



FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT NOAA/USCG

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OVERVIEW

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- NOAA Law Enforcement
- NOAA (OLE) Mission/Responsibility
- USCG Law Enforcement
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- Vessel Monitoring System
- Enforceability of Regulations
- Conclusion

United States Fisheries Enforcement Team

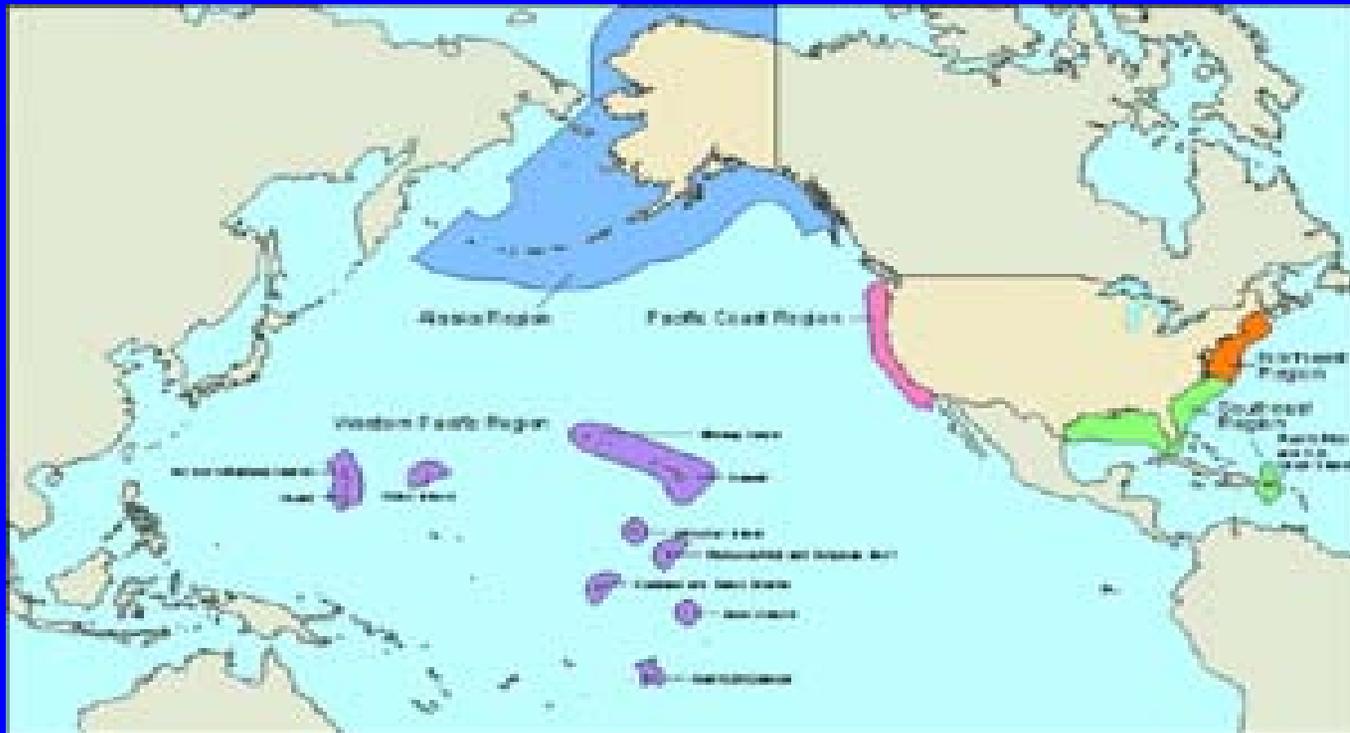
- *United States Coast Guard*
 - At-sea enforcement.
 - Through use of vessels, aircraft, and technologies.
- *NOAA Fisheries, Office for Law Enforcement*
 - Shore side enforcement and investigative work.
 - Present cases for prosecution.
- *NOAA, General Counsel for Enforcement Litigation*
 - Case prosecution.

OLE

“In Brief”

- Jurisdiction of over 3.4 million square miles of ocean & 95,000 miles of coastline
- Responsible for over 35 statutes
- NOAA Fisheries is the fourth most prodigious federal regulatory agency
- Global enforcement authority
- Protecting our living marine resources
- Approx. 228 personnel
- An agent or officer could potentially be responsible for over 1,400 miles of coastline
- Special Agents and Enforcement Officers train at Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA
- Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies

OLE's Primary Jurisdiction



- 3.36 Million square miles of open ocean
- Over 95,000 miles of US coastline
- 13 National Marine Sanctuaries
- High seas and international wildlife trade relating to U.S. treaties and International law

