

# 17<sup>th</sup> COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



**June - September 2022**

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## **List of Abbreviations**

AVDET – Aviation Detachment	MBL – U.S./Russian Maritime Boundary
CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation
CGC – Coast Guard Cutter	MEDICO – Passing medical advice at sea
DIW – Dead in the Water	NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator
EPIRB – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	PD – Police Department
FBS – Russian Federal Border Service	POB – Persons on board
FCH – Charter Fishing Vessel	PRC – Peoples’ Republic of China
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	RFMO – Regional Fisheries Management Org.
FOL – Forward Operating Location	SAR – Search and Rescue
FRC – 154’ Fast Response Cutter	SARSAT – Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
GOA – Gulf of Alaska	SMC – SAR Mission Coordinator
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	TERM - Termination
MH-65/MH-60 – CG helicopter	UMIB – Urgent Marine Info Broadcast
HSDN – High Seas Drift Net	VDS – Visual Distress Signals
IFQ – Individual Fishing Quota	WLB – 225’ Buoy Tender
IUU – Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing	WMEC – Medium Endurance Cutter
IVO – In the vicinity of	WMSL – 418’ National Security Cutter
MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast	WPB – 110’ Patrol Boat

## **I. IUU Fishing & High Seas Drift Net (HSDN) Enforcement**

The U.S. Coast Guard concluded Operation North Pacific Guard (NPG) 2022 including FF/V boardings on the High Seas under North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) authorities. There were no detected HSDN fishing activities during this period. The Coast Guard conducted 11 FF/V boardings, finding five violations; two of which were considered to be potentially serious violations. There were seven PRC fishing vessels that refused a boarding, which resulted in a potential serious violation for all seven vessels. NPFC Conservation and Management Measures require fishing vessels operating under the RFMO to accept boardings from an authorized inspection vessel. A total of two U.S. Coast Guard C-130 deployments to Misawa, Japan yielded six flights that spotted several potential violations.

## **II. U.S./Russian Maritime Boundary Line (MBL) Enforcement**

Following an increase of FF/V activity in the vicinity of the MBL earlier in May, the Russian F/V IKHTIOLOG committed a total of nine incursions into the U.S. EEZ between 31 May and 03 June. Based on the vessel's course, speed, and duration inside the U.S. EEZ, it was assessed that this vessel was fishing in U.S. waters. As a result, the U.S. Coast Guard increased surface and air presence along the MBL to deter future incursions, including several C-130 flights and CGC BERTHOLF patrolling the MBL and issuing the vessel warnings over VHF radio. The Russian Border Guard investigated our report and fined the owner of the vessel for failing to notify the Russian Federation of an MBL crossing. Since these incursions by F/V IKHTIOLOG, the U.S. Coast Guard has not detected any other incursions along the U.S.-Russian MBL.

## **III. U.S./Canadian EEZ Boundary (Dixon Entrance) Enforcement**

There was light fishing activity during the reporting period along the U.S.-Canadian EEZ boundary in the vicinity of Dixon Entrance. All Canadian fishing vessels sighted were south of the A-B line and no incursions into U.S. waters were detected.

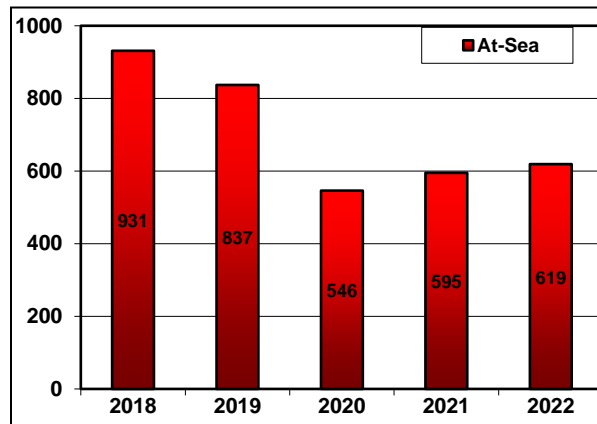
## **IV. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement**

