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FOR THE PERIOD 4/3/2001 THROUGH 5/29/2001
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During the period since the last Council meeting, the Alaska Enforcement Division has opened 253 new cases. We currently have 405 open cases. The cases have been a mix between observer coverage, IFQ, and record keeping and reporting of groundfish.

Investigative Highlights:

- We continue to examine instances of failure to have sufficient observer coverage.
- We conducted a joint investigation with the Unalaska Police Department concerning an alleged sexual assault of an observer.
- We assisted in an observer misconduct investigation, which may lead to suspension or de-certification of that observer.
- One of our special agents had the opportunity to meet with Russian Border Service investigators during the NPAFC's Enforcement Evaluation and Coordination (EEC) Committee meeting in Petropavlovsk, Russia.
- The owners of the Chinese owned fishing vessel MING CHANG requested depositions be held in China. The request was denied, and attempts are being made to conduct the depositions in the U.S. The Coast Guard seized the MING CHANG last year for fishing illegally in the U.S. EEZ. They posted a \$1.5 million bond and were released.

COPPS:

- Regulations that require a minimum distance of 100 yards from humpback whales take effect on July 1, 2001. We have worked with the NMFS Protected Resource office, the cruise ship industry, and charter industry to create a video that demonstrates the process for creating regulations, using this as an example. The video also demonstrates how we will be enforcing the regulation.

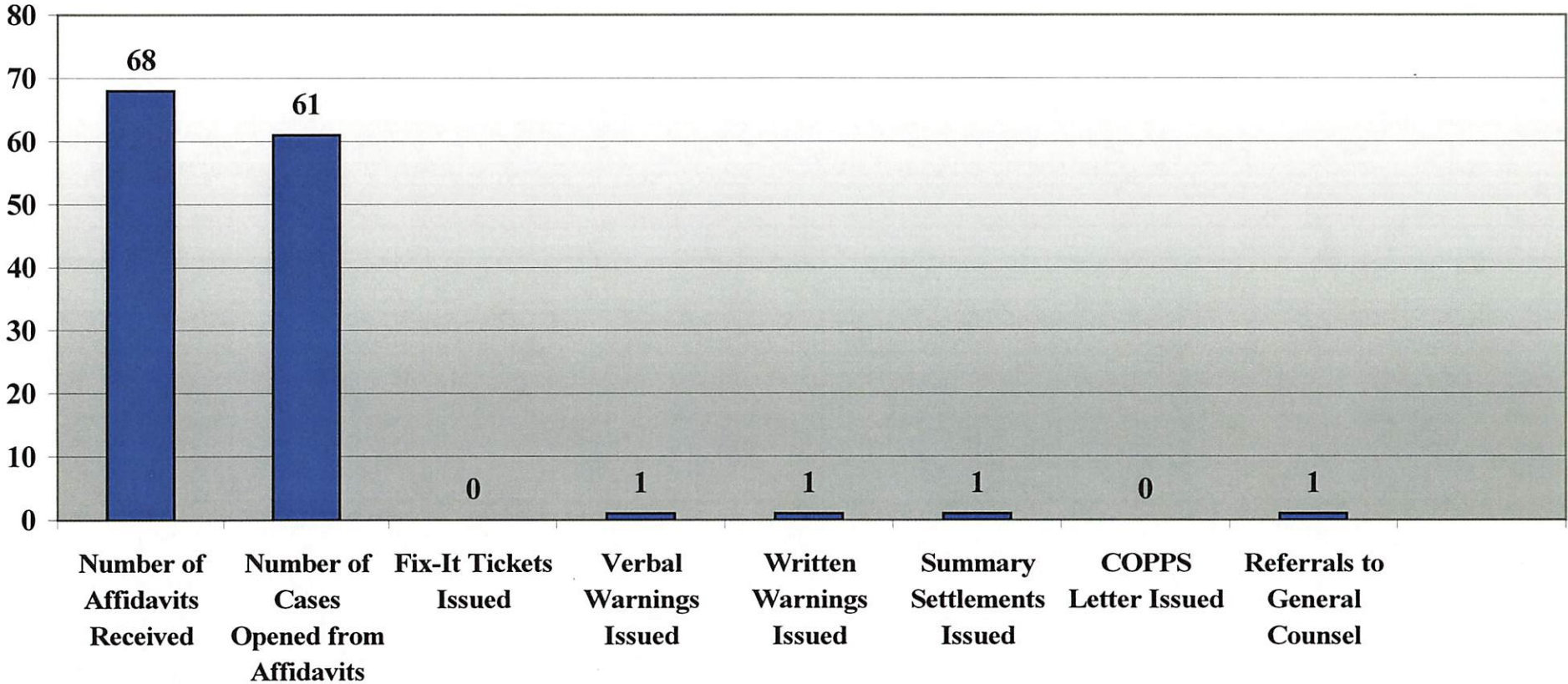
VMS:

- Our headquarters office is continuing to work on VMS as a national issue. It would be in our best interests to own the entire system, including the individual units placed on vessels. With current VMS funding, there is enough money to set up the system servers and hire people to run it, but there is not enough to buy each unit for all the fishing vessels that may require it. Outfitting the Highly Migratory Species fleet alone would use about half of the available funding.

