

Civil Administrative Enforcement Actions
April 1 – 30, 2025¹
During this reporting period, NOAA charged 31 cases, settled 16 cases,
and otherwise resolved 3 cases.²

Cases Charged in April 2025³

ALASKA

1. AK2307519; F/V Arctic Wind – Owner B & N Fisheries Co. and Operator Marc Lashua were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) with exceeding the maximum retainable amount of Other Rockfish and Aggregate Shortraker and Rougheye. A \$3,947 NOVA was issued.
2. AK2307523; F/V Rosella – Owner Rosella, Inc. and Operator David A. Dahl were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with exceeding the maximum retainable amount of bycatch on one trip in 2023. A \$2,599 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$2,359.
3. AK2308111; F/V Alaskan Lady – Owner Alaskan Lady, LLC and Operator Keith M. Williams were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with directed fishing in pollock and Pacific cod no fishing zones and exceeding the maximum retainable amounts of pollock and Pacific cod in the Gulf of Alaska. A \$36,441 NOVA was issued.
4. AK2314295; F/V Ocean Invictus – Owners Ocean Bay, Inc. and Kilokak, Inc. and Operator Robert E. Graham were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with exceeding the 300,000 pound daily limit for landing pollock. A \$7,694 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$6,924.
5. AK2314832B; F/V Aleutian No. 1 – Crewman Nicholas Dryden was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with unlawfully landing and transporting IFQ crab. A \$5,000 NOVA was issued.
6. AK2314832C; F/V Aleutian No. 1 – Crewman Jorge Teodoro-Alcantar was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with unlawfully landing and transporting IFQ crab. A \$5,000 NOVA was issued.
7. AK2409533; F/V Realist – Operator Kyle R. Hock was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for permitting and VMS violations on a single day of the Cook Inlet salmon fishery. A Written Warning 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.

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8. NE2204430; F/V Wasabi and F/V Wasabi 2 – Owner Wasabi LLC was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with a failure to report Atlantic bluefin tuna landed and sold within twenty-four hours, on 35 occasions between 2022 and 2024. A \$6,500 NOVA was issued.
9. NE2308021; F/V Aces High – Owner Silver Fox Fisheries Inc. and Operator Edward L. McCaffrey were charged jointly and severally under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act for deploying lobster traps without valid Federal trap tags and deploying lobster traps containing obstructed escape vents; and under the Marine Mammal Protection Act for fishing with gear not in compliance with the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan. A \$25,750 NOVA was issued.
10. NE2315043 – Seafood Importer Martinez Seafood Inc. was charged under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to submit the required Highly Migratory Species bi-weekly reports for 182 entries covering 182 shipments. A \$36,000 NOVA was issued.
11. NE2315044 – Seafood importer Martinez Produce & Seafood Inc. was charged under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act with failing to submit the required Highly Migratory Species bi-weekly reports for 430 entries covering 494 shipments. A \$36,000 NOVA was issued.
12. NE2401682; F/V Ocean Warrior 04 – Owner/Operator David A. Pottle was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with fishing inside Canadian waters without authorization. A \$7,000 NOVA was issued.
13. NE2409508; F/V Salt Shaker – Owner/Operator Richard W. Green was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to report Atlantic bluefin tuna landed and sold within twenty-four hours, on 29 occasions between 2022 and 2024. A \$4,500 NOVA was issued.
14. NE2409561; F/V Braden & Jesse – Owner Captain Gavin NY LLC and Operator David C. Peary were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with entering or transiting a Scallop Rotational Area on a declared scallop trip. An \$8,350 NOVA was issued.
15. NE2411046; F/V Necessary Expense – Owner Think Big Charters, LLC and Operator Jesse G. Martello were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with retaining an Atlantic bluefin tuna on a restricted fishing day. A \$5,750 NOVA was issued.
16. NE2413367; F/V Endeavour – Owner L&G Fisheries, Inc. and Operator Peter Mendonca were charged jointly and severally under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act for deploying lobster traps containing unlawfully fastened ghost panels, and under the Marine Mammal Protection Act for fishing with gear not in compliance with the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan. A \$13,500 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$12,150.

