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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE ENFORCEMENT FOR
THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 1992 THROUGH JUNE 1, 1992

During the reporting period NMFS and the Coast Guard opened a total of 77 investigations. NMFS independently initiated 50 investigations. 19 of these cases originated from the observer program. 42 cases were closed during the reporting period.

NMFS ability to deal with routine cases continues to be thwarted by the continuing accrual of more complex criminal and civil investigations. During the last year no less than half of the NMFS field agents in Alaska have been involved in complex investigations. These investigations include VIP cases, intentional misreporting, criminal fraud, Lacey Act violations, and criminal conspiracies. The nature of these investigations are such that they generally preclude an agent from handling a larger number of more routine cases. NMFS has been seeking assistance from other regions and is recruiting for more agents.

Recruitment of agents has meet with a host of obstacles. With a few exceptions we have been unable to coax experienced agents from other regions to move to Alaska. This leaves us in the position of recruiting untrained personnel and candidates who are not current government employees. Clearance procedures for new agents, which are classified as critical-sensitive by personnel rules, are onerous and time consuming. However, we have had some successes.

In July we will transfer a senior Special Agent from the Northwest Region to Juneau. This position will facilitate case review procedures and speed up referral of cases for prosecution. Two of our existing uniformed Resource Enforcement Officers have been converted to agent positions and will be transferred to the Sitka office. A second agent has been recruited for the Homer office. This agent entered training in June and is expected to report for duty in August. Two new uniformed officers have been recruited for the Kodiak office and are to enter training this summer. A uniformed officer has been recruited for Dutch Harbor. This officer is not expected to be on board until this winter. We are additionally recruiting for one agent at Dutch Harbor, one uniformed officer at Kodiak, and two agents at Juneau.

A summary of NMFS initiated enforcement actions follows:



1. MFCMA Groundfish Violations:

(a) April 20, 1992 - The trawl vessel ONE OCEAN was cited in Kodiak for exceeding Pacific cod bycatch limitations by 126%. \$3,842 in proceeds from the sale of 17,774 lbs. of Pacific cod were seized. The case is to be referred to NOAA General Counsel.

(b) April 21, 1992 - The trawl vessel ST. JANET was cited in Kodiak for exceeding Pacific cod bycatch limitations by 79%. \$762 in proceeds from the sale of 3,550 lbs. of Pacific cod were seized. The case is to be referred to NOAA General Counsel.

(c) April 28, 1992 - The trawl vessel PACIFIC STAR was cited in Kodiak for exceeding Pacific cod bycatch limitations by 27%. \$404 in proceeds from the sale of 2,741 lbs. of Pacific cod were seized. The case is to be referred to NOAA General Counsel.

(d) April 28, 1992 - The trawl vessel MISS ANGEL was cited in Kodiak for exceeding Pacific cod bycatch limitations by 73%. \$1,223 in proceeds from the sale of 6,478 lbs. of Pacific cod were seized. The case is to be referred to NOAA General Counsel.

(e) April 29, 1992 - The trawl vessel GREEN HOPE was cited in Kodiak for exceeding Pacific cod bycatch limitations by 29%. \$504 in proceeds from the sale of 2,297 lbs. of Pacific cod were seized. The case is to be referred to NOAA General Counsel.

(f) Since our last report, NMFS has cited a number of vessels for exceeding bycatch limitations of the Vessel Incentive Program during 1991. All 1991 VIP investigations have been completed and are being referred to General. Vessels cited include the CONSTELLATION, CONCEPCION, PACIFIC ENTERPRISE, ALASKA RANGER (2 counts), and the ALASKA 1 (2 counts). The PACIFIC ENTERPRISE was additionally cited for failing to log discards (18 counts) an failure to report discards in weekly catch reports (2 counts). A total of 6 VIP cases were deemed to be actionable during 1991.

NMFS Enforcement initiated 4 VIP investigations during the second quarter of 1992. These four vessels were participating in the Bering Sea flatfish fishery in February. The Observer Program has additionally identified twelve more vessels with bycatch rates over the standard of 25 kg per ton of groundfish. Six of these cases may be assigned as investigations upon analysis of edited observer data and debriefing of observers. Analysis of the other six cases has

shown that four of these vessels have a 95% confidence level lower bound below 25 kg per ton, and two vessels have too few hauls for calculation of a lower bound. All twelve vessels were participating in the Bering Sea Pacific cod fishery in April.



