



NMFS
Office for Law Enforcement

Alaska Enforcement Division

Semi-Annual Report to North Pacific Fisheries
Management Council
December 2018

Operational Highlights



Two Enforcement Officer and the Special Agent from Sitka teamed up with NMFS Protected Resources Division to return a Stellar sea lion back to the ocean

An Enforcement Officer and personnel from USCG Marine Safety Detachment Dutch Harbor conducted a joint boarding of a fishing vessel to address Observer complaints of a hostile work environment and safety issues.



OLE/AWT joint patrol of Cook Inlet results in 13 vessels boarded and 2 State citations issued.

OLE/AWT conducted remote lodge outreach to discuss State and Federal fishing regulations with the guides and owners.

Multi-Agency Operations

AKD conducted a 6-day joint U.S. Border operation with CBP, AWT, and USFWS to inspect vehicles leaving Alaska. The team contacted the occupants of 782 vehicles to detect and deter fisheries, marine mammal, and wildlife trafficking violations.

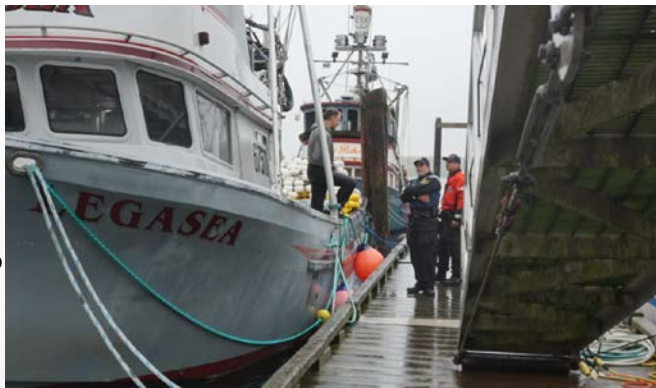


AKD Enforcement Officers conducted a joint patrol with USCG and AWT in Cook Inlet and Kachemak Bay during Memorial Day Weekend aboard the OLE Patrol Vessel Cape Elizabeth. Officers contacted 336 individuals and boarded 36 commercial, sport, charter, and subsistence vessels.

Joint OLE/USCGC Patrols



7 Joint Ops
18 Sea Days



Joint Enforcement Agreement



OLE completed a 10-day joint at-sea patrol onboard the PV Enforcer in Southeast Alaska and a joint operation from Wrangell on the Stikine River.

