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## Overview of NOAA Enforcement

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## Enforcement Mission

To conserve and protect our nation's marine resources through assuring compliance with the laws and regulations established to manage these resources

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## Primary Laws OLE Enforces

Over 30 Statutes






- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act**
- Endangered Species Act**
- Marine Mammal Protection Act**
- Lacey Act**
- Marine Sanctuaries Act**

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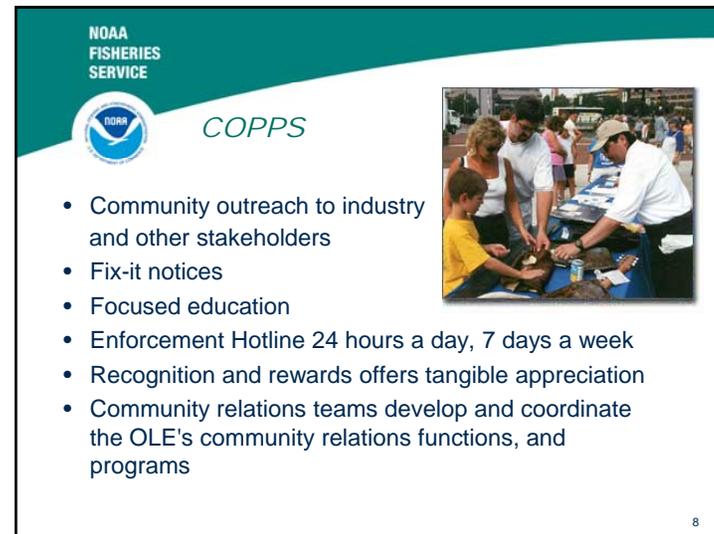
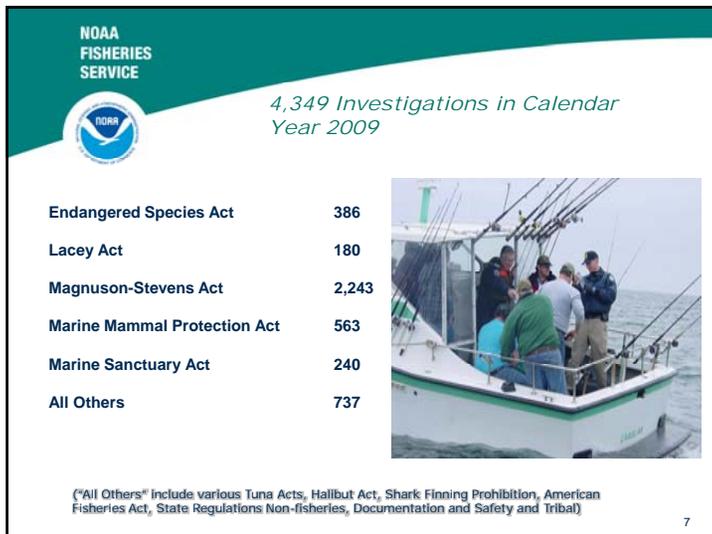
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## Four Pillars of OLE

- PATROLS AND INVESTIGATIONS** - Conduct investigations and patrols to enforce marine resource laws, bring to justice violators and ensure compliance.
- COPPS** - Constituent outreach and communication through Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS).
- TECHNOLOGY & VMS** - Maximize compliance & fishery management through Vessel Management System (VMS) partnerships.
- PARTNERSHIPS** - Enhance and maintain our law enforcement partnerships with other federal, state, local and tribal enforcement agencies, as well as industry, non-governmental organization and "friends group" representatives.

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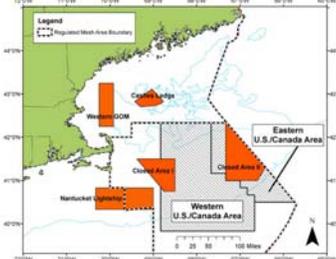


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## Vessel Monitoring System Program

- Operational Since 1994
- 6,245 Equipped Vessels
- Active in 17 Fisheries
- 7 Active Monitoring Locations
- 6 Type-Approved Transmitters
- 4 Type-Approved Communications Providers
- Current System Capacity 100,000 Vessels



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## State Partnerships

- 27 Joint Enforcement Agreements with State & U.S. Territory partners
- Annually
  - \$16 million in funding
  - Over 400 cases referred to OLE
  - Nearly 2,000 cases handled at the state level
  - Over 75,000 hours of enforcement work



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## US Coast Guard

- Maritime Safety
- Maritime Security
- Maritime Mobility
- National Defense
- Protection of Natural Resources



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## Other Federal Partnerships

- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- U.S. Attorney's Offices
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- U.S. Customs & Border Protection
- Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Food & Drug Administration
- U.S. Marshals Service
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms
- Drug Enforcement Administration



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## *International Activities*

- **Port State Measures**
- **Bilateral Agreements**
- **Regional Fishery Management Organizations (RFMOs)**
- **Capacity Building**



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“Fair and effective enforcement of our nation’s fisheries laws and regulations protects fish stocks, marine mammals and the marine environment, and is essential to strong coastal communities with sustainable economies.”

Dr. Lubchenco, July 8, 2010

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