



AGENDA ITEM B-4
June 15, 1989

U.S. COAST GUARD FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT FOR PERIOD
APR 1 TO MAY 31, 1989

1. LEVEL OF EFFORT:

- a. 3 High Endurance Cutters (HEC) patrolled for 82 days.
- b. 3 Medium Endurance Cutters (MEC) patrolled for 22 days.
- c. 4 Patrol Boats (PB) patrolled for 68 days.
- d. C-130 aircraft conducted 88 long-range surveillance flights for 628 patrol hours.
- e. H-3 helicopters conducted 21 coastal surveillance flights for 85 patrol hours.
- f. Enclosure (1) illustrates HEC/MEC and C-130 patrol areas in this 61-day period. Enclosure (2) summarizes patrol effort for 1989 by month.

2. ENFORCEMENT EMPHASIS:

- a. Detect/deter poaching by foreign fishing vessels in the U.S. EEZ.
- b. Enforce provisions of International North Pacific Fisheries Convention (INPFC) for Japanese high sea salmon driftnet fishery.
- c. Monitor activities of high seas squid driftnet vessels.
- d. Enforce fishing regulations for foreign vessels engaged in fishing support operations in the U.S. EEZ.
- e. Enforce domestic fishing and International Pacific Halibut Commission regulations.

3. RESULTS:

a. Foreign vessels:

Sightings: 419 549
Boardings: 3
Violations: 2 (seizures)

b. Domestic vessels:

Sightings: 1424
Boardings: 225 (7 catcher-processors)
Violations: 16

c. A summary of enforcement actions is attached as enclosure (3).

4. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES:

a. Since the closure of all joint venture fishing in March, foreign fishing activity in the Donut Hole has increased substantially, with many vessels fishing near or on the EEZ boundary, and some intentionally crossing the line while fishing. From April 1 to June 11, Coast Guard units reported ~~459~~ sightings of foreign vessels in the Donut Hole (enclosure 4) and 6 were sighted fishing in the EEZ. 549

(1) The Soviet stern trawler NOVOELNYA was seized by CGC JARVIS on May 10 after it was observed in company with two other vessels fishing approximately four nautical miles inside the U.S. EEZ. The other two vessels departed the EEZ before they could be identified by the JARVIS. The NOVOELNYA was escorted to Kodiak, turned over to the U.S. Marshal and later released on \$350,000 bond.

(2) On May 11, the Japanese stern trawler KOEI MARU NO. 20 was sighted and photographed by a Coast Guard C-130 fishing approximately 2 miles inside the EEZ. The vessel reversed course and returned to the Donut Hole after the aircraft flew overhead. The results of the Coast Guard investigation and a report of violation will be forwarded to NMFS for assessment of penalties.

(3) The Polish stern trawler WLOCZNIK was seized by CGC MIDGETT on May 20 for fishing in the U.S. EEZ. MIDGETT tracked the vessel on radar moving out of the Donut Hole and up to three miles inside the EEZ. When MIDGETT approached to investigate, the vessel reversed course and sped away from the cutter back into the Donut Hole. The vessel was boarded and fresh fish and wet nets were found on deck. Further investigation of the vessel's charts and logs proved that it had been fishing in the EEZ. The WLOCZNIK was escorted to Kodiak, turned over to the U.S. Marshal and later released on a \$300,000 bond.

(4) On June 5, an unidentified Soviet stern trawler was sighted and photographed by a Coast Guard C-130 aircraft fishing approximately 2 nautical miles inside the EEZ. This vessel also reversed course and returned to the Donut Hole after it was overflown. We are investigating this incident in an attempt to identify the vessel and issue a report of violation.

b. During this period, we have made a concerted effort to monitor the fishing activities of foreign driftnet vessels on the high seas in the North Pacific. Two high endurance cutters patrolled the area and Coast Guard C-130 aircraft from Sacramento, California have been assigned to augment Kodiak aircraft so we can conduct surveillance flights almost on a daily basis.