OLE Patrol Vessels



93 Underway days
160 Boardings
60 Cases

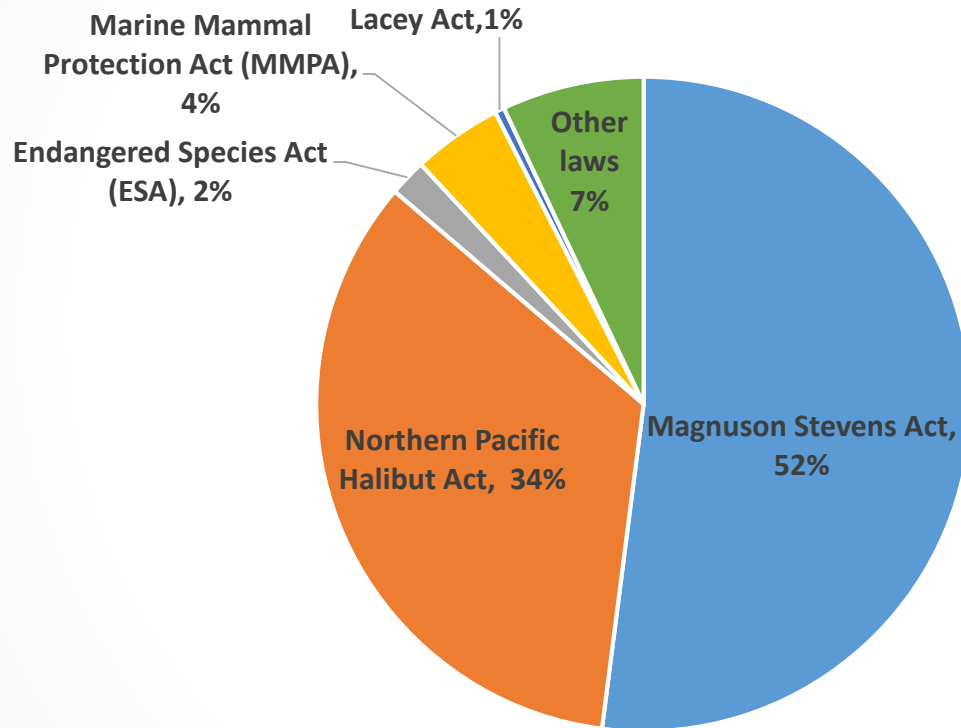


Community Outreach and Education

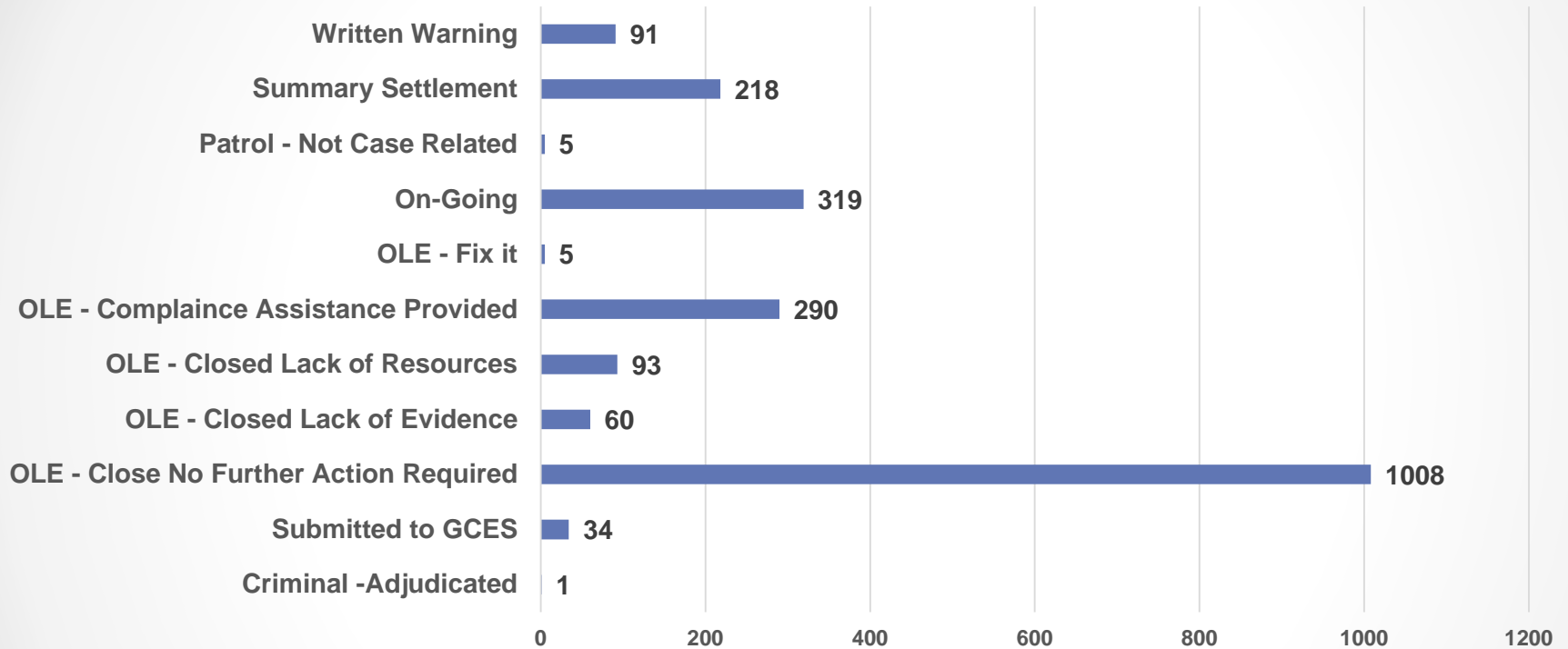
Date	Location	Description
Monthly	Seattle, WA	Observer Training
April 3-5	Chicago, IL	End Violence Against Women Conference
April 5-8	Anchorage, AK	Great Alaskan Sportsman Show
April 14	Kodiak, AK	Kodiak Children's Fair
April 15	Anchorage, AK	JBER Student Education Night
April 26	Homer, AK	Charter Halibut Meeting
May 5-6	Anchorage, AK	Great Aviation Gathering
June 6	Ketchikan, AK	Sportsman's Cove Lodge
June	Prince of Wales & Angoon, AK	Various Remote Lodge Outreach
July 30	Glacier Bay National Park, AK	Training for Rangers
July 5-10	Bethel, Naposkiak, Oscarville, Mekoryuk and Nome, AK	MMPA Outreach To Western Alaska
July 26-29	Haines, AK	Southeast Alaska State Fair
Sept. 1	Anchorage	Second Annual Beluga's Count