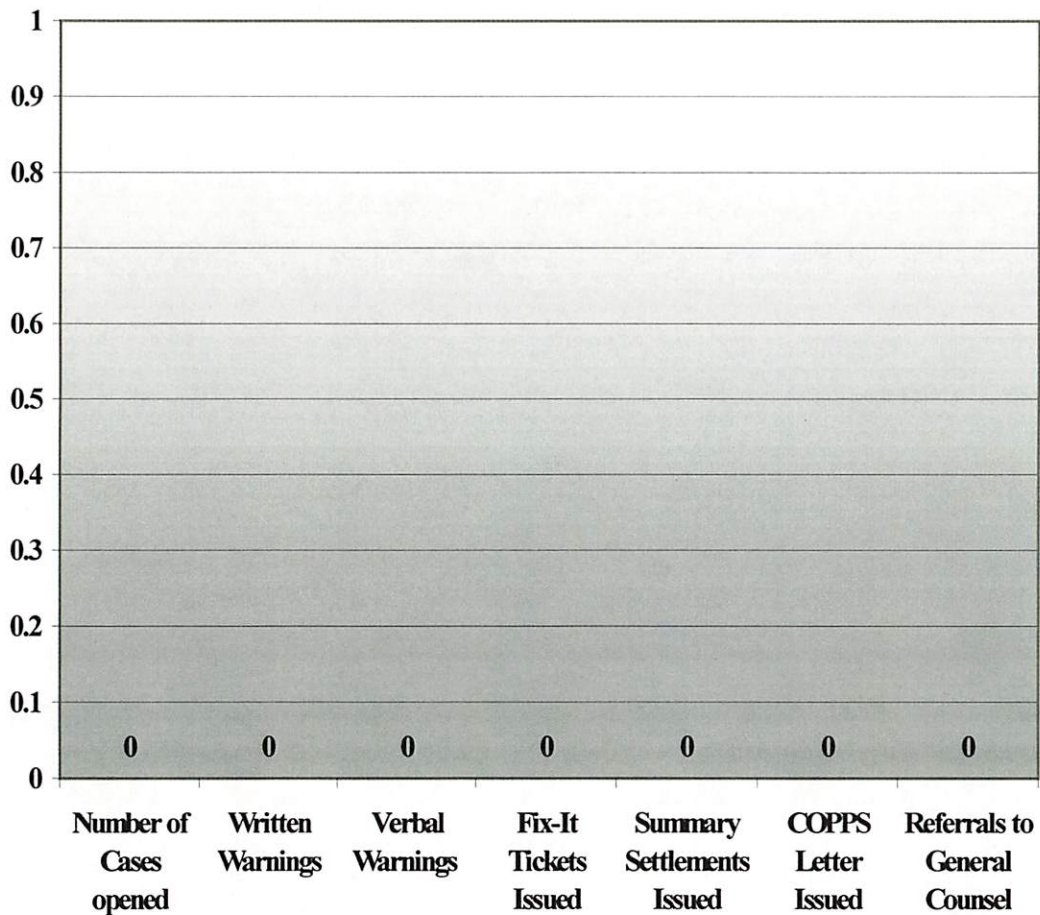
Having enforcement buy units for each fishing vessel will probably be looked at on a "first-come, first-serve" basis.

- The NOAA Research Vessel MILLER FREEMAN is testing ARGOS and INMARSAT systems to determine any "dead spaces" north of the Aleutian Islands.