(1) On April 16, CGC JARVIS approached a vessel in fog at position 45-30N, 166-00E (390 nautical miles north of Taiwan's squid fishing boundary). The vessel warned the cutter of nets in

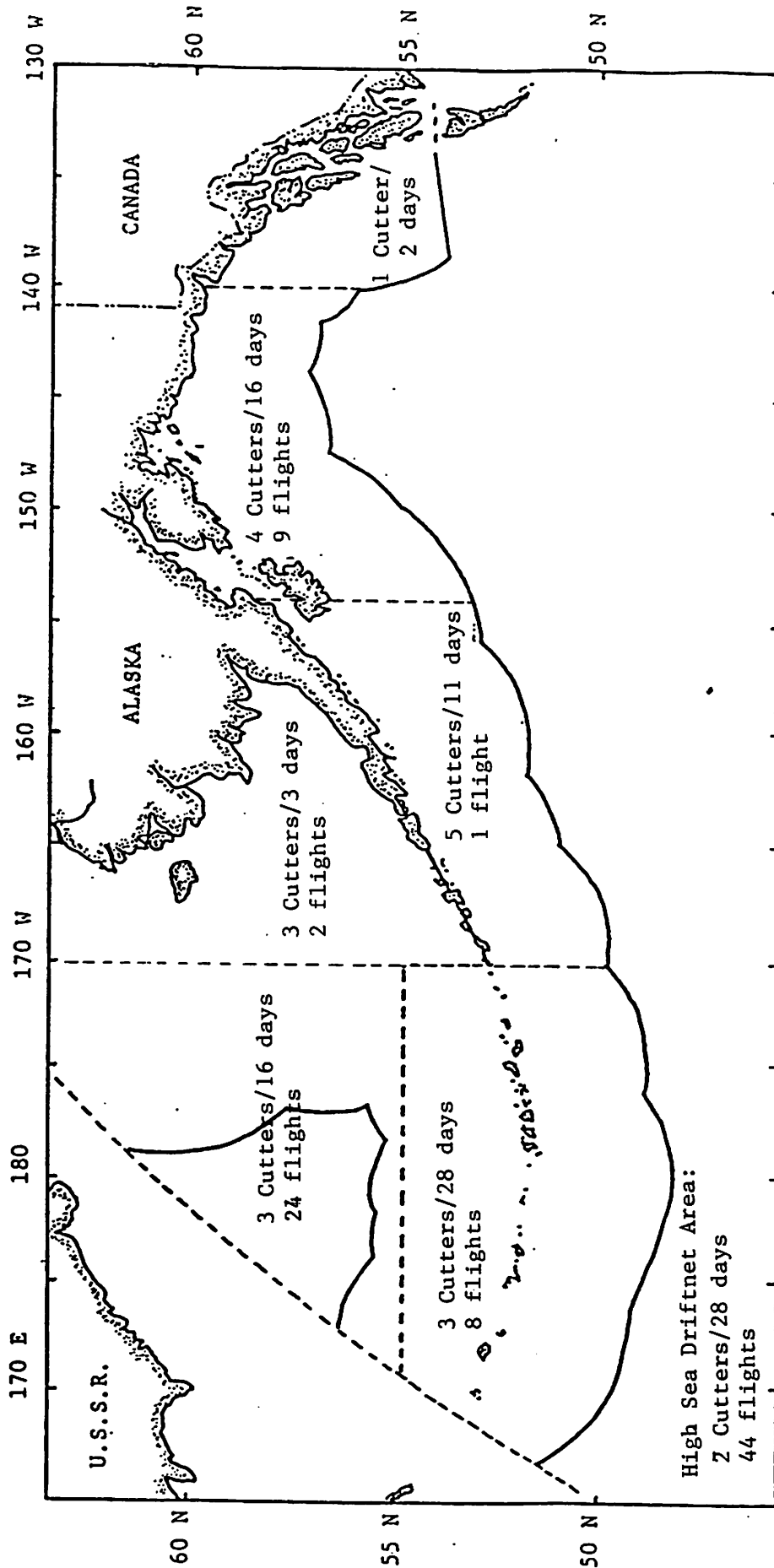
the water but then got underway heading southwest and would not respond after JARVIS identified itself as a U.S. Coast Guard cutter. JARVIS pursued and identified the vessel the next day when the fog lifted. It was the CYI YANG NO. 1, a Taiwanese driftnet vessel. On April 18, JARVIS was authorized to board the vessel on behalf of Taiwan and have it return to its original position to retrieve its nets. No salmon were found during the boarding, however, fish impressions were found in ice in the freezer and fish scales were discovered which later analysis proved to be from salmon. The nets were not relocated. While JARVIS and CYI YANG were returning to the position of the abandoned nets, a C-130 sighted 7 driftnet vessels in that area on April 19, which we believe retrieved the CYI YANG's nets. The JARVIS boarding party left the vessel on April 24. The results of the investigation and evidence seized from the vessel were delivered to Taiwan authorities in Washington by the Coast Guard and State Department. Taiwan ordered the vessel to return to port, which so far it has failed to do.