Incidents by Law/Program/Regulation

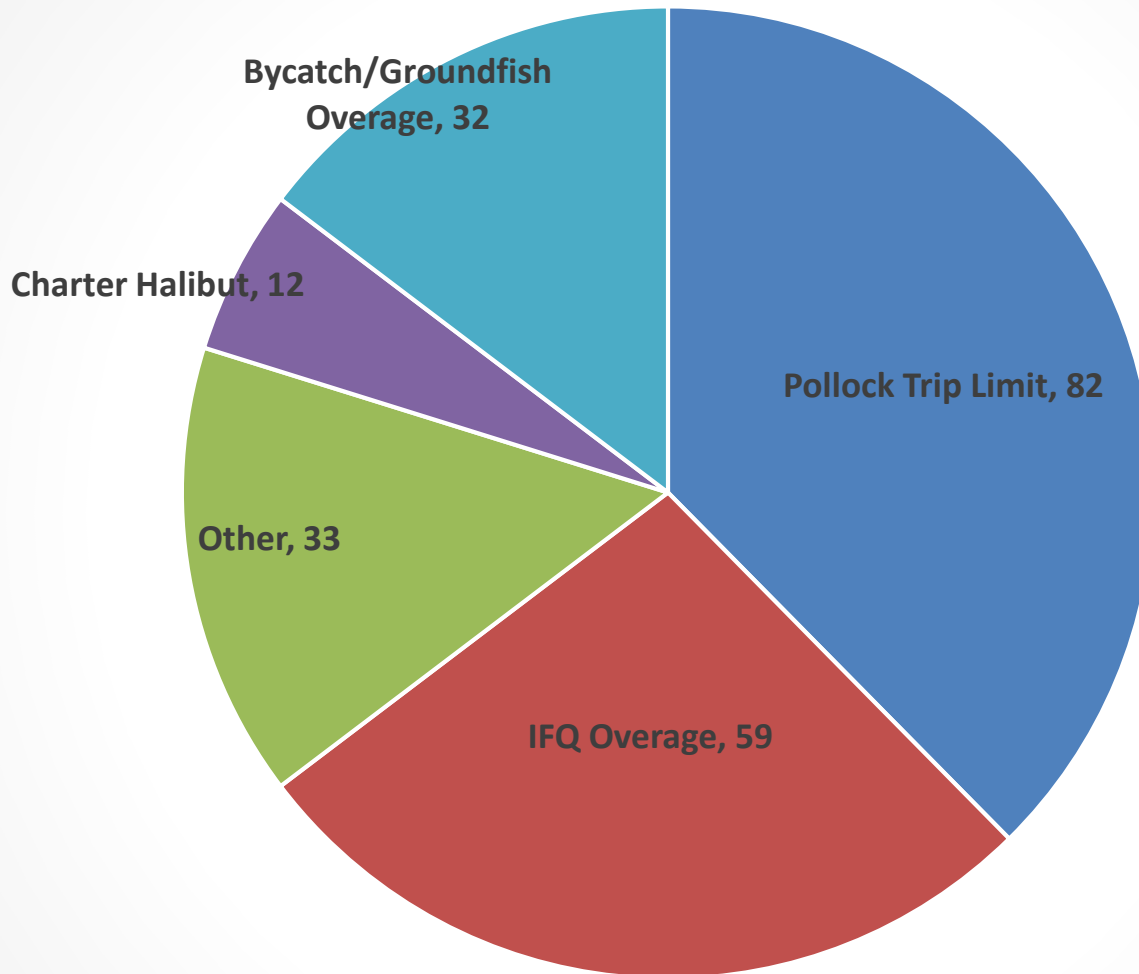


Incident Disposition 10/01/2017 - 09/30/2018



