

Civil Administrative Enforcement Actions
December 1 – 31, 2024¹
**During this reporting period, NOAA charged 9 cases, settled 10 cases,
and otherwise resolved 3 cases.²**

Cases Charged in December 2024³

ALASKA

1. AK2205596, AK2301221; F/V Evie Grace – Owner Evie Grace Fisheries, LLC, and Operator Robert B. Langdon were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) with observer sampling interference, unlawful discard of a Rockfish Program species, and with exceeding maximum retainable amounts of bycatch in 2022 and 2023. A \$35,918 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$33,368.
2. AK2301222; F/V Gambler – Owner Gambler Tendering, LLC and Operator Kyle Potter were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with operating a vessel without transmitting from a vessel monitoring system when required, and with catching and retaining Pacific cod from waters adjacent to the Gulf of Alaska without all required designations and/or endorsements, and/or when directed fishing for Pacific cod was not open. A \$29,621.38 NOVA was issued.
3. AK2307285; F/V Unimak – Owner Unimak Vessel, LLC and Operator David L. Ostrom were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with exceeding the maximum retainable amount of pollock on one fishing trip and failing to timely submit one product transfer report. A \$4,514 NOVA was issued.

NORTHEAST

4. NE2201846; F/V Nee's Way – Owner/Operator Calvin E. Pinkham was charged under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act with fishing for American lobster in the Exclusive Economic Zone without a valid Federal limited access lobster permit. A \$15,000 NOVA was issued.

¹ This report is not considered to be a publication. All data are provisional.

² This report provides the final settlement amount where applicable. Additional details regarding the settlement and structure of the settlement payments, including the factors considered in reaching settlement, are omitted.

³ Charged cases have had a Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA), Notice of Permit Sanction (NOPS), and/or Written Warning issued and served. NOVAs, NOPSs, and Written Warnings contain the Agency's allegations of violations by the respondent(s). In response to receiving a NOVA, NOPS, or Written Warning, a respondent may challenge both the allegations and the proposed penalty or permit sanction, through means set forth in NOAA's civil procedure regulations, found at 15 C.F.R. Part 904. Where no information is provided regarding resolution of the case, the matter remained open at the end of the reporting period.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

None.

SOUTHEAST

5. SE2306298; M/Y Podium – Owner Hawk Marine Ltd. and Operator Andrew J. Hutchins were charged jointly and severally under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act with operating a vessel greater than 50 meters inside the Area To Be Avoided in and around the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. A \$7,500 NOVA was issued and the case settled for \$6,750.
6. SE2307490; D/B EPIC Hedron – Offshore Oil Block Lessee Renaissance Offshore, LLC and Owner/Operator Helix Energy Solutions, Inc. were charged jointly and severally under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act with anchoring a vessel within the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary. A \$2,500 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$2,250.
7. SE2314935; F/V Game On – Owner Chris Morrison Fishing Ventures Inc. and Operator Christian Allen Morrison were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with fishing inside the Edisto Marine Protected Area. A \$5,750 NOVA was issued.
8. SE2408816; F/V Rum Runner – Owner Venice Boat Partners 1 LLC and Operators Marshall Gray Long Jr., Go Long Charters LLC were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with possessing Gulf reef fish in the EEZ aboard a charter vessel without a federal charter permit. A \$7,750 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$7,175.

WEST COAST

9. WC2405541; Unnamed 35' Sailboat – Owner/Operator David A. White was charged under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act with discharging/depositing unauthorized material in Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary when the vessel sank in the sanctuary during transit. A \$7,500 NOVA was issued.

Resolved Cases Charged Before December 1, 2024

ALASKA

1. AK2205728; F/V Norse Maid – Operator/IFQ hired master Nick A. Carlson was charged under the Northern Pacific Halibut Act with failing to log one fishing trip in the

Observer Deploy and Declare System as required. A \$4,500 NOVA issued. The NOVA became a final administrative decision due to default. [See Charged Cases, Item 1, from September 2024 report].⁴

2. AK2205793; F/V Cape Caution – Operator Kerby Glen Mitchell was charged under the Northern Pacific Halibut Act with possessing chunked halibut in violation of the Act's annual management measures. 232 pounds of chunked Northern Pacific halibut were forfeited by abandonment. A \$2,050 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$1,845. [See Charged Cases, Item 1, from November 2024 report]
3. AK2105310; F/V US Intrepid – Crewman Zedrick Moli (aka Zedrick Allen) was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with harassing and sexually harassing a female fisheries observer. An \$18,000 NOVA was issued. The NOVA became a final administrative decision due to default. [See Charged Cases, Item 1, from October 2024 report.]⁵

NORTHEAST

4. NE2403407; F/V King Cod VII – Owner K C Fishing Inc. and Operator Joseph G. Tangel were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with possessing undersized Atlantic cod and fishing for Northeast Multispecies during a closure. A \$5,000 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$2,700. [See Charged Cases, Item 9, from November 2024 report]

PACIFIC ISLANDS

None.

SOUTHEAST

5. SE2106100; F/V Anastasia – Owner Davis Charter Service Inc., Operator Anthony Jewel Davis, and Crewmember Cameron Williams were charged jointly and severally under the Marine Mammal Protection Act with illegal take. A \$25,053.50 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$20,042.80. [See Charged Cases, Item 10, from November 2024 report]
6. SE2301493; F/V Recession and F/V Brinley Marie – Owner/Operator William Edward Curry and Seafood Dealer Pamela Ann Bertucci were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with submitting inaccurate information required to be submitted to the Agency under the IFQ program for Gulf red snapper. An \$11,500 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$10,350. [See Charged Cases, Item 9, from October 2024 report]

⁴ This case became final in September 2024, but was not included in previous reports.

⁵ This case became final in November 2024, but was not included in previous reports.

7. SE2401882; F/V Longway – Owner/Operator Christopher Wayne Long was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with harvesting or possessing red snapper and red porgy in the South Atlantic Exclusive Economic Zone during a closed season; fishing for, possessing, and/or retaining sharpnose sharks without a valid HMS Charter/Headboat permit and endorsement; and exceeding the recreational retention limit for sharpnose sharks. A \$56,250 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$5,000. [See Charged Cases, Item 10, from October 2024 report]

WEST COAST

8. NW1906414; F/V Western Warrior – Owner/Operator Darrick Dinh Nguyen was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to operate VMS as required in the West Coast Groundfish Fishery. A \$15,000 NOVA was issued. The NOVA became a final administrative decision due to default. [See Charged Cases, Item 9, from August 2024 report]⁶
9. WC2202849; M/S Noordham – Owner HAL Antillen N.V. was charged under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act for discharge of unauthorized substances within Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. A \$47,850 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$35,887.50

⁶ This case became final in September 2024, but was not included in previous reports.