

Council Report – NEFMC June 2013



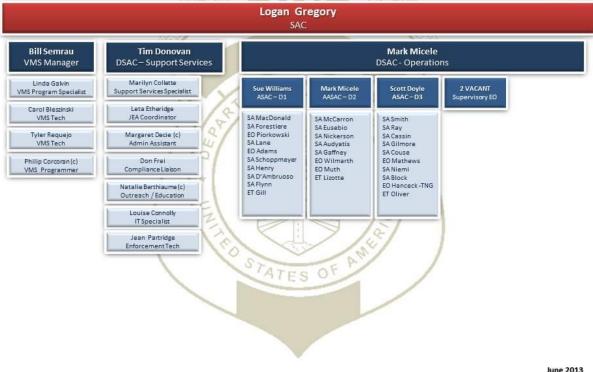
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NOAA Fisheries



Office of Law Enforcement **Northeast Division**



MISSION STATEMENT

NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement protects marine wildlife and habitat by enforcing domestic laws and international treaty requirements designed to ensure these global resources are available for future generations.

NORTHEAST DIVISION

The Northeast Division (NED-OLE) encompasses the coastal states of: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, as well as the states of: Vermont, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, lowa, Minnesota and the District of Columbia. NED OLE has ten field offices with a current total staff of 42. This staff includes 6 uniformed officers and 19 field special agents which are currently supervised by three supervisory special agents.

INCIDENT / CASE INFORMATION

January 1, 2013 to June 11, 2012

Since January 1, 2013 the Office of Law Enforcement, Northeast Division, has documented 482 incidents. These incidents consist of the following:

278 Inspections (vessel and dealer)

135 Investigations

61 Complaints

6 Other

2 Strandings

Of the **482** incidents, **398** are considered completed and **84** are currently ongoing. From these **482** incidents, **93** cases have been generated. Of the **93** cases generated so far this calendar year **80** are civil/administrative cases and **13** are criminal. **49** of these cases are considered completed, but may not be fully adjudicated. **44** of the cases generated this year are still ongoing. **15** of these cases have been forwarded to GCES. **8** Written Warnings and **45** Summary Settlements have been issued by OLE.

PATROL / OUTREACH

Since January 1, 2013 the Office of Law Enforcement, Northeast Division has documented over **280** patrols, attended over **25** meetings, provided training in **12** events and recorded over **175** incidents of outreach. Training includes providing training to our State and USCG partners and capacity building training for other countries. Meetings include industry, agency and other meeting attendance including Homeland Security. Outreach includes general requests for information from industry and the general public and formal events. Outreach does not include the dozens of interactions each month between industry members and our VMS staff who field questions involving VMS, Days-at-Sea and general regulatory compliance assistance.