

**NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES ACT  
SUMMARY SETTLEMENT SCHEDULE**

This schedule is intended to apply solely to minor or technical violations of the prohibitions outlined below. It should not be used in any case that has aggravating or complicating factors. It should also not be used if the authorized officer has knowledge of repeat or prior violations by the same offender(s) or when discovered in conjunction with other violations. In situations where this schedule does not apply, the National Marine Sanctuaries Act Penalty Schedule will apply.

VIOLATION	SUMMARY SETTLEMENT AMOUNT
<b>GENERAL VIOLATIONS (Not applicable to Southeast Region Sanctuaries) <sup>i</sup>, <sup>ii</sup></b>	
Alteration or destruction of seabed	\$500
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$1,000
Use of Sanctuary moorings in a prohibited manner	\$250
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$500
Possessing explosives, electrical charges, poisons, or similar destructive devices	\$300
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$600
Operate motorized personal watercraft in prohibited areas	\$500
Injuring, moving, removing, taking, possessing, harvesting, landing, damaging, disturbing, or possessing (or attempting the same) living marine organisms or specimens (birds, live rock, tropical fish, invertebrates, algae, marine plants, etc.), bottom formations, shells, etc.	\$400
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$800

Defacing, damaging of any signage, boundary markers, stakes, mooring buoys, boundary buoys, trap buoys, scientific equipment, navigation aids, notices, or placards	\$400
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$800
Removing any signage, boundary markers, stakes, mooring buoys, boundary buoys, trap buoys, scientific equipment, navigation aids, notices, or placards	\$1,000
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$2,000
Possessing prohibited fishing gear	\$100
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$200
Fishing, or possessing up to 10 fish, in a prohibited area, while using prohibited gear or while using gear in a prohibited manner	\$300
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$600
Diving, snorkeling or conducting diving operations from a vessel in a prohibited manner, including failure to display a dive flag	\$150
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$300
Discharge or deposit of less than one gallon of any non-exempt material or matter (e.g., fuel, oil, oily bilge waste, unprocessed non-hazardous trash or raw material; or entangling material)	\$500
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$1,000

Unsecured Marine Sanitation Device aboard non-commercial vessel	\$350
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$700
Unsecured Marine Sanitation Device aboard a commercial or public vessel	\$450
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$900
Discharge of raw or primary treated sewage from non-commercial vessel	\$500
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$1,000
Discharge of raw or primary treated sewage from commercial & public vessels	\$800
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$1,600
Unauthorized discharge from a cruise ship (< than 1000 gallons)	\$1,500
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$3,000
Discharge of dredge spoil or construction/maintenance sediment spoils (<50cy)	\$1,500
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$3,000
Unauthorized dredge operations	\$1,500
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$3,000

Conducting permitted activities without a Sanctuary permit on site	\$100
in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$200
<b>SOUTHEAST REGION SANCTUARIES - GENERAL VIOLATIONS<sup>i,ii</sup></b>	
Alteration or destruction of seabed	\$350
Use of Sanctuary moorings in a prohibited manner.	\$250
Possessing explosives, electrical charges, poisons, or similar destructive devices	\$250
Injuring, moving, removing, taking, possessing, harvesting, landing, damaging, disturbing, or possessing (or attempting the same) living marine organisms or specimens (birds coral, live rock, tropical fish, invertebrates, algae, marine plants, etc.), bottom formations, shells, etc.	\$350
Defacing, damaging, or removing any signage, boundary markers, stakes, mooring buoys, boundary buoys, trap buoys, scientific equipment, navigation aids, notices, or placards	\$350
Fishing with, carrying or possessing, except while passing through without interruption or for law enforcement purposes: pole spears, air rifles, bows and arrows, slings, Hawaiian slings, rubber powered arbaletes, pneumatic and spring-loaded guns or similar devices known as spearguns.	Fishing with, carrying or possessing (in the water) - \$250 up through 5 fish  Possessing onboard vessel - \$50, Except for Flower Garden – which is \$250
Conduct of diving/snorkeling without a flag	\$50
Discharge or deposit of less than one gallon of any non-exempt material or matter (e.g., fuel, oil, oily bilge waste, unprocessed non-hazardous trash or raw material; or entangling material) from boating activity	\$350
Conducting permitted activities without a Sanctuary permit on site	Fix-It

<b>SANCTUARY SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS<sup>ii</sup></b>	
<b>FLORIDA KEYS NMS</b>	
Operating a vessel in such a manner as to strike or otherwise injure seagrass or any other immobile organism attached to the seabed	Seagrass and hardbottom under 1 square yard damage = \$100; in addition, \$75 for each additional square yard up to 10 square yards
Enter a research only area or wildlife management area (Except as allowed pursuant to regulation and/or valid permit)	\$150
Touching living or dead coral, including but not limited to, standing on a living or dead coral formation in a sanctuary preservation area	\$100
Fishing or possessing up through 5 fish in a SPA or taking up through 5 tropical fish.	\$250
<b>FKNMS Wildlife Management Area Violations:</b>	
In idle speed/no wake zones, operating a vessel at a speed greater than idle speed only/no wake	\$200
In “no-motor” zone, using internal combustion motors or engines for any purpose	\$300
In “no-access buffer” zone, entering the area by vessel	\$300
In those marine portions of any areas designated as closed, entering or using the area	\$300
Operating a personal watercraft, airboat, or water skiing where prohibited	\$300
<b>MONTEREY BAY NMS</b>	
Attracting any white shark in a prohibited area of the sanctuary	\$500
Collecting Jade	\$300

in a special marine protected area <sup>iii</sup> of any type.	\$600
<b>HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NMS</b>	
Approaching or causing a vessel or other object to approach, by any means, within 100 yards of any humpback whale except as authorized under the MMPA or ESA	
Commercial Operator	\$750
Non-Commercial Operator	\$350

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<sup>i</sup> Summary Settlements for General Violations are to be issued only to the extent those activities are prohibited in the specific sanctuary.

<sup>ii</sup> If both a General Violation and Sanctuary Specific Violation exist, the Sanctuary Specific summary settlement amount is applied.

<sup>iii</sup> Special marine protected areas include but are not limited to: Ecological Reserves, Wildlife Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Conservation Areas.