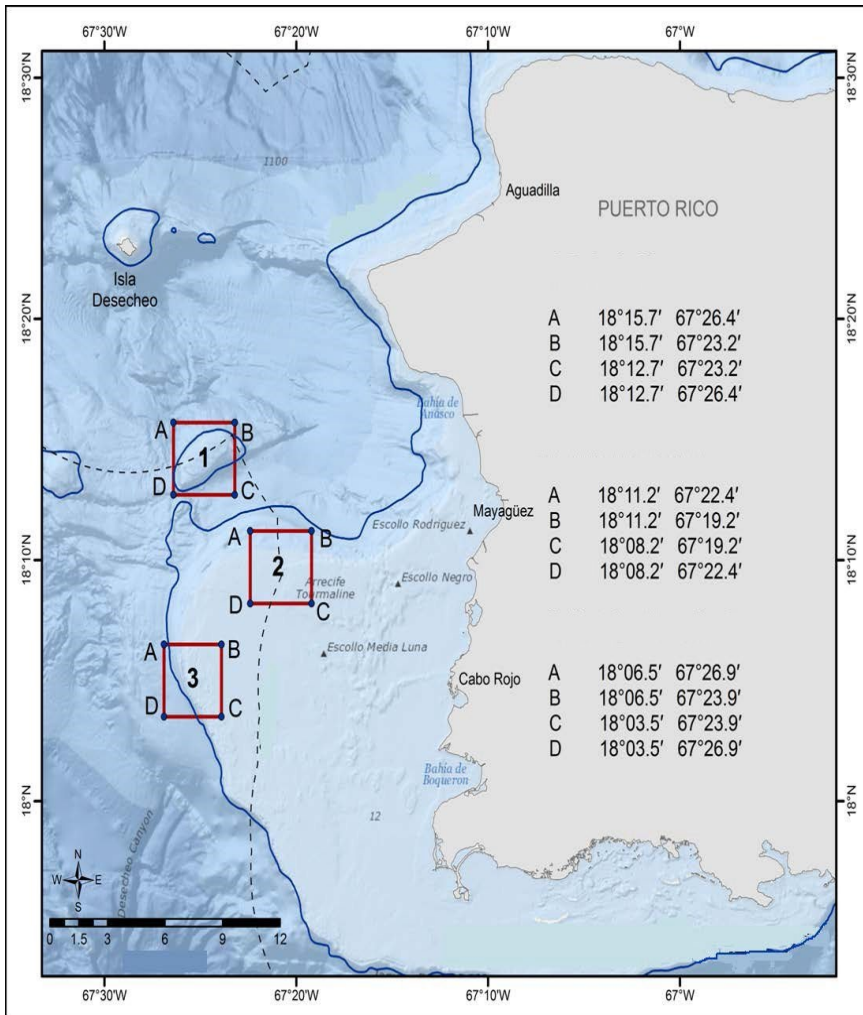
Recent Cases

- Lacking HMS Caribbean Small Boat Permit
 - Incidental shark catch
- Commercial Trap Fishing in Hind Bank
 - Vessel out of Puerto Rico
 - Tip from public
 - Joint USCG patrol/boarding



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Enforcement Reminders: Puerto Rico



1. Bajo de Sico

- Closed Oct 1- March 31, no person may fish for or possess any reef fish
- HMS species and lobster **allowed**
- No Anchoring, traps, nets, bottom gear year round

2. Tourmaline Bank

- Closed Dec 1-Feb 28
- No traps, nets, bottom gear year round

3. Abrir la Sierra

- Closed Dec 1-Feb 28
- No Anchoring, traps, nets, bottom gear year round

Seasonal Red Hind Closure

- Closed Dec 1-Feb 28, west of 67°10' W longitude

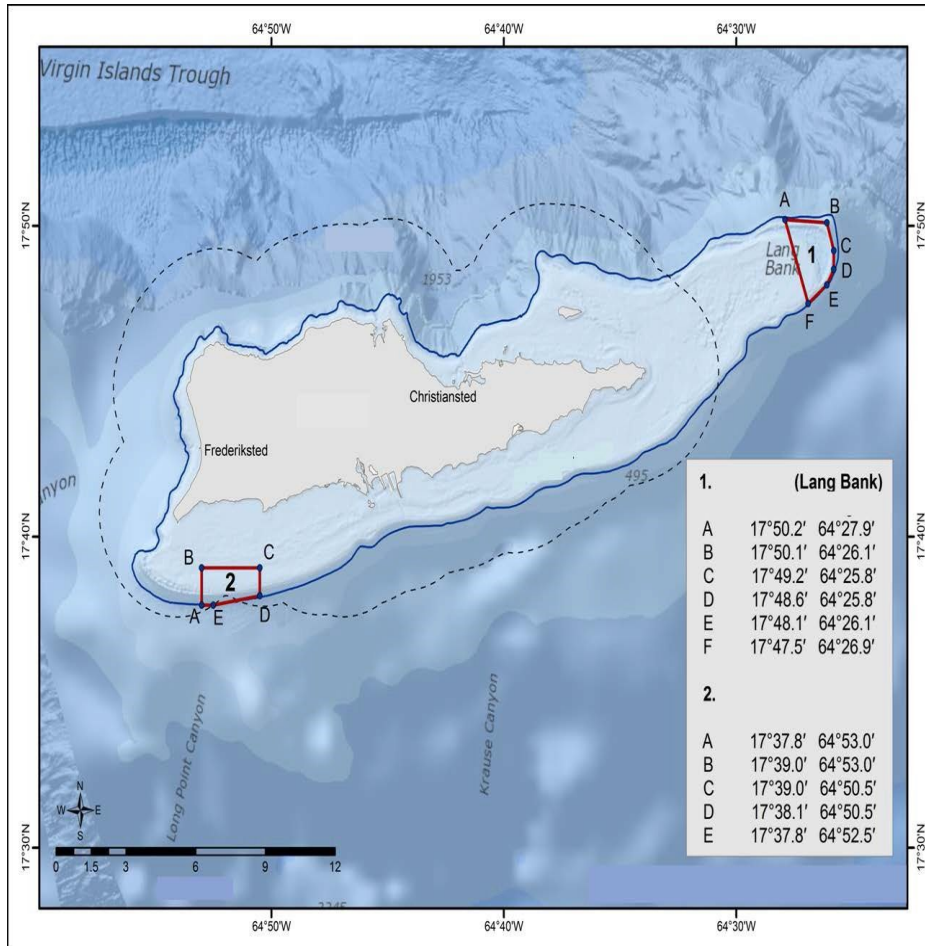


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Enforcement Reminders: St Croix

1. Lang Bank

- Closed Dec 1-Feb 28
- No traps, nets, bottom gear year round



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Report A Violation

NOAA's Law Enforcement Hotline,
available 24/7 at
(800) 853-1964

- Location, time, and date of the activity.
- Description of the activity.
- Name(s) of the vessel, owner/operator, captain, crew, or additional witnesses.



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QUESTIONS

