

U.S. Fish & Wildlife ACE Filing Updates



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FWS ACE Mandatory filing date

- ▶ FWS Implementation Guide Finalized (last update in Aug. 2020)
- ▶ Current Extended Pilot Phase
 - ▶ CERT and PROD environments are Open to all ACE Filers at all FWS authorized ports
 - ▶ FWS HTS Flags enforced with a “warning” severity
- ▶ Tentative Mandatory Date: TBD
 - ▶ Filers using ACE must enter FWS data (or disclaim)
 - ▶ Filers will always have the option to file via eDecs

Preparation for FWS

Mandatory go Live Date

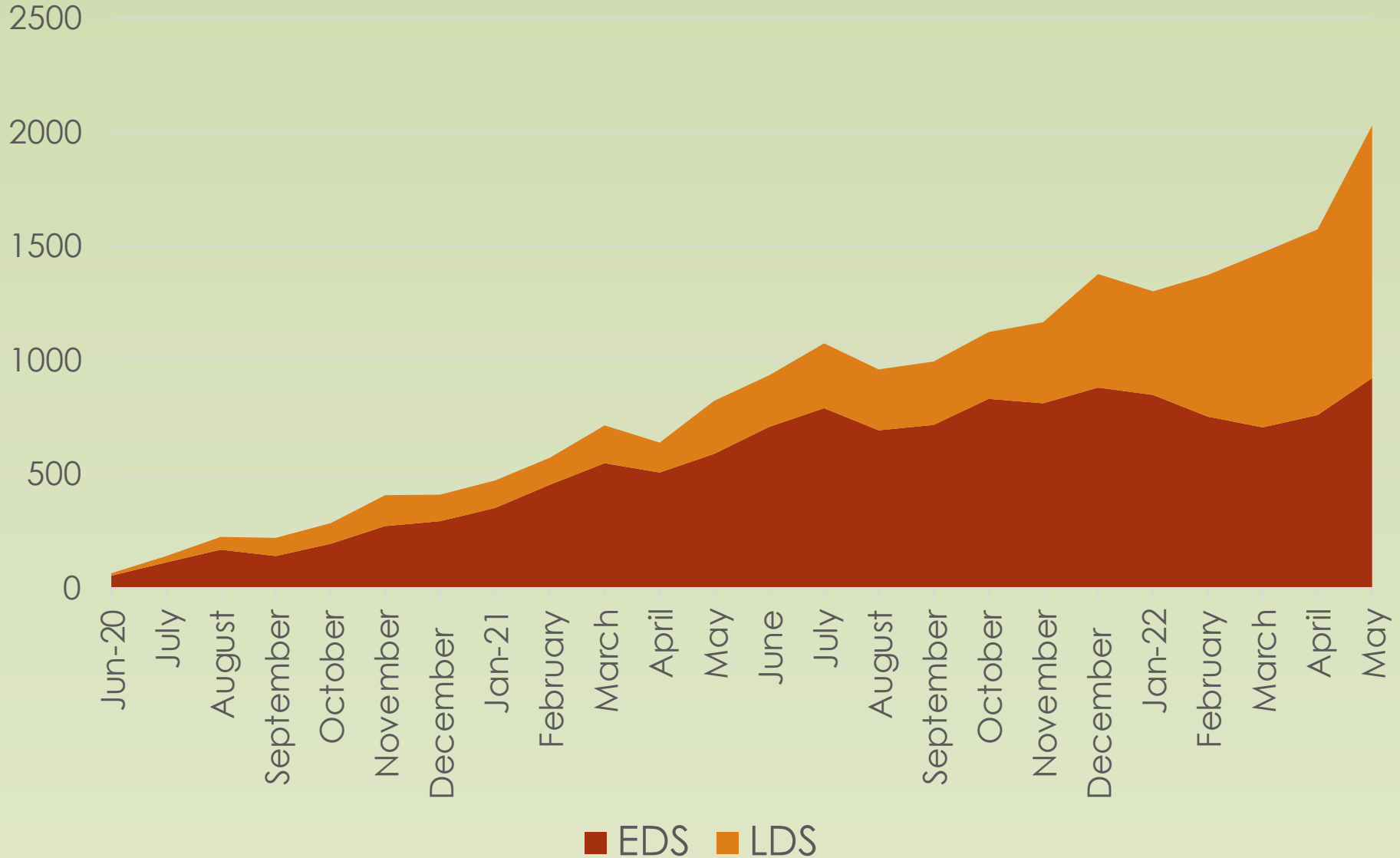
- ▶ Trade – Brokers must familiarize themselves with the nuances of filing and disclaiming FWS declarations in ACE ITDS
- ▶ FWS Officers at all FWS Ports need to familiarize themselves with processing ACE eDecs
- ▶ Is your software vendor ready?
 - ▶ CATAIR coding is complete
- ▶ File now - do not wait!
 - ▶ EDI
 - ▶ Parts
 - ▶ Understanding Messaging, Timing and Management of statuses
 - ▶ Disclaimers
 - ▶ Train employees and customers
 - ▶ Troubleshooting