The Coast Guard monitors 151 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. During the period from June to September 2022, Air Station Kodiak conducted three Copper River Marine Mammal Survey flights from FOL Cordova and five Marine Mammal Survey flights from Kodiak in support of NOAA Protected Resources Division (PRD). FOL Kotzebue conducted four flights with NOAA personnel out of Nome for the Whale and Walrus Survey Initiative (WWSI) to identify deceased marine mammals in support of the Gray Whale and Ice Seal Unusual Mortality Events (UME). The NOAA Administrator accompanied one of the WWSI flights. During a separate WWSI flight, NOAA personnel also collected seawater samples and samples of multiple dead walruses to help alert communities to any algal blooms and their potentially deadly biotoxins. Air Station Sitka conducted an emergent Marine Mammal Survey flight for a reported dead Stellar Sea Lion entangled in fishing gear on shore in support of NOAA PRD. NOAA personnel were onboard and conducted a necropsy of the animal.

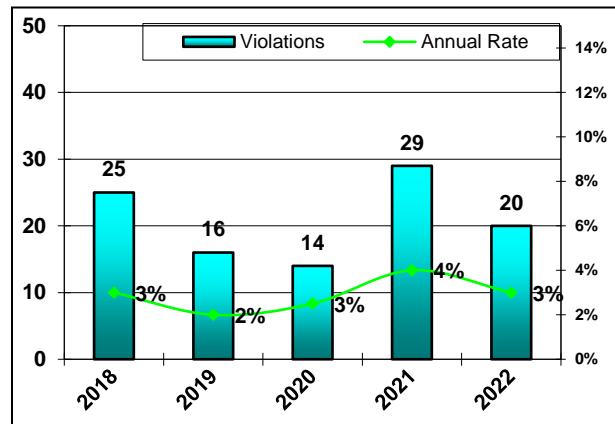
## V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 400 federal fisheries boardings conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of nine fisheries violations onboard nine vessels. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations. Appendices B and C list the boardings that occurred during the reporting period.

**Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year**



**Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year**



### June - September 2021 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea): .....354  
Boardings w/fisheries violations: .....9  
Violation Rate: .....2.5%

### June - September 2022 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea): .....400  
Boardings w/fisheries violations: .....9  
Violation Rate: .....2.25%

## VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Coast Guard patrols completed 384 boardings on commercial, charter, and recreational vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. 31 boardings were of IFQ halibut or sablefish vessels, resulting in five fisheries violations on five vessels. 106 boardings were of Charter halibut vessel, resulting in two fisheries violations. 247 boardings were of recreational halibut vessels targeting halibut, resulting in no federal fisheries violations observed.

## VII. Forward Operating Locations

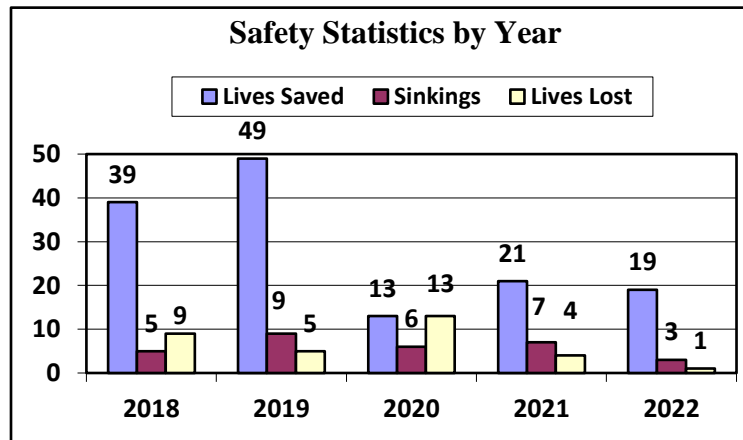
Air Station Kodiak deployed one MH-60 and/or one MH-65 to Cordova for Gulf of Alaska/Prince William Sound SAR coverage and law enforcement throughout the reporting period until 27 September. On 20 July, FOL Kotzebue deployed two MH-60s for SAR coverage, and anticipates having the two helicopters return to Air Station Kodiak on 13 October.

### VIII. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, the U.S. Coast Guard detected 19 safety violations on 13 vessels. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix B.

