

Oculina Bank Habitat Area of Particular Concern

Quarterly Enforcement Report

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April to June 2007



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CASE DISPOSITIONS:

SE0701005FM – MLB, Inc. and Kenneth Motley, owner and operator, respectively, of the bottom longliner LITTLE JO, were charged jointly and severally with unlawful retention of South Atlantic snapper-grouper (golden tilefish) in the Oculina Bank HAPC Experimental Closed Area. The Respondents were assessed a \$7,500 monetary penalty. The Agency entered into a settlement agreement with the Respondents during the 4th Quarter of FY 2007 whereby they paid a compromise monetary penalty of \$4,000.

SE0601603FM – The Agency entered into a settlement agreement with Quentin Creamer and John Steel, owner and operator, respectively, of the rock shrimp trawler APALACHEE WARRIOR, whereby they paid a compromise monetary penalty of \$10,000 and served a two month rock shrimp permit sanction.

SE044060FM – The Agency entered into a settlement agreement with Cieutat Trawlers, Inc., owner of the rock shrimp trawler THE SHOOTIST, whereby it paid a compromise monetary penalty of \$10,000 and will serve a two month rock shrimp permit sanction. The operator, Jason Dorman, owes the Agency \$41,500 and has had all required federal permits applied for and/or issued, including his operator permit card, permanently sanctioned.

MEDIA:

The Florida Today outdoors section ran an article regarding the Council's decision to make no changes to the OECA.

OUTREACH:

SA Chesler distributed SAFMC regulations brochures and Oculina Bank rack cards to the organizers of the Blue Water Open offshore fishing tournament for inclusion in captain's bags.

SA Chesler and Lt. Sidor distributed SAFMC regulations brochures and Oculina Bank rack cards to recreational fishermen while on patrol off of Fort Pierce during the Blue Water Open tournament in June.

TRAINING:

No Oculina specific training was conducted during this quarter.

PATROL ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:

1. CGC *Mohawk* intercepted and terminated a bottom longliner with golden tilefish onboard inside the OECA. NOAA OLE conducted a dockside investigation. See case disposition above.
2. CGC *Shrike* and a C-130 from Air Station Clearwater (w/ two NOAA agents onboard) patrolled the entire Oculina Bank in April. Three commercial fishing vessels were boarded with no violations noted.
3. FWCC P/V *Randall* with SA Chesler onboard conducted a joint patrol with a small boat from USCG Sta. Fort Pierce during the Blue Water Open offshore fishing tournament. No violations were noted. Most of the recreational vessels checked were aware of Oculina Bank regulations.

PATROL REPORTS:

Attachment A: USCG and FL FWCC Oculina Bank patrol effort report, Apr – Jun, 2007 (Spreadsheet)

Attachment B: Oculina patrols by agency, Apr – Jun, 2007 (Graph)

**Attachment C: Oculina detections and boardings, Apr – Jun, 2007
(Graph)**

NOTES:

This report is comprised of data submitted by LT Chad Brick, USCG and Lt. Jeff Sidor, FL FWCC.