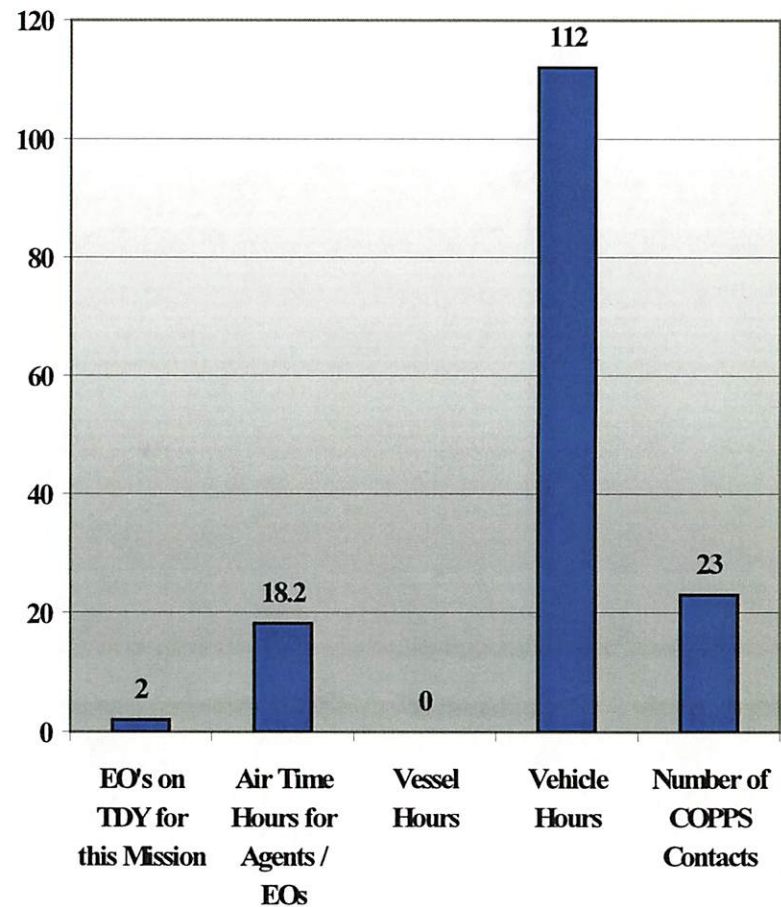
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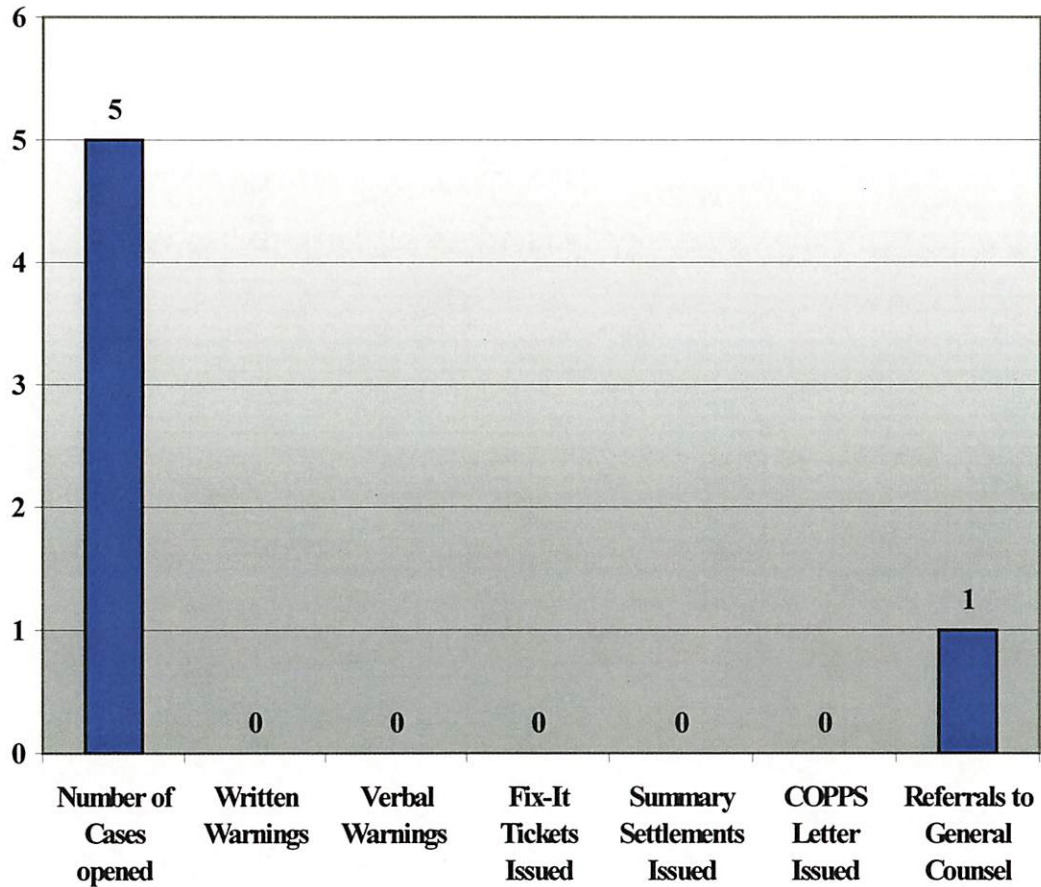
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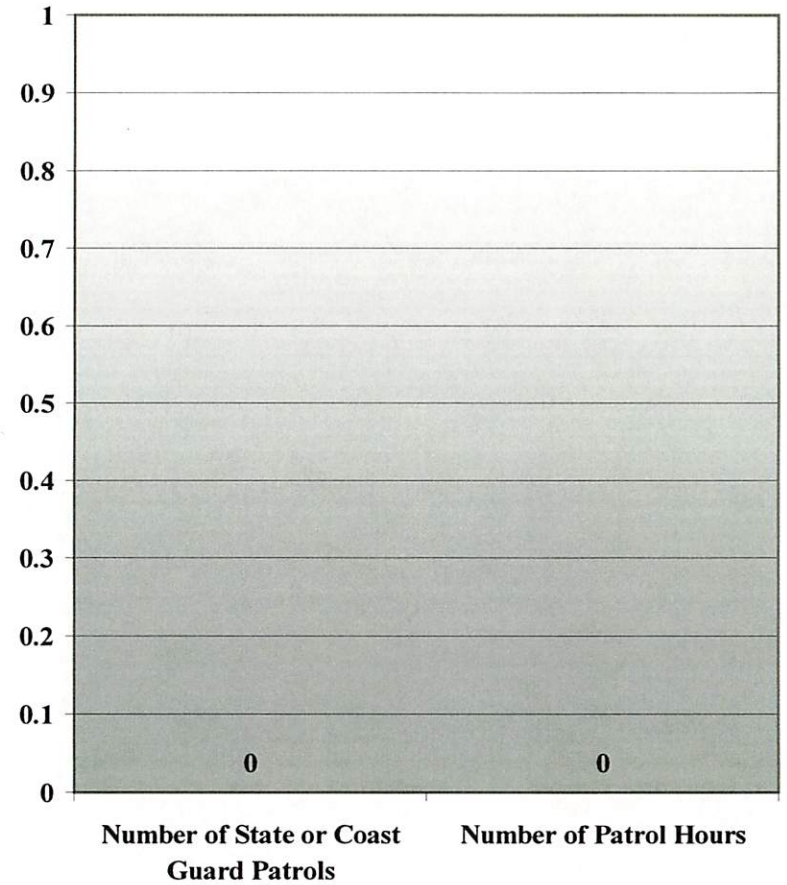
**Enforcement Effort for Beluga Patrols
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**Alaska Region Case Actions for Steller Sea Lion Cases
January 01 - May 29, 2001**