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17. PI2411398; F/V Capt Davis – Owner Captain Davis Ltd. and Operator Boi Nguyen were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with fishing with longline gear in the area closed to longline fishing surrounding the Main Hawaiian Islands. A \$8,790.57 NOVA was issued.

SILVER SPRING

18. CRSRA250005; Airbus U.S. Space & Defense, Inc.– Private remote sensing space system licensee was charged under the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act with failing to timely request and receive

approval to modify material facts in the license to operate the NEOInt and NEOSAR systems before those material facts changed. A written warning was issued.

19. CRSRA250007; Atmospheric & Space Technology Research Associates, LLC – Private remote sensing space system licensee was charged under the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act with failing to submit written notification within seven days of the detection of an anomaly. A \$1,900 NOVA was issued.

SOUTHEAST

20. SE2108234; F/V Dolphin II – Owner/Operator Iridio Orovio was charged under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act with fishing and/or possessing fish in the Tortugas South Ecological Reserve in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. A \$3,750 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$3,375.
21. SE2306375; Ocean Intervention II – Owner Oceaneering International, Inc., and Operator Sean Thomas Stokes were charged jointly and severally under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act with operating a vessel greater than 50 meters in length inside an area to be avoided in or around the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. A \$7,500 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$6,750.
22. SE2403428; F/V Eagle Eye – Owner Eagle Eye Fishing Corp. and Operator John J. Cafiero were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act with fishing within a closed area and releasing sharks with more than three feet of trailing gear. John J. Cafiero was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with interfering with an observer. A \$52,971.76 NOVA was issued.
23. SE2403504; M/Y Brown Eyed Girls – Owner CBC Yachts II, LLC and Operator Ricky Prescott were charged jointly and severally under the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act with violating the North Atlantic Right Whale speed restriction regulation. A \$15,000 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$13,500.
24. SE2403964; M/Y TSC Hugo (now The Once in a Lifetime) – Owner The Spaceport Company and Operators Great Eastern Group Inc. and Michael Dean Freeman were charged jointly and severally under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act with operating a vessel greater than 50 meters in an Area To Be Avoided in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. A \$7,500 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$6,750.
25. SE2410243; F/V Grouper Therapy – Owner Wholesail Ventures Inc., Leasee/Permit Holder Palmer Charters Inc., and Operator Christopher Gercken were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with possessing a limited harvest species in excess of its limitation and failing to comply with required protected species conservation measures. A \$12,700 NOVA was issued.
26. SE2413155; F/V Johnny Cake – Owner Blue Heron Fleet LLC, Operator Richard Charles Nagel II, and Passenger Timothy Dean Atteberry were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with removing fishing gear owned by another person from the EEZ, negligently and without authorization. A \$1,000 NOVA was issued. (Duane)

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27. WC2408612; Christ Aloardeshahi – Operator of motorized personal watercraft was charged under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act for operating outside of a designated zone in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. A \$1,250 NOVA was issued.

28. WC2409090; WN4672AT – Operator Salvador Elguera was charged under the Marine Mammal Protection Act with causing a vessel to approach within 200 yards of any killer whale. A \$3,000 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$2,700.
29. WC2411165; F/V Never Satisfied – Owner/Operator Matthew Liso was charged under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act for discharging unauthorized materials into the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary when the vessel ran aground and was wrecked in the sanctuary during transit. An \$8,250 NOVA was issued.
30. WC2411406; F/V Sueño Azul – Owner/Operator Mitchell Allen Bradford was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with landing highly migratory species at Pacific coast ports without a valid permit and for failing to submit within 30 days of each landing an accurate and complete record of catch, effort, and other data on report forms provided by the Regional Administrator or a state agency. A \$12,500 NOVA was issued.
31. WC2411722; Da Yang Seafood Inc. – First receiver company was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with receiving part of an IFQ landing without coverage by a catch monitor when one was required. A Written Warning was issued.