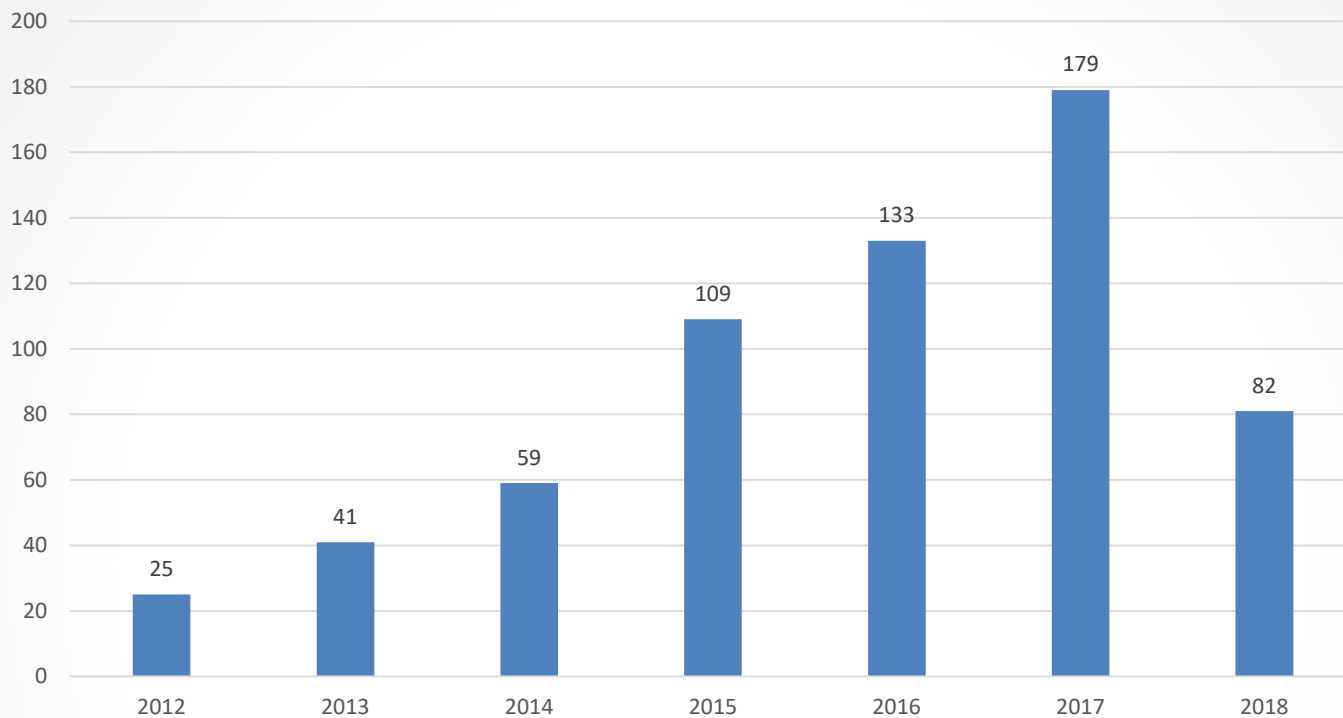
No Further Action Required includes outreach, training, contacts, and no violation complaints.

