

Oculina Bank Habitat Area of Particular Concern

Quarterly Enforcement Report

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CASE DISPOSITIONS:

No Oculina specific case dispositions this quarter.

MEDIA:

An Oculina Bank documentary, “Fragile Forests of the Deep” was released and presented at the SAFMC meeting. . The documentary featured interviews of enforcement personnel and footage of enforcement patrols and VMS monitoring.

OUTREACH:

No Oculina specific outreach conducted this quarter.

TRAINING:

No Oculina specific training conducted this quarter.

PATROL ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1. The FL FWCC Patrol Vessel *C.T. Randall* was out of the water for maintenance for the majority of this quarter, however spent a total of 4 days on scene in the Oculina HAPC. Four recreational vessels were observed and boarded with no violations noted.**
- 2. The USCG conducted combined air and sea patrols during October and November. Two Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Act violations were discovered.**

PATROL REPORTS:

Attachment A: USCG and FL FWCC Oculina Bank patrol effort report, Oct – Dec, 2008 (Spreadsheet)

Attachment B: Oculina patrols by agency, Oct - Dec, 2008 (Graph)

Attachment C: Oculina detections and boardings, Oct - Dec, 2008 (Graph)

NOTES:

This report is comprised of data submitted by LT Brian Sullivan USCG, Lt. Jeff Sidor, and Lt. George Waldeck 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 and NOAA indicate hours an asset (aircraft, patrol vessel, boat) was transiting to the Oculina Bank or patrolling near the area and available to respond.