(2) During April and May, a total of 25 Taiwanese squid driftnet vessels were observed operating north of the fishing boundary established by Taiwan (39N). 14 of these vessels were fishing when sighted. We also sighted one driftnet vessel, the ST. PIETRO 108, showing Kingston, Jamaica as its homeport. It was fishing in position 42-20N, 170-18E. Four Japanese driftnet vessels were sighted underway, and on May 31, four Japanese land-based salmon driftnet vessels, two of which were fishing, were sighted north of their INPFC fishing area. This information was passed to the Fisheries Agency of Japan through the American Embassy in Tokyo. So far in June we have sighted 10 more Taiwanese squid vessels fishing and two Japanese squid vessels (1 fishing) north of their June boundary, 40N. Enclosure (5) is a list of driftnet vessel sightings for 1989. We have also been monitoring the Japanese salmon mothership fleet. All these vessels have been in the authorized fishing area and Japanese and Soviet enforcement vessels were sighted in the area.

(3) On June 5, a helicopter from CGC MIDGETT covertly detected a vessel retrieving its driftnet in position 42-50N, 176-31E. While the helicopter and MIDGETT stood off, a MIDGETT small boat was launched to approach and identify the vessel. The small boat observed a Taiwanese vessel, the TA CHIEH NO. 3, retrieving the last part of its driftnet and saw numerous salmon on deck and in trays ready for freezing. When the crew of the TA CHIEH saw the small boat, they began throwing salmon, some in trays, over the side and the vessel increased speed and maneuvered erratically to keep the small boat from remaining close alongside. The MIDGETT's helicopter arrived on scene and videotaped 87 trays and 24 large individual salmon, estimated to total approximately 2 metric tons of salmon, being thrown overboard. The small boat was able to retrieve 4 unfrozen salmon and 2 trays from the water. Meanwhile, the vessel hosed and brushed down its deck before it stopped and put over a boarding ladder. A MIDGETT officer and NMFS agent who were in the small boat went aboard and found one partial, fresh salmon on top of the pilot house. No other salmon were on board. The master admitted fishing too far north and said he was sorry. *Subsequently believe it was not a salmon*

The boarding party was offered gold necklaces, money, alcohol, and sexual favors if they would leave and forget the incident. On June 7, while we were awaiting permission from Taiwan to conduct a thorough investigation (enforcement boarding) on the vessel, the master ordered the boarding party to leave, saying he had been ordered to return to Taiwan. Since Taiwan had not yet authorized us to take any action against its vessel, the boarding party left, and the MIDGETT followed the TA CHIEH NO. 3 as it headed southeast toward the squid fishing area, not southwest toward Taiwan. On June 8, Taiwan granted permission for MIDGETT to reboard and inspect the vessel and gather additional evidence. MIDGETT stopped and reboarded in position 37.5N, 179E, finding fish scales and logs indicating the vessel had also fished in prohibited areas the previous two years. On June 13, Taiwan requested that the TA CHIEH be escorted to the nearest U.S. port, Midway Island, and turned over to Taiwanese authorities for prosecution.

c. During a short patrol in the Gulf of Alaska in May, while enroute to oil spill cleanup duties in Prince William Sound, CGC ACTIVE boarded several factory trawlers in the West Yakutat area and found sablefish on board. Sablefish became a prohibited species for trawlers in this area on April 12. All the vessels claimed the sablefish had been caught in the Central area. Reports of Violation were issued, and the vessels advised to offload the sablefish before continuing to fish in the West Yakutat area.