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Alaska Region Enforcement Effort for IFQ and Recordkeeping and Reporting

Boardings and Inspections	Port									
	Bellingham	Craig	Dutch Harbor	Homer	Juneau	Ketchikan	Kodiak	Petersburg	Seward	Whittier
Number of Vessel Boardings/Inspections by Port	6	1	11	24	16	2	58	16	40	2
Number of Boardings/Inspections with Violations	0	1	6	9	14	0	10	3	19	0
Compliance Rate	100%	0%	45%	72%	12%	100%	83%	81%	52%	100%
Number of Plant Inspections by Port	1									
Number of Inspections with Violations	0									
Compliance Rate	100%									
Number of COPPS Visits by Port	1									

Alaska Region Enforcement Effort with Patrol Vessels

Vessel Patrols	
Number of Vessel Trips Taken	14
Number of Hours on the Water	53
Number of Boardings/Inspections	2
Number of Unmanned Ports Visited	3
Number of Violations Detected on Patrol	1
Compliance Rate	0%

17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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List of Abbreviations

HH65/60 – CG helicopter	MBL – US/Russian Maritime Boundary
PIW - Person In Water	FBS - Federal Border Service
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	POB - Person On Board
RS- Russia	HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft
HEC/MEC – High/Medium Endurance Cutters	HSDN – High Seas Drift Net
NPAFC- North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission	
FAJ- Fisheries Agency of Japan	

I. High Seas Drift Net Enforcement

Operation Northern Watch, CGD17's HSDN Enforcement Plan, officially started on 14 March when D17 conducted its first patrol of the NPAFC Convention Area based upon information received from the FBS of suspicious activity. No illegal activity was detected.

An Ad Hoc Patrol Coordination Group was established at D17's headquarters in Juneau to coincide with the Canadian CP-140 HSDN deployment out of Shemya, AK during the month of April and the D17's patrols in early May. The NPAFC sponsored group was comprised of representatives from Canada, Russia, and the United States, with a representative from Japan participating via email. The purpose of the group was to improve operations planning and response to sightings of illegal activity. While there was no illegal activity detected within the Convention Area, the Group did develop a comprehensive standard operating procedures document for use in follow-on years.

D17 Coast Guard officers along with a National Marine Fisheries Service Special Agent, met with representatives from Canada, Japan, and Russia in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, Russia from 13-18 May 2001 for the NPAFC Enforcement Evaluation and Coordination Meeting. The EECM was co-hosted by the Northeast Regional Directorate of the Russia Federal Border Service and the Kamchatrybvod and was sponsored by the NPAFC. The meeting included discussions by each party on enforcement plans and resources for 2001, and an HSDN assessment of the effectiveness of patrol efforts and coordination so far in 2001.

On 16 May, all parties participated in the first ever flight of an USCG HC-130 patrol staged out of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. The final patrol sighting was of a trawler converted into a driftnet fishing vessel later identified as the Russian flagged FF/V Sakhfrakt-3. That vessel was observed driftnet fishing 15 NM inside the RS EEZ in an area adjacent to the NPAFC Convention Area. Federal Border Service Ship (FBSS) Dzerzhinsky immediately diverted to intercept the vessel. Upon boarding, the FBS found the vessel equipped for driftnet fishing having on board radio bouys, 5 driftnets with a combined length of 17 NM, processing equipment and shipping boxes. The Dzerzhinsky directed the vessel to recover its driftnets containing 1460 chum and spawning fish. The FF/V Sakhfrakt-3 was escorted to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky and charged with multiple counts of violations of Russian law.