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**U.S. COAST GUARD/NMFS JUNEAU FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT FOR PERIOD
April 01, through May 31, 1992**

1. ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

a. Invalidation of USCG Documentation:

(1) On April 10, USCGC YOCONA conducted a boarding of fishing vessel Alaska Venture to investigate reports that foreign citizens were in control of the vessel. Thorough investigation by YOCONA revealed that the Japanese "fish master" exerted extensive control over the vessel. Based on the evidence of foreign control, the Coast Guard invalidated the vessel's document.

b. Catch Seizures:

(1) On May 22, USCGC ACUSHNET seized the catch of fishing vessel Sara Dawn after it was determined that the vessel was fishing in federal waters without a federal fisheries permit or logbook. The vessel was directed to Yakutat where the catch was sold and the case forwarded to NMFS.

c. Significant Aircraft Sightings:

(1) On April 27, a deployed C-130 from Air Station Sacramento, CA sighted the tug Petro Challenger within the no transit zone of Ikun Island sealion rookery. The vessel was sighted within 2 NM of the rookery and was directed to leave the area. The case was forwarded to NMFS for penalty action.

(2) On April 30, a Kodiak based C-130 located two Panamanian (PM) flagged stern trawlers fishing in the donut hole. These vessels were of concern to the U. S. in light of the current negotiations to regulate fishing by traditional distant water fishing countries in the donut to protect U. S. and Russian pollock stocks. On 05 May, USCGC RUSH relocated the Panamanian trawlers NO. 75 Penta Marie and Golden Dragon NO. 307. Although PM registered, both claimed Korean ownership. Information on these vessels was passed to Department of State.

d. High Seas Driftnet:

(1) On May 13, a Kodiak based C-130 located a suspected Panamanian driftnet vessel, 3EUXB, transitting in position 37-31N, 178-37W. Although the vessel was in the authorized driftnet area for South Korean and Taiwanese driftnet fishing, this was our first sighting of a Panamanian flagged driftnet vessel. Photos of the vessel were forwarded to the Dept of State for a confirmation of the vessel's nationality.

(2) On May 20, a Kodiak based C-130 sighted 22 probable Japanese driftnet vessels well north of current squid driftnet boundaries but very near INPFC Japanese landbased salmon area. Several of the vessels were observed actively working gear but they dropped their nets and began evasive maneuvers when overflown by the C-130. Fish, suspected of being salmon, were observed on deck of several vessels.

(3) On May 22, a Kodiak based C-130 attempted to relocate driftnet vessels sighted on May 20. The C-130 was able to locate driftnet vessel Yuko Maru as it was being boarded by Japanese enforcement vessel Hakaryu Maru. The enforcement vessel passed to the C-130 that Yuko Maru was being investigated for illegal fishing and that the vessel had been targetting salmon. Information was received May 23 from the Hakaryu Maru that the Yuko Maru was arrested for illegal salmon fishing.

2. MONTHLY PATROL STATISTICS

APRIL

- a. 2 High Endurance Cutter (HEC) patrolled for 46 days.
- b. 2 Medium Endurance cutters (MEC) patrolled for 40 days.
- c. 4 patrol boats patrolled for 29 days.
- d. C-130 aircraft conducted 45 long-range surveillance flights for 299 hours.
- e. CG helicopters conducted 1 coastal surveillance flight for 3 patrol hours.

f. Foreign vessels:

40 = Sightings (See below for list by nationality)
2 = Boardings
0 = Violations

g. Domestic vessels:

1434 = Sightings
104 = Boardings
86 = Violations

MAY

- a. 3 High Endurance Cutter (HEC) patrolled for 51 days.
- b. 1 Medium Endurance cutters (MEC) patrolled for 31 days.
- c. 5 patrol boats patrolled for 36 days.
- d. C-130 aircraft conducted 65 long-range surveillance flights for 460.2 hours.
- e. CG helicopters conducted 11 coastal surveillance flights for 40 patrol hours.
- f. Foreign vessels:
 - 122 = Sightings (See below for list by nationality)
 - 1 = Boardings
 - 0 = Violations
- g. Domestic vessels:
 - 818 = Sightings
 - 144 = Boardings
 - 91 = Violations

TOTAL

- a. 5 High Endurance Cutter (HEC) patrolled for 97 days.
- b. 3 Medium Endurance cutters (MEC) patrolled for 71 days.
- c. 16 patrol boats patrolled for 65 days.
- d. C-130 aircraft conducted 110 long-range surveillance flights for 759.2 hours.
- e. CG helicopters conducted 12 coastal surveillance flights for 43 patrol hours.
- f. Foreign vessels:
 - 162 = Sightings (See below for list by nationality)
 - 3 = Boardings
 - 0 = Violations
- g. Domestic vessels:
 - 2252 = Sightings
 - 248 = Boardings
 - 177 = Violations

3. Results:

- a. Vessel sightings by nationality:
(May be multiple sightings of one vessel.)