Summary Settlements Issued



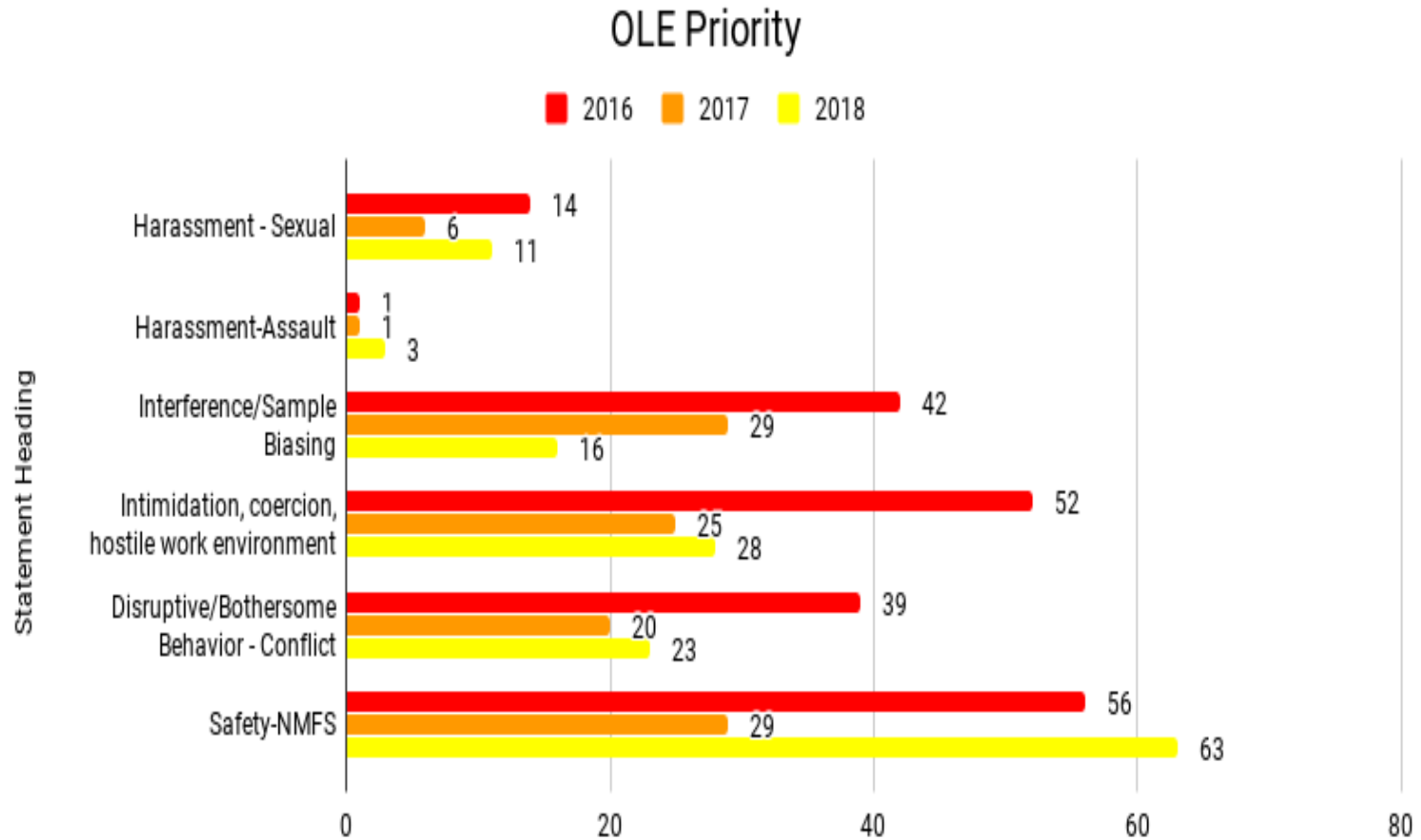
*Other includes invalid FFP, MMPA, observer trip logging, vessel safety, fishing gear, record keeping and reporting, sport halibut, and flow scale violations