FF/V Sakhfrakt-3

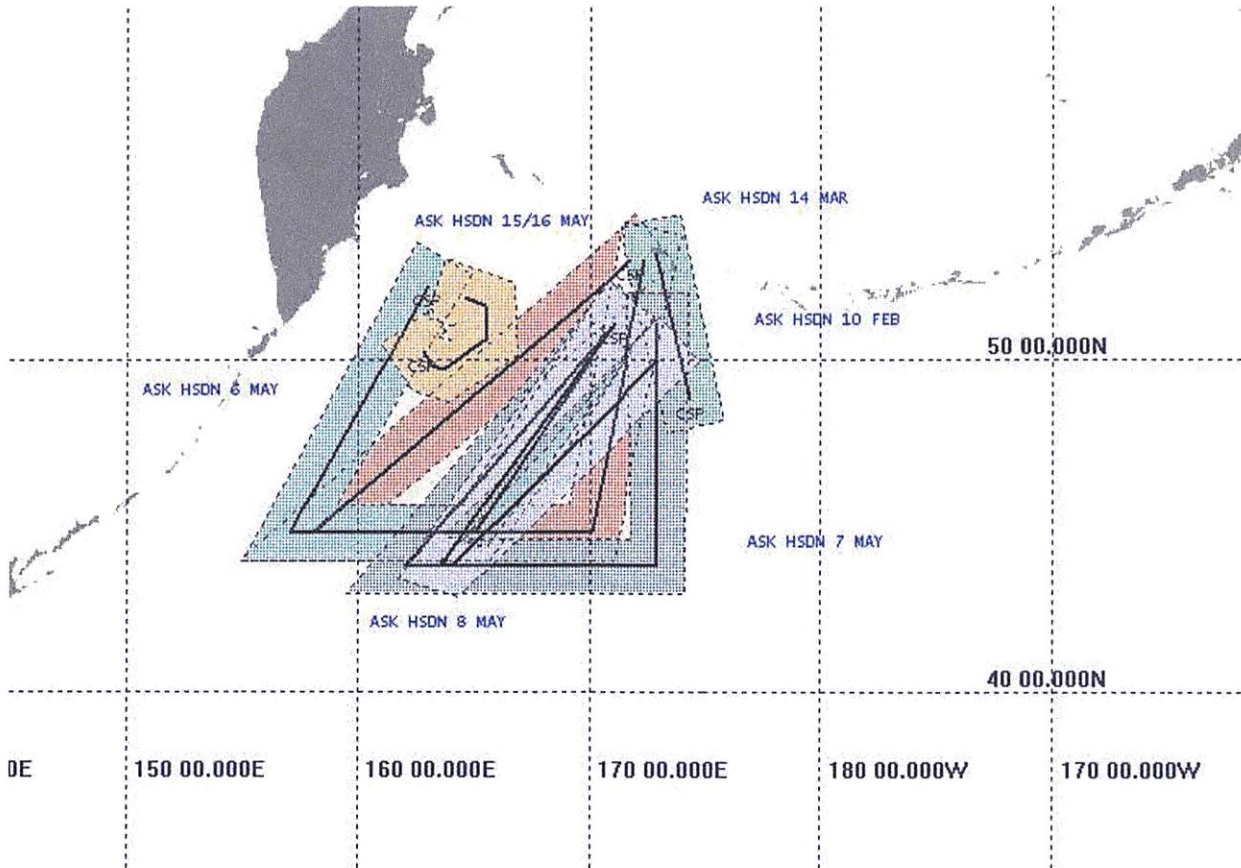


Participants in HC-130 Flight

To date, enforcement of the Convention Area is as follows:

- Canadian CP-140 flew 18 sorties totaling 144 hours in April
- Coast Guard HC-130's flew 5 sorties totaling 49.8 hours in May

Figure 1. Scatter Plot of US Patrols (to date)

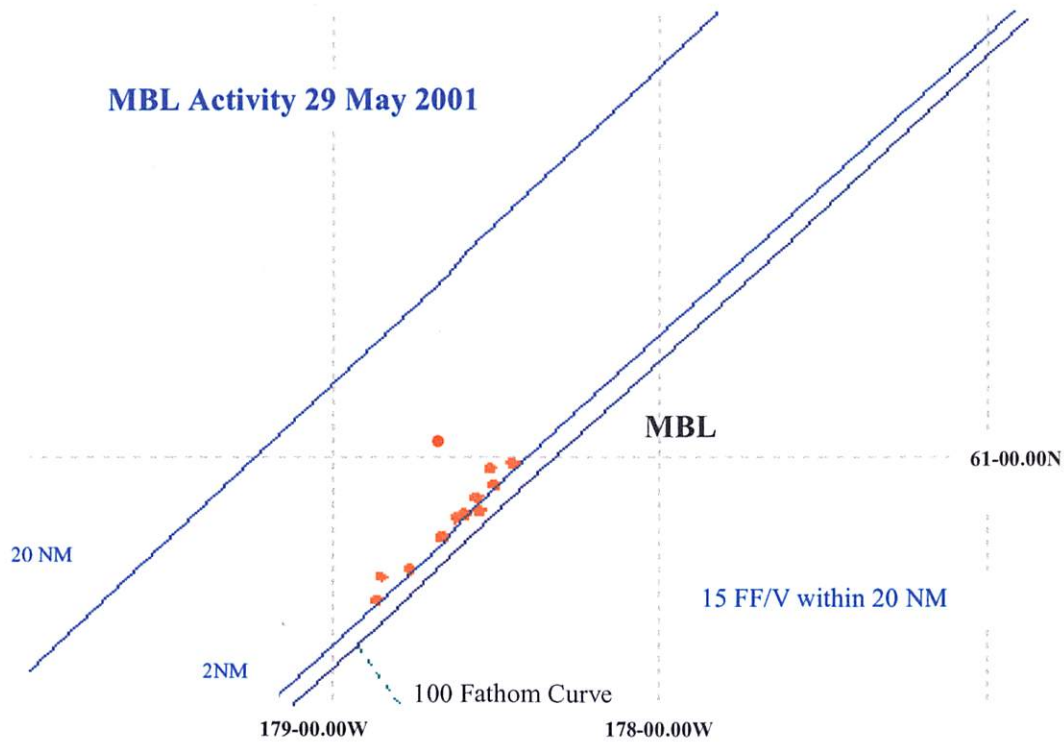


II. US/Russian Maritime Boundary Enforcement

The first foreign fishing vessel activity detected on the maritime boundary was on 15 May when a CG HC-130 detected 3 vessels operating within 20NM of the MBL. Activity increased to 15 vessels by 19 May and has remained steady.