Resolved Cases Charged Before April 1, 2025

ALASKA

1. AK2206272; M/V Ramsey & M/V George Ryan – Owner Alaska Tales, LLC was charged under the Marine Mammal Protection Act with approaching humpback whales in Alaska and harassing a killer whale. A \$19,500 NOVA was issued, which was later amended to \$5,250. The case settled for \$5,250. [See Charged Cases, Item 2, from May, 2024 report]
2. AK2403856; F/V Lady Lee Dawn – Owner/Operator Alvin J. Newman Jr. was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to comply with Vessel Monitoring System requirements. A \$10,000 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$9,000. [See Charged Cases, Item 7, from February 2025 report]

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3. NE2408012; F/V Starstream VIII – Owner MKM Cruises Inc. and William Operator Garriss were charged jointly and severally under the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act with violating the North Atlantic Right Whale speed restriction regulation. A \$15,000 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$12,500.⁴
4. NE2411369; F/V Tuna Poundah – Owner/Operator Richard Bayly was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to report Atlantic bluefin tuna landed and sold within 24 hours on fifteen different occasions. A \$4,500 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$4,050. [See Charged Cases, Item , from March 2025 report]
5. NE2400683; F/V Next Step – Owner/Operator Derek Lyons was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for fishing approximately 0.13 nautical miles (821 feet) inside Canadian waters without authorization. A \$2,500 NOVA was issued. The NOVA became a final administrative decision due to default. [See Charged Cases, Item 10, from January 2025 report]

⁴ This NOVA was issued in February 2025, but was not included in previous reports.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

None.

SILVER SPRING

6. CRSRA250006; Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT) – Private remote sensing space system licensee was charged under the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act with failing to submit written notification within seven days of the disposal of an on-orbit component of the system. A \$1,500 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$1,350. [See Charged Cases, Item 4, from March 2025 report]

SOUTHEAST

7. E2409354; M/V Evado – Owner J&G Group Investments Inc. and Operator Eduardo Andres Linares were charged jointly and severally under the Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act with violating the North Atlantic Right Whale speed restriction regulation. A \$15,000 NOVA was issued. The NOVA became a final administrative decision due to default. [See Charged Cases, Item 21, from February 2025 report]⁵
8. SE2409588; M/V Sandcrab – Owner Sandcrab LLC and Operator Jeffrey Sanderson were charged jointly and severally under the Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act with violating the North Atlantic Right Whale speed restriction regulation. A \$10,000 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$9,000. [See Charged Cases, Item 22, from February 2025 report]

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9. WC2200417 – Kayaker Jeffrey Stacy was charged under the Marine Mammal Protection Act with taking a marine mammal by feeding sea lion pups on the docks at Oceanside, California. A \$1,000 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$500. [See Charged Cases, Item 18, from September 2024 report]
10. WC2414421; F/V Marie Kathleen – Owner Randall Layman, Operator Gary Baird, and Crew Member Chad Dickenson were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with interfering with the sampling procedure employed by an observer. Specifically, Dickenson discarded one halibut overboard before sampling by the observer could occur. A \$1,750 NOVA was issued and later rescinded based on new information. [See Charged Cases, Item 15, from March 2025 report]
11. WC2303476; F/V Noah's Ark – Owner David Pettinger and Operator Curt Meng were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with violating the terms of the vessel's Vessel Monitoring Plan. Specifically, Respondents failed to retain rockfish when required, failed to turn on the vessel's Electronic Monitoring (EM) unit on two trips, and failed to ensure that the EM cameras were operating properly. A \$19,250.00 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$17,325. [See Charged Cases, Item 13, from March 2025 report]

⁵ This case became final in March 2025, but was not included in previous reports.