There were 45 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in 12 lives saved, one life lost, and two vessels lost during the reporting period. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

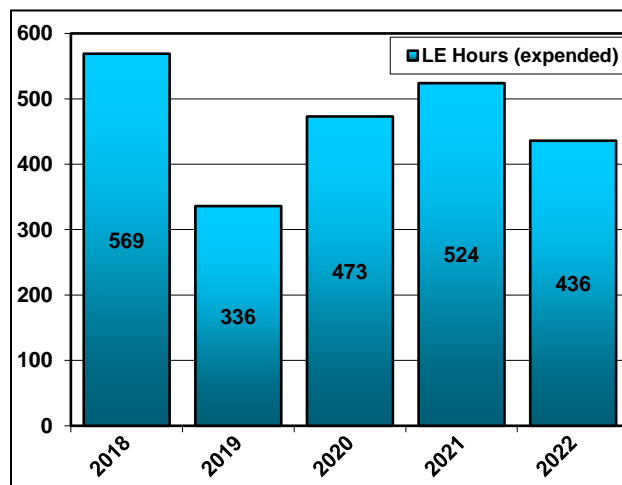
**Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics**



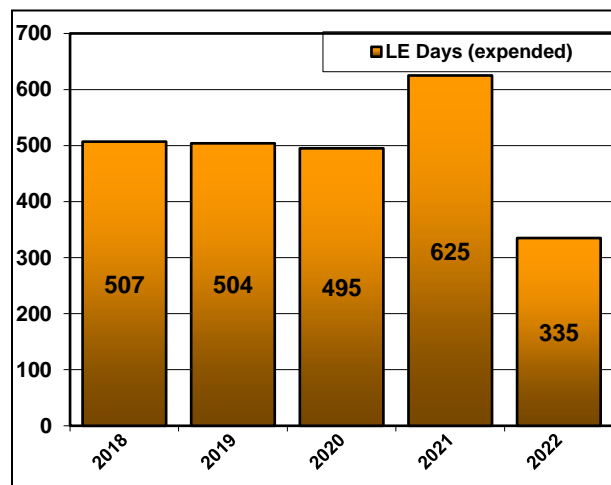
### IX. Coast Guard Resource Summary

Figures 4-7 show the *annual* aircraft law enforcement hours, Medium and High Endurance Cutter days, and Patrol Boat hours used in the Seventeenth District. Figures 8-9 show the same information over the last three years for major cutters and patrol boats over the *reporting period only*.

**Figure 4. Annual HC-130 Hours**



**Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days**



**June - September 2021**

3 WMSL patrolled.....147 days  
 1 WMEC patrolled.....28 days  
 1 WLB patrolled ..... 15 days  
 6 WPB/FRCs patrolled .....155 days  
**Total Cutter patrol.....345 days**

HC-130s flew ..... 271 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew..... 111 hours

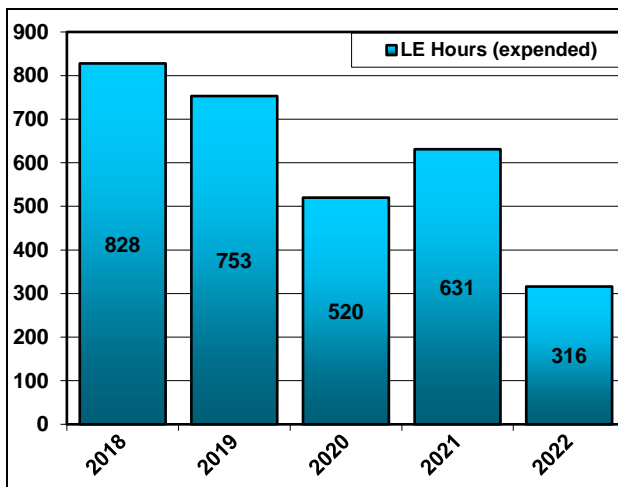
**June - September 2022**

5 WMSL patrolled\* .....144 days  
 0 WMEC patrolled.....0 days  
 2 WLB patrolled .....29 days  
 7 WPB/FRCs patrolled .....133 days  
**Total Cutter patrol.....306 days**