- Coast Guard C-130's flew 9 sorties totaling 74 hours in May

Figure 2. 29 May 2001 M/B Scatter Plot of Aircraft Sightings



III. Donut Hole

No notices have been received from vessels intending to conduct trial fishing activities and no fishing activity has been observed in the Donut Hole during the reporting period.

IV. IFQ At-Sea/Dockside Enforcement

D17 continued its enforcement efforts both at sea and dockside and detected no significant violations. Overall, CG IFQ effort for the reporting period is as follows:

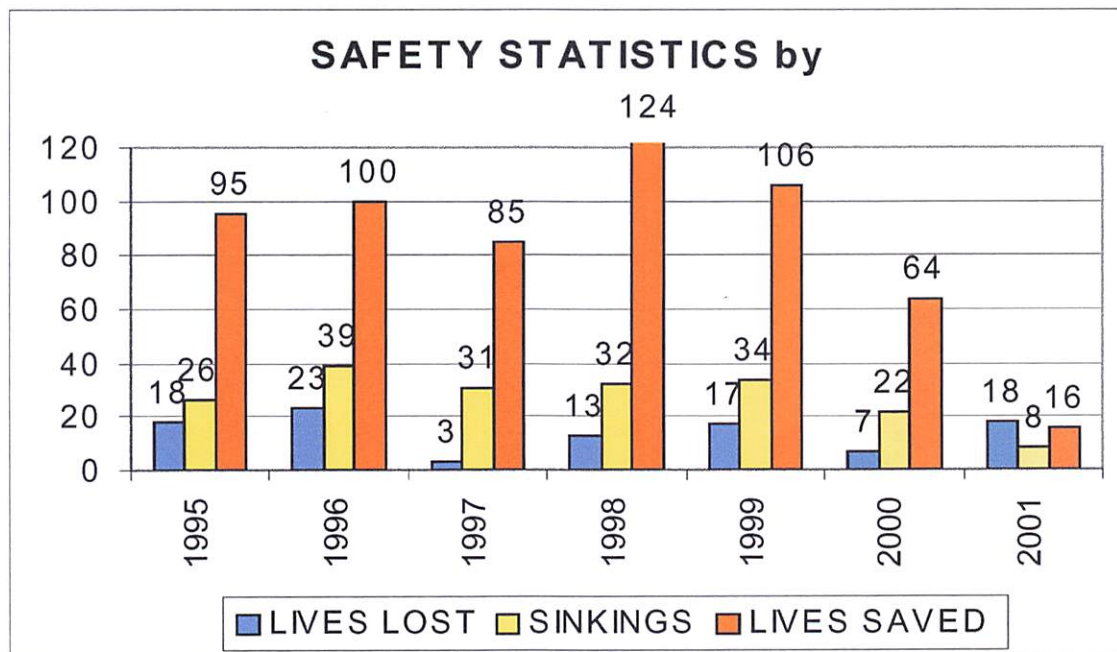
- 55 IFQ boardings were conducted at sea (77 year-to-date)
- 38 dockside offloads were monitored (82 year-to-date)
- 374.5 hours were spent surveilling ports for illegal IFQ activity (480.5 year-to-date)

There was 1 dockside violation for retention of halibut fillets onboard.

V. CGD17 Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

Table 1. CGD17 CFVS/Search and Rescue Case Summary						
Date	Vessel	Type	POB	Death	Vsl Loss	Cause
4/07/01	HEIDI KAY	Trawler	5	1	N	Man overboard between Monashka Bay and Kodiak Harbor. CG dispatched 1 helo to assist search. Harbormaster located & recovered body near Woody Island. Person drowned.
5/05/01	ILIAMNA	Jig Boat	1	0	Y	Vessel sank in Chiniak Bay. CG dispatched 1 helo to assist. Operator recovered by F/V TINA MARIE and transported to St. Paul Harbor.
5/11/01	CHRISTIAN	Longliner	4	0	Y	Vessel took on water 23 miles south of Cold Bay. CG dispatched HC-130 and 1 helo to assist. CGC Firebush diverted to scene. AMHS Ferry TUSTUMINA and F/V MR. BILL also diverted to scene. F/V MR. BILL arrived on scene and recovered 4 crewmembers and transported to King Cove. Vessel sank.
5/15/01	WALYANA	Gillnetter	3	0	Y	Vessel took a rogue wave and capsized near mouth of Alaganic River in Copper River Delta. Crewmembers swam to Egg Island. Two of crewmembers hiked to nearby cabin and radioed for help. CG dispatched helo. Both crewmembers and skipper were recovered by CG helo.

Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics



*There was 1 life lost, 3 lives saved, and 3 vessels lost during this reporting period. Lives saved reflect direct CG participation in the SAR case.

VI. CGD17 Boarding Statistics

Figure 4. Boardings By Year

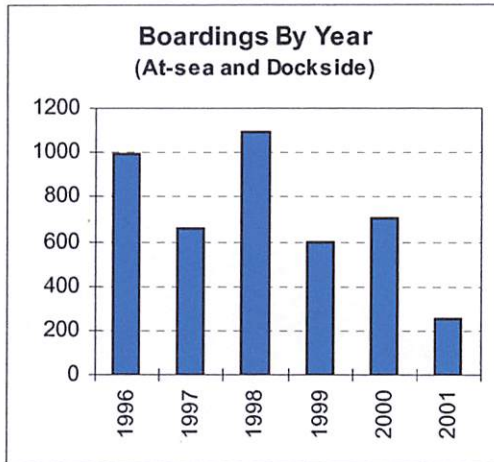
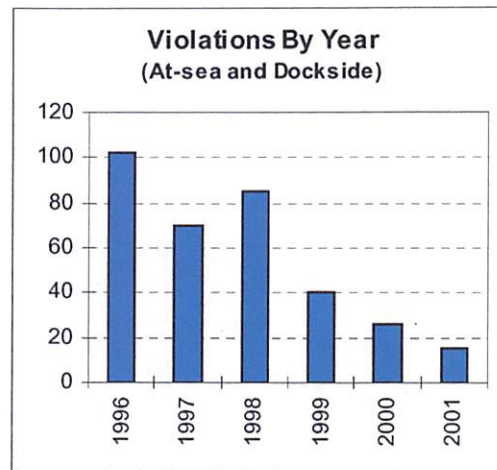


Figure 5. Violations By Year



APR 2000- MAY 2000

F/V Boardings (at sea):	178
IFQ Monitors (dockside):	49
Boarding/monitor w/fisheries vio's:	6
Violation Rate:	2.6%

APR 2001 - MAY 2001

F/V Boardings (at sea):	94
IFQ Monitors (dockside):	38
Boarding/monitor w/fisheries vio's:	2
Violation Rate:	1.5%

VII. Steller Sea Lion Critical Habitat Enforcement

The CG continued monitoring critical habitat areas with cutter and aircraft totaling 1206 hours. No illegal activity was detected.

VIII. Miscellaneous

1. The National Weather Service and U.S. Coast Guard are partnering to improve the dissemination of local weather forecasts, predictions, and warnings throughout the Southeast, Prince William Sound, and Kodiak regions of Alaska. The project goal is to provide the Alaskan maritime community with accurate, timely and comprehensive weather information by increasing the NWS broadcast footprint using low power transmitters located at selected CG VHF-FM high sites to deliver continuous local weather products. Two experimental sites have been installed and are functioning at Mount Robert Barren in Southeast and Pigot Point in Prince William Sound Alaska.

Appendix A

Boardings Without Violations

DATE	UNIT	VESSEL NAME	VESSEL TYPE	FISHERY	AREA
4/14/01	Mustang	Spicy Lady	Longliner	Halibut	2C
4/24/01	Firebush	Winona J	Trawler	Flathead	630
4/24/01	Storis	Northern Hawk	Trawler	Yellowfin	513
4/25/01	Storis	Constellation	Trawler	Yellowfin	513
4/25/01	Storis	Defender	Trawler	Yellowfin	513
4/25/01	Storis	Northern Eagle	Trawler	Yellowfin	513
4/25/01	Firebush	Elizabeth F	Longliner	Halibut	3A
4/13/01	Mustang	Quicksilver	Longliner	Halibut	3A
5/6/01	Anacapa	Endurance	Longliner	Halibut	2C/3A
4/13/01	Mustang	Hardy	Troller	Salmon	State
4/12/01	Acushnet	Melissa Lynn	Longliner	Halibut	2C
4/14/01	Mustang	Sally N	Salmon Tender	N/A	State
5/3/01	Anacapa	Noble Hunter	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/4/01	Liberty	Cindy Kay	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/4/01	Anacapa	Provider	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/4/01	Anacapa	Bold Venture	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/4/01	Anacapa	Southeastern	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/6/01	Anacapa	Viking Maid	Longliner	Halibut	3A
4/13/01	Mustang	Chan 3	Troller	Salmon	State
4/3/01	Roanoke	Lady Lisa	Longliner	Halibut	2C
4/3/01	Acushnet	Arctic Lady	Pot Boat	Pacific Cod	610
4/8/01	Boutwell	Northern Glacier	Trawler	Pollock	513
4/8/01	Acushnet	Bifrost	Troller	Salmon	State
4/8/01	Acushnet	Miller Bay	Longliner	Halibut	2C
4/6/01	Acushnet	Eclipse	Longliner	Sablefish	3A
4/6/01	Acushnet	Falcon	Longliner	Halibut	3A
4/7/01	Acushnet	Kruzof	Longliner	Halibut	3A
4/24/01	Firebush	Hungry Raven	Longliner	Halibut	3A
4/7/01	Juneau	Alliance	Longliner	Halibut	2C
4/12/01	Acushnet	Pacific Sea	Longliner	Sablefish	State
4/9/01	Acushnet	Seven C's	Longliner	Halibut	2C
4/10/01	Naushon	Ilona B	Longliner	Halibut	2C
4/11/01	Naushon	Heidi	Longliner	Halibut	2C
4/11/01	Naushon	Kesia Dawn	Longliner	Halibut	2C
4/14/01	Boutwell	Alaska Ranger	Trawler	Yellowfin	513
4/16/01	Boutwell	Sea Fisher	Trawler	Yellowfin	513
4/16/01	Boutwell	Alaska Spirit	Trawler	Yellowfin	513
5/4/01	Anacapa	Hoyden	Longliner	Halibut	2C
4/7/01	Acushnet	Kristiana	Longliner	Sablefish	3A
5/20/01	Naushon	Iver P Nore	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/21/01	Mustang	Expatriate	Longliner	Halibut	3A
5/17/01	Naushon	Valle Lee	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/17/01	Naushon	Lucky Pt	Troller	Salmon	State
5/19/01	Naushon	Alice T	Troller	Salmon	State
5/19/01	Naushon	Hermes II	Troller	Salmon	State
5/8/01	Hamilton	Clipper Express	Longliner	Turbot	521