CUTTER PRESENCE AND C-130 FLIGHTS
 IN FISHING AREAS OFF ALASKA
 APRIL 1 - MAY 31, 1989

USCG FISHERIES PATROL EFFORT FOR 1989

	HEC/MEC PATROL DAYS	WPB PATROL DAYS	C-130 PATROL HOURS	H-3 PATROL HOURS
JANUARY	31	22	166	6
FEBRUARY	61	16	104	3
MARCH	79	28	215	24
APRIL	45	28	245	20
MAY	<u>59</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>383</u>	<u>65</u>
TOTAL	275	134	1113	118

	<u>FISHING VESSEL SIGHTINGS* FOR 1989</u>							TOTAL
	JA	KS	UR	PL	CH	TW	US	
JANUARY	157	62	43	55	10	0	394	721
FEBRUARY	37	15	9	46	3	0	241	351
MARCH	59	21	84	56	6	0	767	993
APRIL	34	12	60	53	0	9	521	689
MAY	16	<u>34</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>69</u>	0	<u>17</u>	<u>903</u>	<u>1154</u>
TOTAL	303	144	311	279	19	26	2826	3908

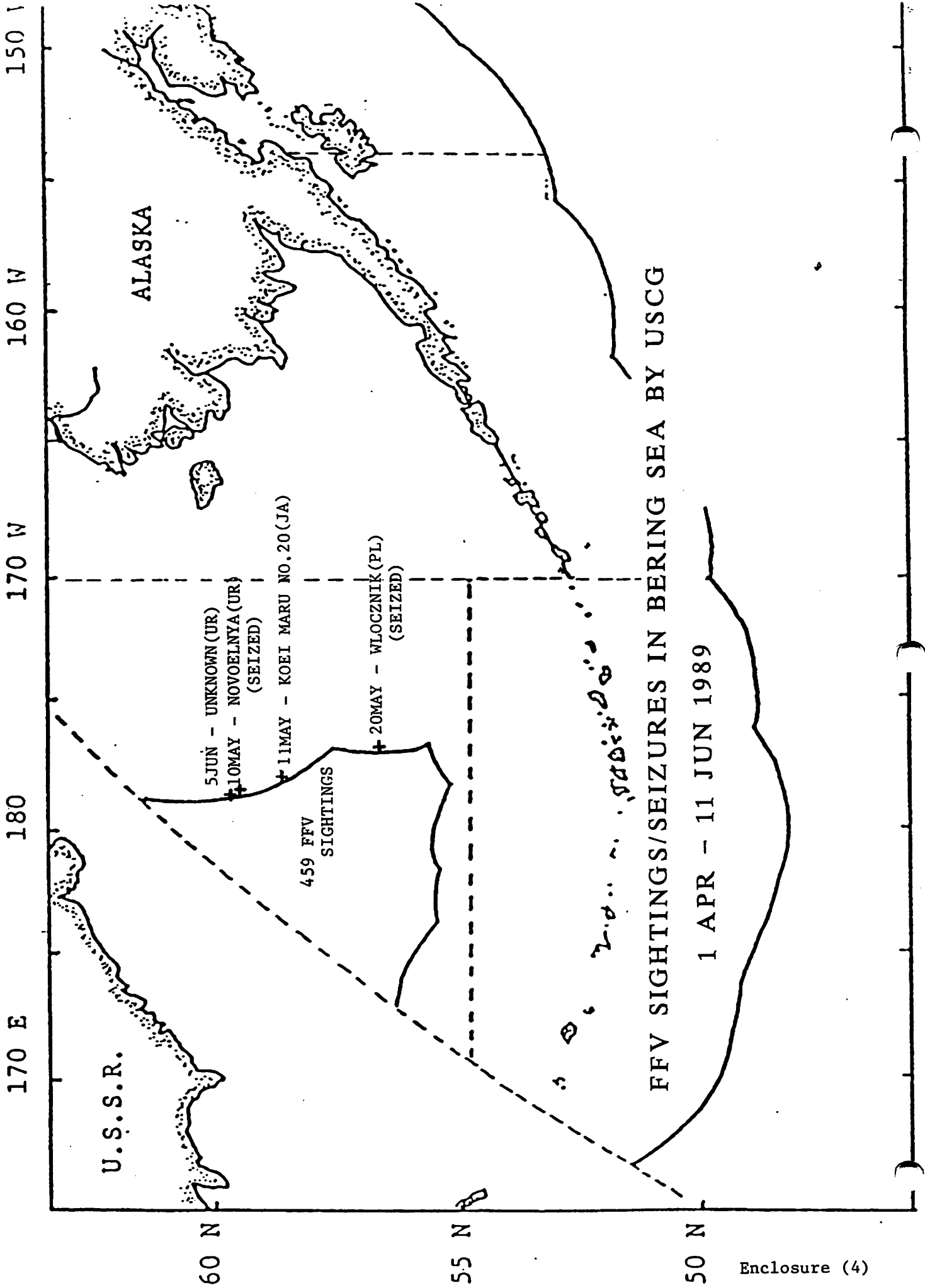
*Sightings may be multiple sightings of one vessel