COUNTRY	APR	MAY	TOTAL
JA	28	53	81
KS	08	15	23
HK	01	01	02
CH	01	23	24
PM	02	30	32
US	1434	818	2252
UNKNOWN	925	1291	2216
TOTAL	2399	2231	4630

- Encl: (1) List of violations
(2) List of fishing vessels boarded with no fishery violations.
(3) Donut Hole Sightings
(4) High Seas Flights
(5) Illegal Driftnetters

LIST OF VIOLATIONS

COURTNEY NORAL	01 APR STORIS	1-Failure to properly maintain DFL
TREMONT	04 APR YOCONA	1-Failure to have a marine mammal decal 2-Failure to maintain a marine mammal log 3-Failure to log discards
SNOW KING	04 APR RUSH	1-Failure to properly maintain a marine mammal log
PERSEVERANCE	06 APR YOCONA	1-Failure to have a marine mammal decal 2-Failure to have a marine mammal certificate
ALASKAN PRIDE	06 APR YOCONA	1-Failure to have a marine mammal decal 2-Failure to properly maintain DFL
ALASKAN VENTURE	06 APR YOCONA	1-Failure to properly maintain DFL
NETTIE H	08 APR YOCONA	1-Failure to have a marine mammal decal 2-Failure to have a marine mammal certificate 3-Fishing without a permit 4-Improper log keeping
IDEAL	09 APR NAUSHON	1-Retention of prohibited species
MELISSA BETH	18 APR RUSH	1-Improper log keeping 2-Failure to properly maintain marine mammal log
TRACY ANNE	26 APR YOCONA	1-Failure to log discards
ECLIPSE	26 APR YOCONA	1-Failure to have a marine mammal decal 2-Failure to maintain a marine mammal log 3-Failure to have a marine mammal certificate
MUIR MILACH	26 APR YOCONA	1-Failure to have a marine mammal decal 2-Failure to log discards

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PETRO CHALLENGER	27 APR KODIAK C-130	1-Transiting through the no transit zone of a Sea Lion rookery.
OWYHEE	15 MAY NAUSHON	1-Fishing without a permit 2-Failure to properly maintain DFL
KALLISTE	20 MAY ACUSHNET	1-Failure to properly maintain DFL
NORTHERN GLACIER	20 MAY YOCONA	1-Incursion into Round Island closed area
LEA	20 MAY ACUSHNET	1-Failure to properly maintain DFL
CHINA B	21 MAY ACUSHNET	1-Failure to properly maintain DFL
NO QUARTER	21 MAY ACUSHNET	1-Failure to properly maintain DFL
NORTHERN MARINER	22 MAY ACUSHNET	1-Failure to properly maintain DFL
SARA DAWN	22 MAY ACUSHNET	1-Failure to properly maintain DFL 2-Fishing without a permit