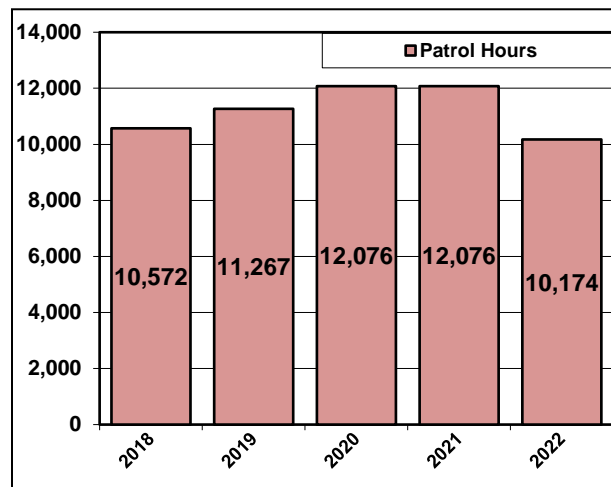
HC-130s flew .....182 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew.....93 hours

\*Includes NPG cutter

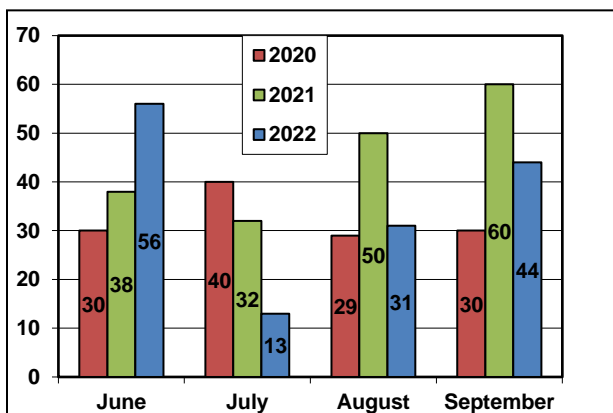
**Figure 6. Annual H60/65 Hours**



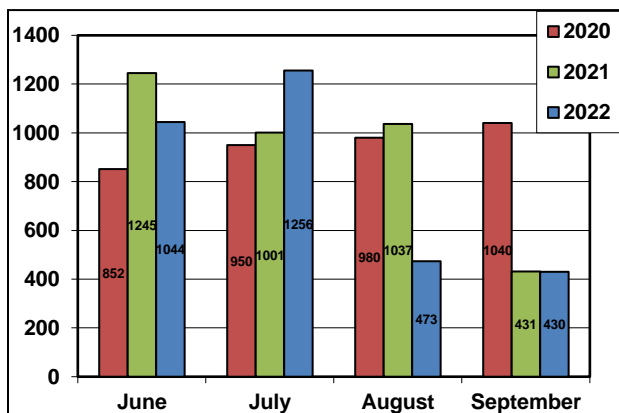
**Figure 7. Annual Patrol Boat Hours**



**Figure 8. June - September Major Cutter Days**



**Figure 9. June - September WPB Hours**



*Appendix A*  
June - September 2022  
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel Name	Case Specifics
02 June	F/V BLACK PEARL	MEDICO for an injured crewmember.
05 June	F/V ENTERPRISE	Maintained communications schedule with vessel taking on water as they transited to safe harbor to effect repairs.
07 June	F/V RED SKY	MEDEVAC for injured crewmember.
09 June	F/V DELTA SOUND	Monitored situation of vessel taking on water. Two Good Samaritans responded to the MAYDAY with dewatering pumps. F/V DELTA SOUND secured the source of the flooding and was towed into port for repairs.
10 June	F/V GOOD DEAL	Launched MH-60 to establish communications with disabled and adrift F/V. Issued MARB after determining vessel was not in immediate distress. Maintained communications schedule with F/V as Good Samaritan responded.
11 June	R/V PRINCESS BAY	MEDEVAC for diver suffering decompression sickness and coordinated the use of the decompression chamber onboard the M/V ALASKAN SALVER operated by Alaska Commercial Diving.
11 June	F/V COASTAL STANDARD	MEDICO for injured crewmember.
12 June	F/V CASTAWAY	Issued UMIB for vessel aground and waiting for tide to refloat themselves. Deployed MH-60 to lower rescue swimmer with radio to provide additional communications means. Diverted Coast Guard Cutter which provided overwatch, and embarked both F/V crewmembers until refloated by contracted services. Maintained communications schedule as vessel was towed to port.
16 June	F/V GOLDEN ALASKA	MEDEVAC for injured crewmember.
16 June	F/V SILVER STORM	MEDEVAC for injured crewmember.
17 June	F/V [Unknown Name]	MEDEVAC for three severely burned and hypothermic crewmembers rescued from burning vessel by Good Samaritans.
17 June	F/V PACIFIC SOUNDER	Maintained communications schedule with aground vessel and diverted two Coast Guard aircraft to ascertain on-scene situation. Good Samaritan assisted with rescuing 04 persons onboard.
25 June	F/V PACIFIC PRODUCER	MEDEVAC for crewmember experiencing a possible heart attack.
27 June	F/V SCREAMING MIMI	Launched Coast Guard aircraft and small boat for vessel taking on water. Monitored situation after Good Samaritan responded within 20 minutes and towed the vessel to port for repairs.

