

On Wednesday, the federal agency responsible for managing the nation's fisheries issued the charging documents against Rafael, his seafood company, Carlos Seafood Inc., and 28 other businesses entities related to the New Bedford fishing mogul — including two unnamed scallop captains from his fleet.

According to the document, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is seeking:

- \$983,528 in civil penalties from Rafael, known as the Codfather.
- The denial of any application by Rafael for any permit issued by NOAA under the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.
- The revocation of Rafael's seafood dealer permit.
- The revocation of 38 of Rafael's commercial fishing permits and the revocation of the operating permits issued to two of Rafael's scallop vessel captains.

In all, the charging document alleges 35 violations of federal fisheries regulations against Rafael, 65, who has just begun the third month of his 46-month federal prison sentence after his conviction for tax evasion, lying to federal regulators about the nature and scope of his commercial groundfish landings and bulk smuggling.