OLE Personnel

Special Agents, Enforcement Officers and Support Staff



- Special Agents (non-uniformed) 150
 - Criminal and civil investigations
 - Domestic and international work
 - Enforcement Officers (uniformed) 17
 - Patrols & boardings
 - Preliminary Investigations
 - Support Staff 61
 - Vessel Monitoring Systems
 - Administration
 - Information technology
 - Outreach
- * *numbers reflect nationwide totals*

Primary laws of the OLE enforces

37 Statutes



- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation & Management Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Lacey Act
- Marine Sanctuaries Act.
- Shark Finning Prohibition Act
- American Fisheries Act

Four Pillars of OLE

Ecosystem Protection, Conservation and Management

- 1) **INVESTIGATIONS & PATROLS** - Conduct investigations and patrols to enforce living marine resource laws, bring to justice violators and ensure compliance.
- 2) **COPPS** - Constituent outreach and communication through Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS)
- 3) **TECHNOLOGY & VMS** - Maximize compliance & fishery management through Vessel Management System (VMS) partnerships
- 4) **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.

FY 2004 OLE Cases

Protecting America's Marine Fisheries

3,143 Cases opened in Fiscal Year 04

- Endangered Species Act 366
- Lacey Act 67
- Magnuson-Stevens Act 1,662
- Marine Mammal Protection Act 353
- Marine Sanctuary Act 460
- All Others 235

(others include various Tuna Acts, Halibut Act, State Regulations Non-fisheries, Documentation and Safety and Tribal)



State Partnerships

25 JEA State & U.S. Territory Partners

Alabama, Alaska, American Samoa, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, US Virgin Islands and Washington





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FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

CORNERSTONES:

- Sound Regulations
- Effective Presence
- Application of Technology
- Productive Partnerships

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GOALS:

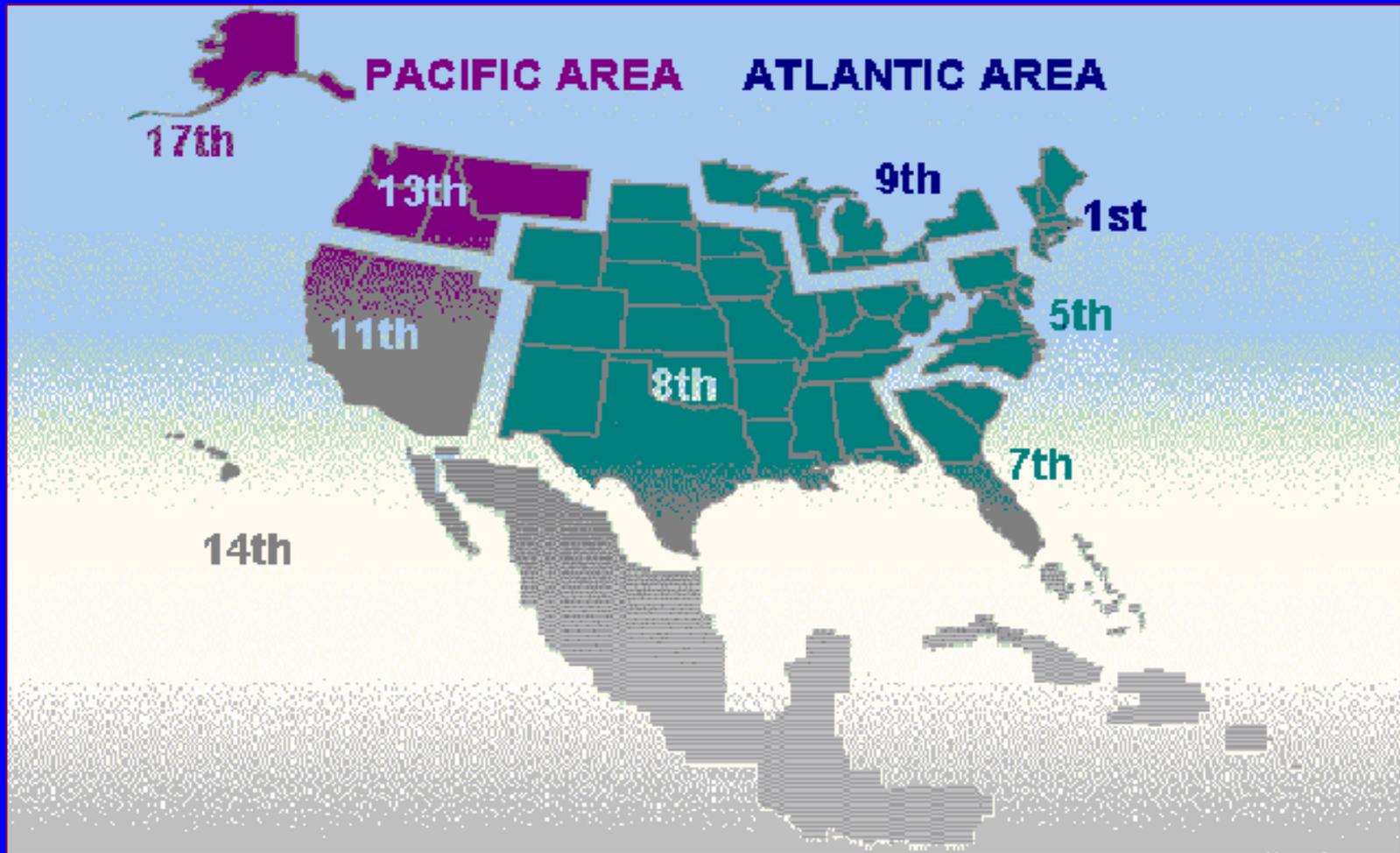
- Prevent EEZ Encroachment
- Enforce Federal Regulations
- Ensure Compliance With International Agreements