01 July	F/V WIND N SEA	Maintained communications schedule for disabled vessel towed into port for repairs by Good Samaritan.
03 July	F/V PACIFIC PRODUCER	MEDEVAC for crewmember with possible sepsis. Second aircraft provided communications between the vessel and the Coast Guard.
11 July	F/V EAGLE III -&- F/V NORSEL	Coast Guard small boat responded to, and monitored situation of, F/V EAGLE III losing power, drifting towards the rocks, and eventually mooring; in addition to F/V NORSEL taking on water while attempting to assist F/V EAGLE III, fixing their pumps, and eventually mooring with F/V EAGLE III.
15 July	F/V CAPE ST. JOHN	Issued UMIB and monitored situation as vessel extinguished fire onboard with multiple Good Samaritans responding to assist.
17 July	F/V KIMBERLY DAWN	Issued UMIB and maintained communications schedule with skiff transiting into Kodiak Harbor after all hands disembarked grounded fishing vessel
18 July	F/V TOJO	Issued UMIB for vessel dragging anchor that was assisted by Good Samaritans.
18 July	F/V ISLAND ENTERPRISE	MEDICO for crewmember with possible cardiac issues.
20 July	F/V LADY O	Issued a UMIB and launched two Coast Guard aircraft for a 406 EPIRB alert. Contacted nearby shore-based processor who reported that vessel sank and all five crewmembers were immediately rescued by Good Samaritan with no injuries or safety concerns.
20 July	F/V CAVALIER	MEDICO for person onboard experiencing cardiac arrest. Fishing vessel was able to transit at 30 knots to port prior to Coast Guard assets arriving on-scene.
21 July	F/V WINDY ANN	MEDEVAC for crewmember experiencing seizures.
21 July	F/V FREEZING RAIN	MEDEVAC for injured crewmember.
22 July	F/V LEGACY	Coast Guard personnel took over conducting CPR from vessel crewmembers on one of their shipmates who had suffered cardiac arrest. After three defibrillations and 1.5 hours of CPR, Coast Guard Flight Surgeon secured personnel from resuscitation attempts and directed transport of the body to town.
23 July	F/V ALDEBARAN	MEDECIO for crewmember.
24 July	F/V PHOENIX	MEDEVAC for crewmember with possible appendicitis.
24 July	F/V KULUKAK BAY	Issued UMIB and launched two Coast Guard aircraft for vessel on fire. All hands abandoned vessel onto Good Samaritan vessel.



29 July	F/V PROUD VENTURE	MEDICO for crewmember.
29 July	F/V KNOT E Z	Maintained communications schedule with vessel taking on water until they decreased their concern of sinking.
02 Aug	F/V LUCKY Js	Issued UMIB, launched aircraft and small boat for MAYDAY call. Good Samaritan responded to UMIB and retrieved all hands with no medical concerns.
03 Aug	F/V HOTSPUR	Launched aircraft and small boat to respond to reports of vessel that capsized. Good Samaritan rescued all hands with no medical concerns.
03 Aug	F/V YOO	Issued UMIB and launched two aircraft for vessel taking on water due to running aground. Good Samaritan rescued all hands with no medical concerns.
07 Aug	F/V CHALLENGER	Responded to SARSAT Alert and determined vessel had capsized. All hands rescued by Good Samaritan with no medical concerns.
08 Aug	F/V REBEL SPIRIT	Issued UMIB, launched Coast Guard aircraft and small boat for reported vessel taking on water. Vessel received assistance from nearby vessels and secured the flooding source, no longer requiring Coast Guard assistance.
09 Aug	F/V ALRITA	Issued MARB for, and maintained communications schedule with, disabled vessel. Commercial salvage responded and towed vessel into port.
10 Aug	F/V NORTHERN EAGLE	MEDICO for injured crewmember.
12 Aug	F/V ALDA B	Issued UMIB and Coast Guard small boat self-launched for vessel taking on water. Coast Guard small boat escorted the vessel into port.
13 Aug	F/V HANS HALVOR	Issued MARB for vessel listing due to running aground. Vessel refloated with the tide with no damage.
15 Aug	F/V PROVIDER	Issued UMIB after receiving MAYDAY call and SARSAT alert for vessel taking on water due to running aground. Good Samaritans recovered all hands with no medical concerns after the vessel capsized.
16 Aug	F/V IVY	Coast Guard received an uncorrelated MAYDAY call with a named geographic area but no vessel identified in the call. Coast Guard contacted boats in the named area to assist in searching while launching a Coast Guard aircraft. Good Samaritan called the Coast Guard to notify they rescued the only person onboard F/V IVY, who had no medical concerns. F/V IVY sank after striking a rock.
16 Aug	F/V FRAM	Coast Guard small boat launched to receive personnel from Good Samaritan after their vessel ran aground and began listing severely.
18 Aug	F/V PIONEER	Coast Guard launched aircraft and diverted cutter for disabled vessel drifting towards land. Good Samaritans coordinated towing vessel to port.