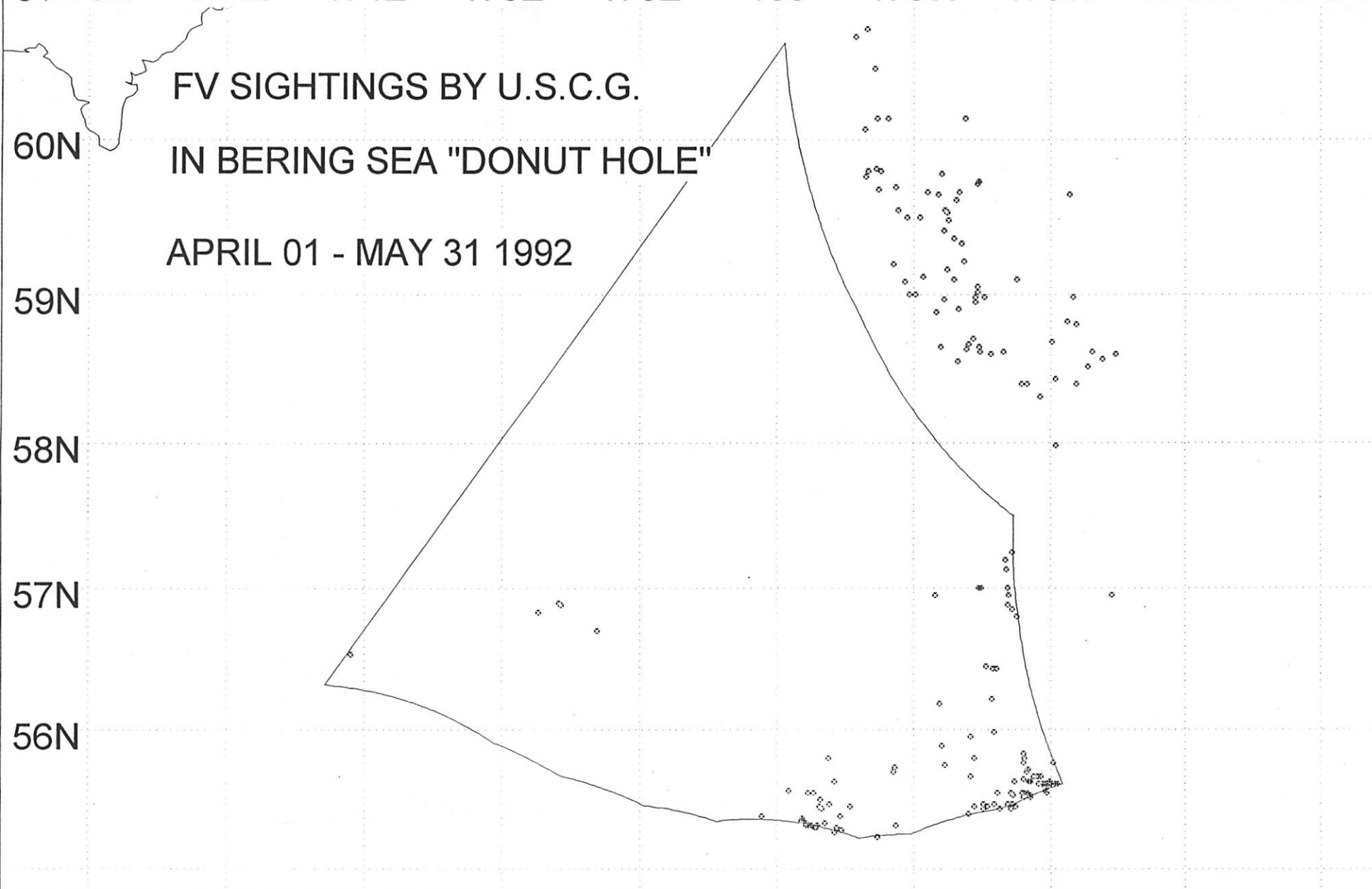
VESSELS BOARDED WITH NO FISHERY VIOLATIONS

The following vessels were boarded by Coast Guard personnel on the date indicated from April 01, 1992 through May 31, 1992 and had no fisheries (MFCMA) violations detected.