REGIONAL FISHERIES TRAINING CENTERS

- Northeast
- Southeast
- Gulf
- Pacific
- North Pacific

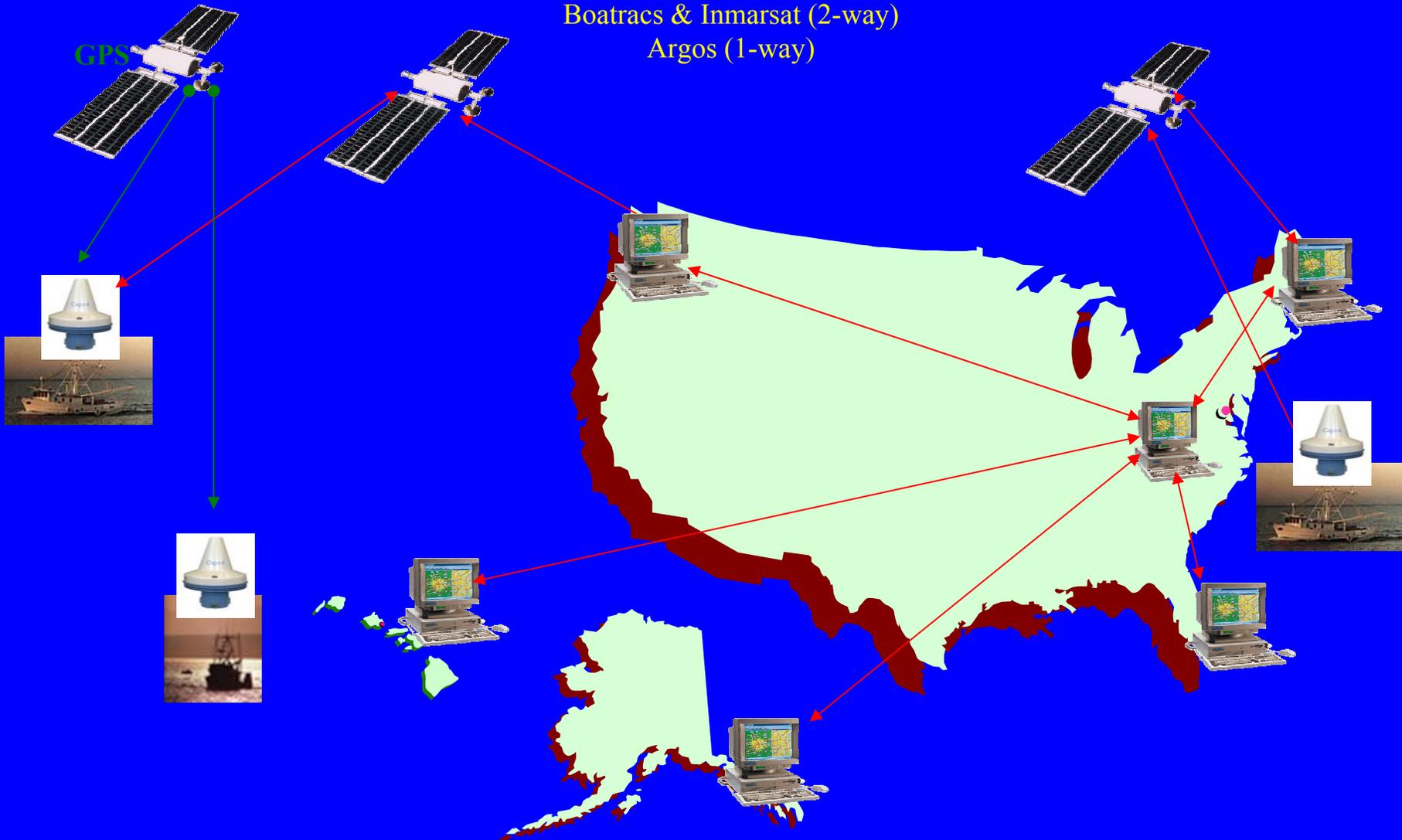


COAST GUARD ORGANIZATION

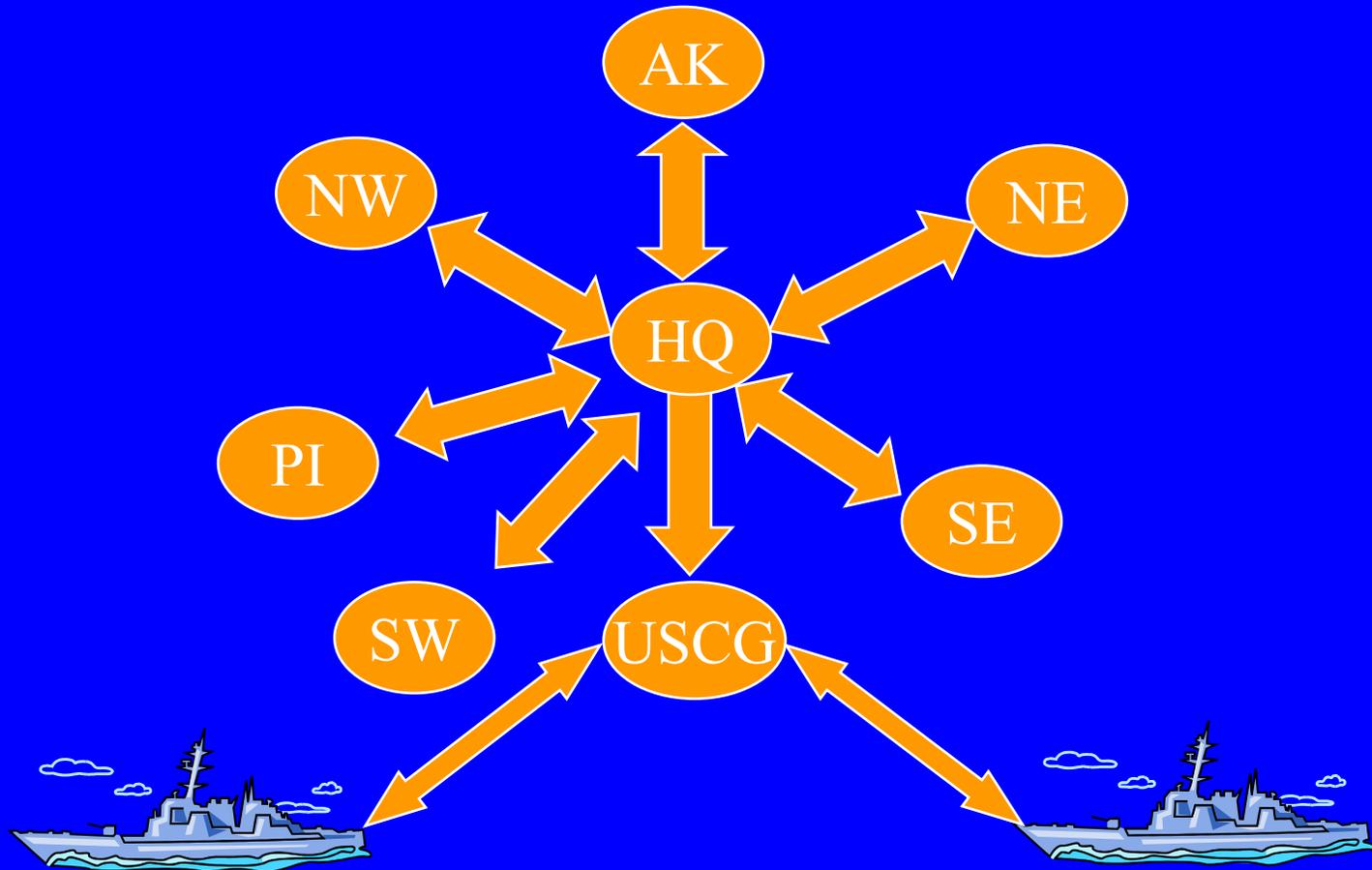


Current National VMS Data Flow

Satellite Communications
Boatrac & Inmarsat (2-way)
Argos (1-way)



Current VMS Data Connectivity and Sharing Infrastructure



WHAT IS A GOOD REGULATION?

- Promotes management goals
- Promotes Safety at Sea
- Is Enforceable (Air, Sea, and/or Shore side inspection)

CONCLUSION



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