DATE	UNIT	VESSEL NAME	VESSEL TYPE	FISHERY	AREA
5/13/01	Anacapa	Chopaka	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/4/01	Anacapa	Deborah Ann	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/12/01	Anacapa	Myrna	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/22/01	Mustang	Alaskan Spirit	Longliner	Halibut	3A
5/22/01	Mustang	Hotsur	Longliner	No Product	N/A
5/22/01	Mustang	Evening Star	Longliner	Halibut	3A
5/22/01	Liberty	Jean C	Longliner	Halibut	3A
5/21/01	Mustang	Shirley	Longliner	Halibut	3A
5/21/01	Mustang	Carol M	Longliner	Halibut	3A
5/23/01	Liberty	Dundas	Longliner	Sablefish	SE
5/10/01	Anacapa	Evan A	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/9/01	Hamilton	Western Queen	Longliner	Turbot	521
5/9/01	Hamilton	Clipper Endeavor	Longliner	Turbot	521
5/10/01	Hamilton	Blue Pacific	Longliner	Turbot	513
5/24/01	Mustang	Atlantico	Longliner	Halibut	3A
5/11/01	Anacapa	Anna Louise	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/24/01	Mustang	Eskimo Princess	Longliner	Halibut	3A
5/17/01	Naushon	Sea Haven	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/10/01	Anacapa	Heather Lee	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/19/01	Naushon	Ptarmigan	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/23/01	Mustang	Angelette	Longliner	Halibut	3A
5/12/01	Anacapa	Miss Tori	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/15/01	Naushon	Chopaka	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/16/01	Naushon	Ariel	Longliner	Halibut	2C
4/7/01	Juneau	Chief Weah	Troller	Salmon	State
4/1/01	Mustang	Rhonda Renee	Longliner	Halibut	3A
5/20/01	Naushon	Betty	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/25/01	Mustang	Sierra Mar	Longliner	Halibut	3A
5/25/01	Liberty	Kayleigh Ann	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/26/01	Liberty	Aleutian Spirit	Longliner	Halibut	2C
5/26/01	Liberty	Cora J	Longliner	Halibut	2C

Appendix B

Boardings With Violations

DATE	UNIT	VESSEL NAME	VESSEL TYPE	FISHERY	AREA	VIOLATION NOTES
4/27/01	Firebush	Current	Longliner	Halibut	3B	Unmarked immersion suits & life rings, number not affixed to vessel
5/15/01	Hamilton	Clipper Surprise	Longliner	Turbot	523	Expired hydrostatic release & no life rings
5/23/01	Mustang	Mar Del Sud	Longliner	Halibut	3A	Inoperable navigation lights & unserviceable life ring
5/11/01	Sweetbrier	Tonsina	Longliner	Halibut	3B	Expired hydrostatic release
5/19/01	Naushon	Mida	Troller	Salmon	State	No flares & personal marker lights on immersion suits
5/23/01	Mustang	Confidence	Longliner	Halibut	3A	No name on stern
4/9/01	Acushnet	Lightly	Troller	Salmon	State	Insufficient immersion suits
4/7/01	Juneau	Seahorse	Troller	Salmon	State	Insufficient immersion suits
4/13/01	Mustang	Chasina	Troller	Salmon	State	Unserviceable life ring
4/14/01	Mustang	Cummings	Troller	Salmon	State	No flares
5/23/01	Mustang	Baranof	Longliner	Halibut	3A	Expired hydrostatic release
5/24/01	Liberty	Lone Fisherman	Longliner	Halibut	3A	No markings on immersion suits
4/8/01	Acushnet	Ruby J	Troller	Salmon	State	No flares
5/21/01	Mustang	Aleutian Isle	Longliner	Halibut	3A	Improper logs
5/24/01	Mustang	Hannah H	Longliner	Halibut	3A	No Federal Fisheries Permit on board & expired life raft
4/11/01	Juneau	Fly By Night	Pot Boat	No Product	N/A	No flares & insufficient fire extinguishers
5/27/01	Juneau	Dove Island	Longliner	Halibut	2C	No immersion suits, life ring, or flares