04/25/92	CORAL LEE	05/24/92	ACADIAN
05/20/92	CORAL LEE	04/18/92	ADVENTURE
05/25/92	CORRESPONDENT	04/27/92	ALASKA MIST
05/14/92	DAILY	04/04/92	ALASKA SPIRIT
04/01/92	DANCER	04/28/92	ALASKA TRADER
04/08/92	DAWN	04/18/92	ALASKA VOYAGER
05/25/92	DEL-VEE	05/01/92	ALASKAN LEADER
05/21/92	DELLA MARLYNE	04/08/92	ALEUTIAN FALCON
04/28/92	EAGLE	04/22/92	ALEUTIAN MARINER
04/15/92	ELIZIBETH	04/04/92	ALEUTIAN SPRAY
05/25/92	EMALD	04/08/92	AMERICAN
05/04/92	ERLA N	04/16/92	ENTERPRISE
05/24/92	ESTOYU MARU	04/04/92	AMERICAN NO.1
05/21/92	ETIKA	05/27/92	ANNA MARIE II
04/01/92	FAIRLIGHT	04/01/92	ANNETTE
04/30/92	FISH	05/12/92	ARGO
05/23/92	FOG DUCKER	04/04/92	BALLYHOO
05/16/92	G-WHIZZ	04/22/92	BERING EMPIRE
05/15/92	GALATEA	05/12/92	BIG VALLEY II
04/15/92	GAVIA	05/21/92	BILLY MARIE
05/31/92	GAYLE FORCE	04/18/92	BLUE FIN
05/21/92	GINNY C	05/15/92	BLUE FIN
05/10/92	GOLDEN EAGLE	04/03/92	BLUE ICE
04/18/92	GRANT	05/09/92	BLUE HARVEST
04/06/92	GRIZZLY	05/15/92	BREEZIN AGAIN
04/07/92	HALF MOON BAY	04/15/92	BRENDA LEE
05/14/92	HARMONY I	05/23/92	BRITNEY LEIGH
04/04/92	HIGHLAND LIGHT	05/16/92	BRITTBATT
05/14/92	IMMIGRANT	04/08/92	BULL HARBOR
05/24/92	INDIGO	04/08/92	CAPE CAUTION
05/25/92	IRISH SPRING	05/15/92	CAPE CHACON
05/04/92	JOSEPH	04/01/92	CAPE DEVINE
04/22/92	JACQUELYN R	04/23/92	CAPE HORN
04/01/92	JILL	04/05/92	CAPE KIWANDA
04/02/92	JON K	04/06/92	CARAVELLE
05/22/92	JULIA BREEZE	05/21/92	CARRIE DAWN
05/08/92	JUSTY	05/10/92	CHELSEA DAWN
05/23/92	KAY JAY	05/16/92	CHERI ANN
05/05/92	KILLER	04/15/92	CHOPAKA
05/16/92	KING DAVID	04/01/92	CINDY SUE
04/18/92	KODIAK	05/14/92	CLIPPER SURPRISE
05/31/92	KONAN MARU	05/22/92	CLIPPER SURPRISE
04/25/92	KRISTIN ANN	04/17/92	COMMODORE
05/16/92	KUTA BEACH	05/25/92	CONNAMARA
05/14/92	LADY JANE	04/01/92	CONQUEST
		04/26/92	CONSTELLATION

05/24/92	RED BARON	05/05/92	LAST UNICORN
05/13/92	ROGHNECK	04/01/92	LOGAN T
04/26/92	ROSELLA	05/31/92	MADDOCK
04/04/92	ROYAL KING	05/14/92	MELODY
04/22/92	ROYAL VIKING	05/17/92	MERRIE COLLEEN
05/15/92	SALT SHAKER	05/14/92	MISS CLAUDINE
04/06/92	SARATOGA	04/07/92	MISS CONCEPTION
04/03/92	SEATTLE STAR	03/19/92	MISS JANE
04/01/92	SHAWNA RAE	05/11/92	MS TRACY
04/02/92	SHUTOKU MARU	05/21/92	NISHKKA
04/01/92	SILVER TIP	05/09/92	NO QUARTER
05/09/92	SIRUS	05/13/92	NORDIC PRINCESS
05/05/92	SOLO DOS	04/25/92	NORDIC STAR
05/25/92	SON OF YORK	04/07/92	NORDIC VIKING
05/21/92	SOUTHEAST	04/17/92	NORSE MAID
04/19/92	SPIRIT OF THE NORTH	04/02/92	NORTH
05/05/92	SUNMORE	05/20/92	NORTHERN AURORA
05/11/92	TEMPEST	04/16/92	NORTHERN EMPIRE
04/01/92	TEMPTATION	05/01/92	NUSHAGAK
04/02/92	TERN	04/18/92	OCEANAIRE
05/24/92	TERRA NOVA	05/13/92	OCEAN CHALLENGER
04/26/92	THE RAWSON	04/21/92	OCEAN MARINER
05/14/92	TOP GUN	04/06/92	OCEAN SPIRIT
04/17/92	TRAVELER	05/05/92	PACIFIC GOLD
05/21/92	TRICIA LYNN	04/06/92	PACIFIC PEARL
04/26/92	UGLY DUCKLING	05/10/92	PACIFIC VENTURE
04/07/92	VALERIE KAY	05/21/92	PACIFIC VIKING
05/19/92	VALKRYE	04/07/92	PANDAD
04/04/92	VALIANT	05/15/92	PATHFINDER
05/16/92	VICKEY LOU 2	04/30/92	PATLY JOE
05/21/92	VIEW POINT	04/24/92	PENGMIN
05/23/92	WAVE WALKER	04/18/92	PERSISTENCE
05/20/92	WESTERN SKIES	05/23/92	PROGRESS
04/17/92	WINDJAMMER	04/08/92	PTARMIGAN
04/30/92	YUKON VIKING	05/23/92	RACHEL K
05/21/92	YVONNE DENISE	05/22/92	RED BARON
04/08/92	ZINGARO	05/13/92	RED BARON