	<u>FISHING VESSEL BOARDINGS FOR 1989</u>							TOTAL
	JA	KS	UR	PL	CH	TW	US	
JANUARY	7	0	0	1	0	0	15	23
FEBRUARY	2	2	2	7	1	0	48	62
MARCH	13	4	21	4	2	0	124	168
APRIL	0	0	0	0	0	1	67	68
MAY	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>160</u>
TOTAL	22	6	24	13	3	1	412	481

COUNTRY	<u>1989 F/V VIOLATIONS</u>		
	ROV'S	CITATIONS	SEIZURES
JA	7	1	1
KS	4	1	0
PL	2	1	1
UR	0	2	1
CH	2	0	0
US	<u>32</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	47	8	3

SUMMARY OF 1989 ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS DURING THE PERIOD
APRIL 1 - MAY 31, 1989

1. Apr 1: CGC YOCONA issued report of violation to U.S. longliner processor ALASKA MIST for fishing prior to sablefish opening in the central Gulf of Alaska.
2. Apr 4: CGC YOCONA issued report of violation to U.S. longliner processor ZENITH for fishing prior to sablefish opening in the western Gulf of Alaska.
3. Apr 5: CGC STORIS issued three reports of violation to U.S. factory trawler MICHELLE IRENE for possession of prohibited species (pollock), failure to report weekly catch, and failure to maintain transfer log.
4. May 10: CGC JARVIS seized Soviet trawler NOVOELNYA for fishing in the U.S. EEZ without a permit.
5. May 16: CGC CAPE CARTER issued report of violation to U.S. long liner SEA MAID for filleting halibut catch that prevented determination of size.
6. May 17: CGC MUSTANG issued three reports of violation to U.S. long liner P.G. NO. 49 for fishing without IPHC license, retaining halibut during closed period, and possession of 13 undersized halibut. Catch of 2138 lbs halibut was seized.
7. May 18: CGC ACTIVE issued two reports of violation to U.S. long liner processor STARRIGAVAN for not having IPHC permit aboard and not being in continuous transit after fishing period closed.
8. May 19: CGC ACTIVE issued report of violation to U.S. factory trawler ALASKA VOYAGER for possession of prohibited species (240 lbs of sablefish).
9. May 19: CGC ACTIVE issued report of violation to U.S. factory trawler OCEAN ENTERPRISE for possession of prohibited species (7410 lbs of sablefish).
10. May 20: CGC ACTIVE issued report of violation to U.S. factory trawler UNIMAK ENTERPRISE for possession of prohibited species (12,000 lbs sablefish).
11. May 20: CGC ACTIVE issued report of violation to U.S. factory trawler BERING ENTERPRISE for possession of prohibited species (16,770 lbs of sablefish).
12. May 22: CGC MIDGETT seized Polish trawler WLOCZNIK for fishing in EEZ without a permit.
13. May 23: CGC ACTIVE issued report of violation to U.S. longliner D.C. COLE for not having federal permit aboard.