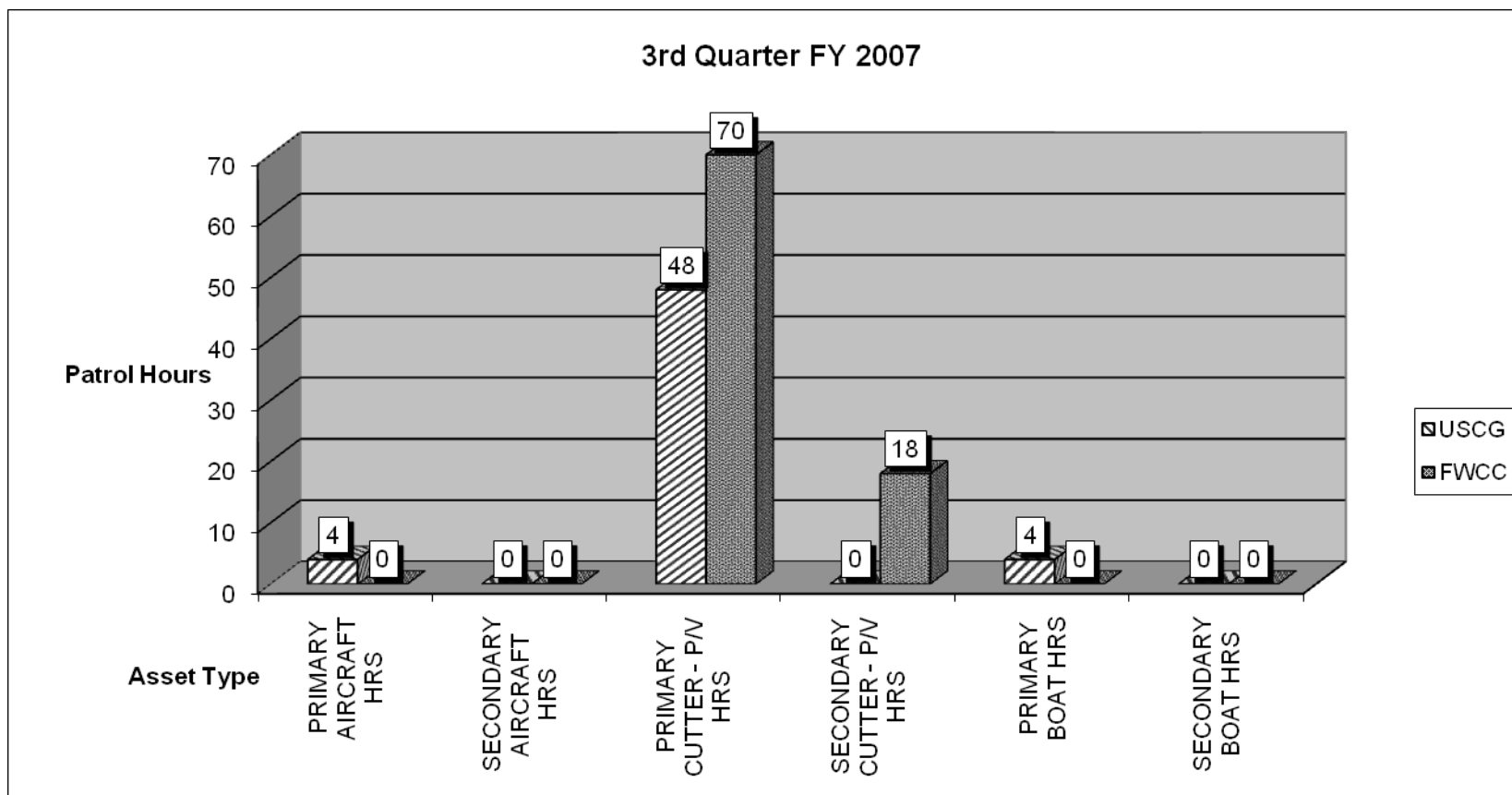
Secondary hours for the USCG indicates hours an asset (aircraft, cutter, boat) was in the Oculina Bank but on a non-fisheries mission.

Secondary hours for the FL FWCC indicate hours an asset (aircraft, patrol vessel, boat) was transiting to the Oculina Bank.

Patrol Effort

USCG AND FL FWCC OCULINA BANK PATROL EFFORT REPORT:							
APR-JUN 2007							
		USCG		FWCC			
Fiscal Year 2007 - 3rd QUARTER		APR	YTD	APR	YTD	MONTHLY TOTAL	Notes
	COMMERCIAL F/V DETECTED	3	30	1	11	4	CGC Mohawk intercepted a
	COMMERCIAL F/V BOARDED	4	15	1	2	5	bottom L/L with tilefish O/B
	RECREATIONAL F/V DETECTED	0	11	6	37	6	
	RECREATIONAL F/V BOARDED	0	1	0	2	0	CGC Shrike Boarded 03 vsls
	PRIMARY AIRCRAFT HRS	4	12	0	0	4	during Oculina Op w/ NEGRES
	SECONDARY AIRCRAFT HRS	0	4	0	0	0	
	PRIMARY CUTTER - P/V HRS	40	140	19	136	59	AirSta. Clearwater C-130 flew
	SECONDARY CUTTER - P/V HRS	0	20	6	40	6	patrol for CGC Shrike w/
	PRIMARY BOAT HRS	0	0	0	0	0	2 NOAA agents onboard
	SECONDARY BOAT HRS	0	0	0	0	0	
	VIOLATIONS DETECTED	1	3	0	0	1	FWCC 2 days on scene
	SUB TOTAL PATROL HRS	44	176	25	176	69	USCG 4 days on scene
	MAY	YTD	MAY	YTD	MONTHLY TOTAL	Notes	
COMMERCIAL F/V DETECTED	1	31	0	11	1	FWCC 2 days on scene	
COMMERCIAL F/V BOARDED	1	16	0	2	1	USCG 1 day on scene	
RECREATIONAL F/V DETECTED	0	11	8	45	8		
RECREATIONAL F/V BOARDED	0	1	0	2	0		
PRIMARY AIRCRAFT HRS	0	12	0	0	0		
SECONDARY AIRCRAFT HRS	0	4	0	0	0		
PRIMARY CUTTER - P/V HRS	8	148	20	156	28		
SECONDARY CUTTER - P/V HRS	0	20	6	46	6		

Patrols by Agency



Detections and Boardings