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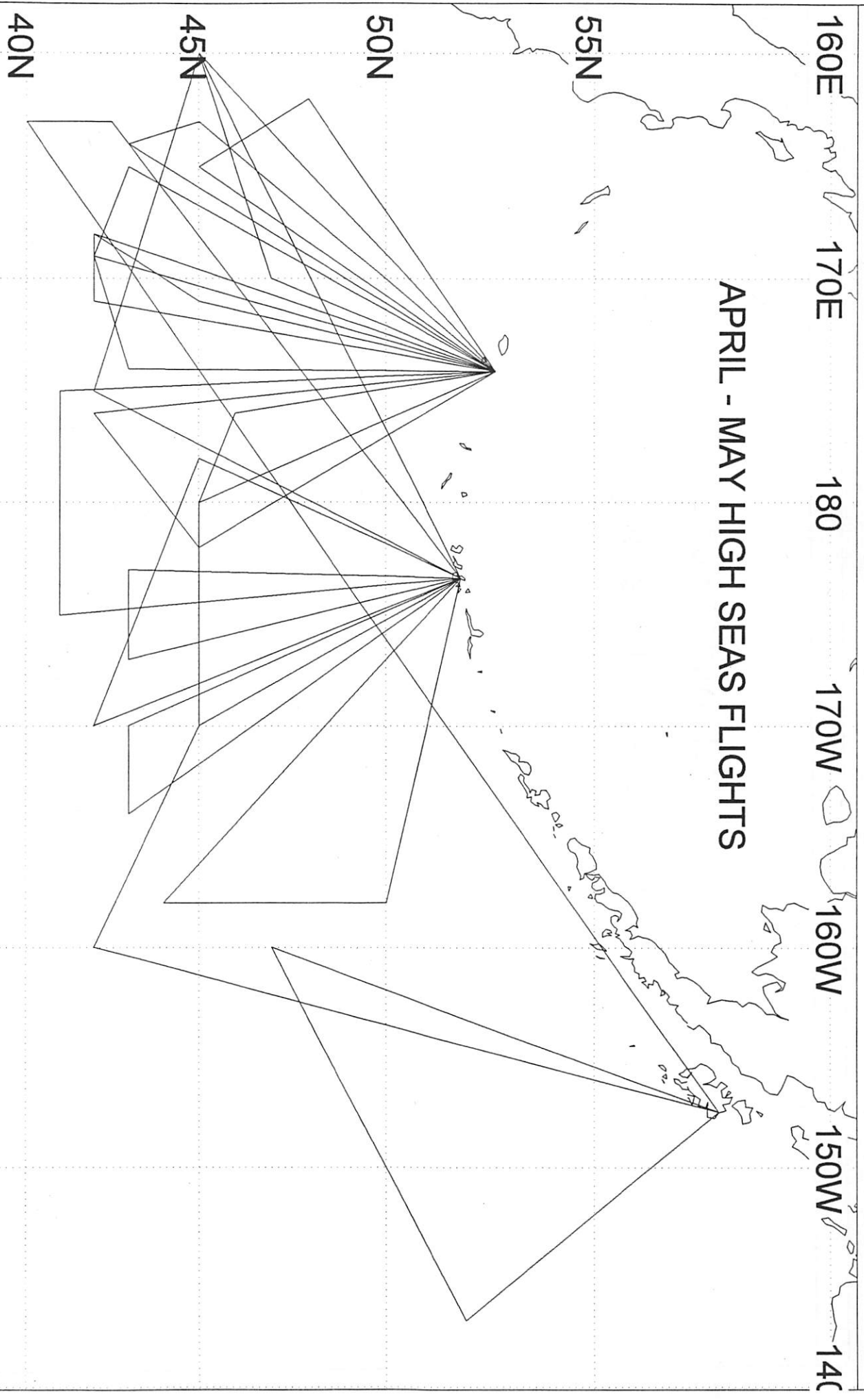
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FV SIGHTINGS BY U.S.C.G.
IN BERING SEA "DONUT HOLE"
APRIL 01 - MAY 31 1992

