

GCES Report to Western Pacific Fishery Management Council
December 16, 2025

The website for NOAA's Office of General Counsel/Enforcement Section ("GCES") publishes case information on charging and resolution of cases monthly under the tab "Charging Information." See <https://www.noaa.gov/general-counsel/gc-enforcement-section/enforcement-charging-information>

Since the last council meeting, the following case is on-going, and we anticipate that GCES will be participating in a hearing before an EPA Administrative Law Judge in early 2026:

PI2407705; Pavlo Filatov was charged under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) with one count violating the special restrictions for Hawaiian spinner dolphins and one count of assaulting an authorized officer or impeding an investigation. A \$34,499.00 NOVA was issued.

Other updates will be provided during spoken remarks scheduled for the December 16, 2025 meeting.