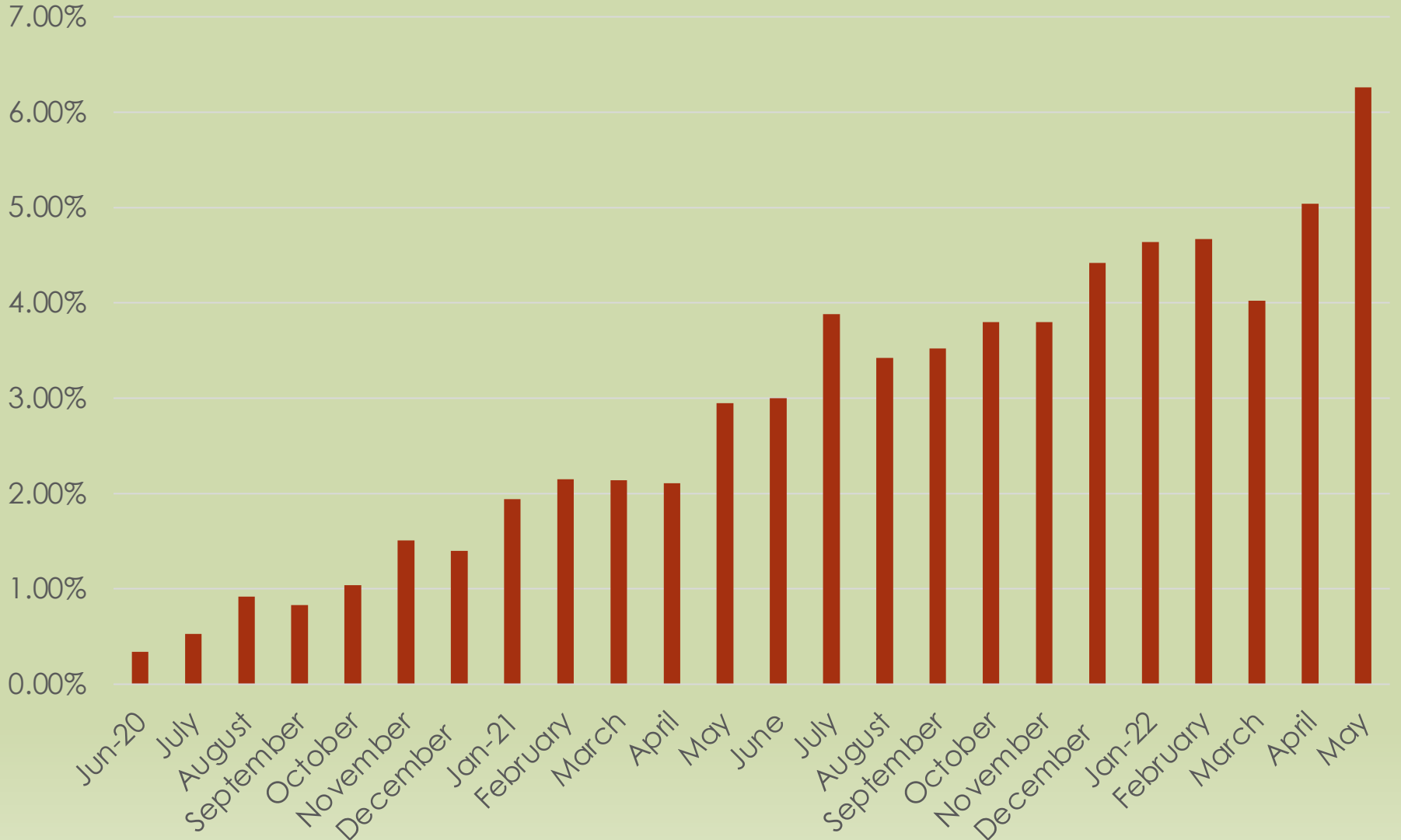
Status of FWS ACE Filings

- ▶ Over 21,000 ACE import entries processed
- ▶ Over 200 separate filers
- ▶ March filings
 - ▶ 50% EDS
 - ▶ 50% LDS

FWS ACE Entries EDS vs. LDS



Percentage of ACE Entries per Total FWS Declared Imports



FWS Accounts

- ▶ Several brokers report that over time, some of their company's employees created new FWS accounts instead of adding users to the existing corporate account. As a practical matter, this means the company unknowingly now has numerous FWS accounts floating around that are not tied to the corporate account
- ▶ Getting assistance with Corporate account clean up:
 - ▶ Contacted FWS and ask them to provide a list of all accounts containing the company name
 - ▶ Instruct employees to only use the account that are linked to the corporate account, providing guidance on how to add themselves as a user to the existing account
 - ▶ By getting rid of the "rogue" accounts and training employees not to create new accounts in the future, the company can avoid confusion / rejects when filing the EDS
- ▶ DO NOT Share log-ins
- ▶ For assistance with changes to FWS accounts, please contact:
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ACE Resources



- ▶ View NCBFAA FWS ACE Webinar (March 2022)
 - ▶ https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/838_4337334602092558
- ▶ FWS ACE Filing Tips for Trade:
https://www.cbp.gov/document/publications/ace-tips-trade-when-filing-us-fish-and-wildlife-service-data?language_content_entity=en
- ▶ FWS ACE Support Team: fws_ace_support@fws.gov



FWS Resources

- ▶ FWS web site <https://fws.gov/service/importing-and-exporting>
- ▶ FWS Office of Law Enforcement
<https://www.fws.gov/program/office-of-law-enforcement/information-importers-exporters>
- ▶ Electronic Declarations (edecs) where you can submit Declarations online: <https://edecs.fws.gov/>
- ▶ Electronic Import/Export License (eLicense) used to request a new commercial import/export license or renew/amend an existing license: <https://www.fws.gov/elicense/>
- ▶ Electronic Permits (epermits) used to apply for protected species permits such as CITES, Migratory Bird or Endangered Species Permits: <https://fwsepermits.servicenowservices.com/fws/>