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APRIL - MAY HIGH SEAS FLIGHTS



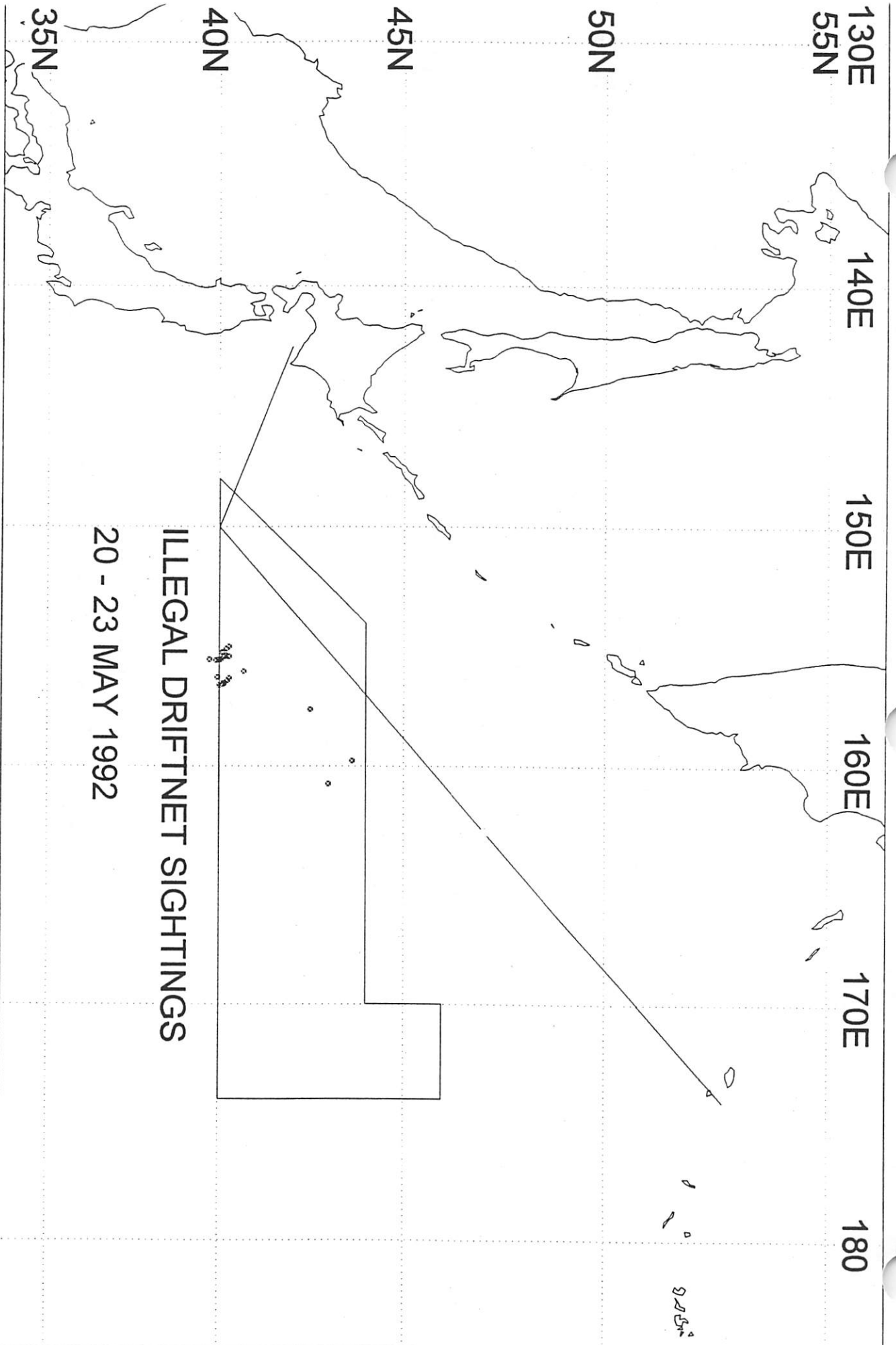
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ILLEGAL DRIFTNET SIGHTINGS

20 - 23 MAY 1992