05 Sep	F/V AMERICAN TRIUMPH	MEDEVAC for crewmember experiencing chest pain.
24 Sep	F/V TANUSHA	Coast Guard coordinated Good Samaritan response to disabled vessel. Vessel towed into port.

**Appendix B**

June - September 2022

Fisheries Boardings with Fisheries and/or Safety Violations (Commercial, Recreational, and Charter)

DATE	SPECIES	AREA	# SAFETY	ACTION	# FISHERY	ACTION	NOTES AND DETAILS
6/10/22	200	2C			1	SEZ	Escorted vsl to Petersburg at NOAA OLE request. After consult with NOAA OLE and NOAA General Counsel, NOAA OLE agent in Petersburg seized 44 pieces of mutilated and chunked halibut.
6/24/22	200	2C	1	TERM			No fire extinguisher onboard
6/28/22	200	2C			1	NOV	Logbook not onboard
7/13/22	200	2C	1	NOV			Did not have vessel's certificate of numbers onboard. Master did not possess MMC or sport fishing guide credentials and claimed that the voyage was not a charter for hire, however boarding team suspects possible illegal charter.
7/25/22	200	4A			1	NOV	No IFQ Permit onboard
7/25/22	127	541	1	NOV			Not transmitting AIS while within 12NM of land. Cutter contacted vsl over the radio but did not conduct a boarding.
7/27/22	200	2C	1	TERM			No fire extinguisher onboard
7/29/22	710	CG			1	NOV	Failure to log disposition of bycatch
7/29/22	710	CG			1	NOV	IFQ permit not onboard during boarding
8/1/22	200	3A			1	NOV	Improper longline buoy markings
8/1/22	200	3A	2	NOV			No Certificate of Documentation or Inspection onboard
8/13/22	200	2C	1	TERM			No PFDs onboard
8/14/22	200	2C			1	NOV	No guided operating license or Masters license. 02 passengers did not have AK fishing license while fishing. Logbook not in compliance
8/17/22	200	2C	1	NOV			Possible illegal charter operation due to documentation onboard, vsl master, and guests. Violation for marine sewage system routed directly overboard, with valve open, while operating within 1NM of land
8/18/22	200	2C	1	NOV			No fire extinguisher onboard, however installed seawater hose system prevented termination

8/25/22	200	3A	2	TERM			Expired COD onboard only endorsed for recreational use. Passengers communicated that they paid the operator under the impression that it was operating as a legal, commercial charter. Terminated for illegal charter operations
8/30/22	200	3A	2	NOV			Missing one 5-B fire extinguishers and operating outside of 3NM without an EPIRB onboard
9/2/22	270	610	4	NOV			Expired survival craft, expired fire extinguishers, expired installed FS, expired hydrostatic release on EPIRB
9/2/22	270	610	1	NOV			2 life rings not good serviceable condition
9/3/22	270	610			1	NOV	No current original FPP onboard
9/3/22	270	610	1	NOV			Expired fire extinguisher
9/4/22	270	630			1	NOV	No current nor valid FPP onboard

Species Codes:

127 – Yellowfin sole

200 – Pacific halibut

270 – Pollock

710 – Sablefish