SIGHTINGS OF FOREIGN DRIFTNET VESSELS BY USCG - 1989

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAT</u>	<u>NAME/HULL NR</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
13 APR	JA	HK2-17019	U/W	40-12N, 160-20E	JARVIS
16 APR	TW	SARN FU NO. 2/ CTG-0123	U/W	44-42N, 163-35E	JARVIS
	TW	CYI YANG NO. 1/ CTG-0048	FISHING	45-30N, 166-00E	JARVIS
19 APR	TW	CHU HUNG	U/W	45-35N, 166-35E	AIRSTA KOD
	TW	YUH CHUH HAN	U/W	45-35N, 166-35E	AIRSTA KOD
	TW	BYFL	U/W	45-35N, 166-35E	AIRSTA KOD
	TW	UNK	U/W	45-35N, 166-35E	AIRSTA KOD
	TW	UNK	U/W	45-35N, 166-35E	AIRSTA KOD
	TW	UNK	U/W	45-35N, 166-35E	AIRSTA KOD
	TW	UNK	U/W	45-35N, 166-35E	AIRSTA KOD
20 APR	JA	HKI-1142	U/W	45-26N, 166-29E	AIRSTA KOD
	JA	UNK	U/W	45-30N, 166-29E	AIRSTA KOD
8 MAY	TW	NO. 1 SUNG	U/W	43-22N, 170-16E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	U/W	44-43N, 170-13E	AIRSTA SAC
9 MAY	TW	UNK	U/W	47-27N, 166-58E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	FISHING	43-40N, 166-04E	AIRSTA SAC
10 MAY	TW	UNK	FISHING	43-40N, 166-04E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	CTG-0638	FISHING	43-36N, 165-57E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	YUH CHUAN HAN	FISHING	43-15N, 165-27E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	U/W	43-49N, 165-27E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	DRIFTING	43-32N, 165-52E	AIRSTA SAC
11 MAY	TW	UNK	FISHING	43-10N, 165-20E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	FISHING	43-19N, 165-03E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	FISHING	43-39N, 165-20E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	FISHING	43-19N, 165-20E	AIRSTA SAC
12 MAY	JA	HKI-820/7-603	U/W	42-53N, 165-12E	AIRSTA SAC
14 MAY	TW	UNK	FISHING	46-11N, 168-28E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	KNI-693	FISHING	44-34N, 170-11E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	FISHING	44-16N, 169-54E	AIRSTA SAC
	JM	ST. PIETRO 108	FISHING	42-20N, 170-18E	AIRSTA SAC
31 MAY	JA	UNK	FISHING	46-14N, 174-02E	AIRSTA SAC
	JA	715	U/W	46-29N, 173-54E	AIRSTA SAC
	JA	711	U/W	46-30N, 173-50E	AIRSTA SAC
	JA	UNK	FISHING	46-14N, 174-01E	AIRSTA SAC
3 JUN	TW	UNK	FISHING	43-24N, 173-36E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	8V-8Z LEIN HING	FISHING	43-23N, 173-03E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	FISHING	43-35N, 173-10E	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	FISHING	43-42N, 173-07E	AIRSTA SAC
4 JUN	JA	UNK	U/W	42-33N, 178-49E	AIRSTA SAC
	JA	HK-1269/7-218	FISHING	42-33N, 178-41E	AIRSTA SAC
5 JUN	TW	UNK	FISHING	40-14N, 171-08W	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	FISHING	40-08N, 171-05W	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	FISHING	40-03N, 171-05W	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	FISHING	40-04N, 170-57W	AIRSTA SAC
	TW	UNK	FISHING	40-01N, 170-58W	AIRSTA SAC
5 JUN	TW	TA CHIEH NO. 3	FISHING	42-50N, 176-31E	MIDGETT