Total Pollock Overages



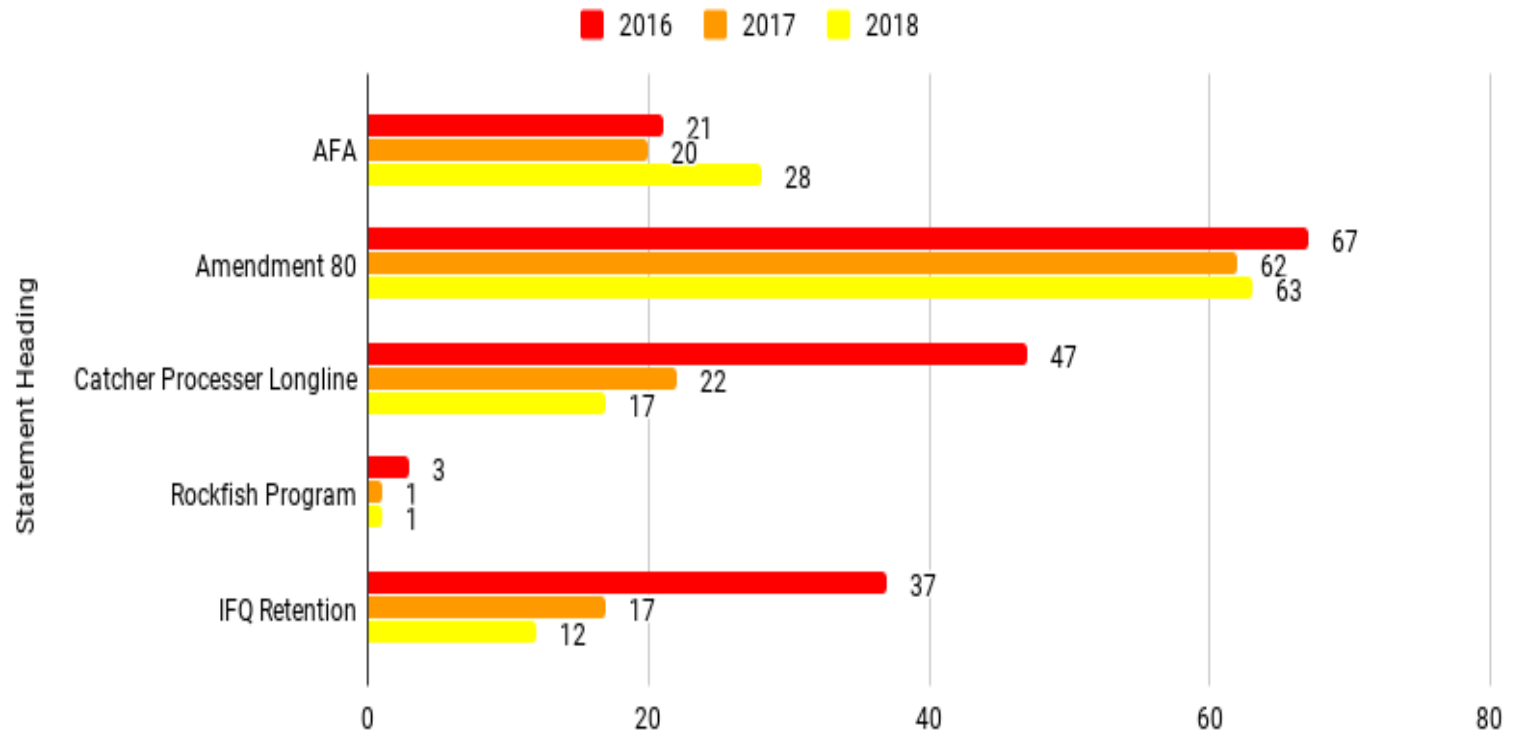
Year	Pollock TAC*	Overages	Deliveries	Overage: Delivery*
2012	102426	25	1300	1:52
2013	106887	41	1043	1:25
2014	157610	59	1592	1:27
2015	181807	109	1860	1:17
2016	238604	133	2129	1:16
2017	191183	179	1835	1:10
2018	157455	82	1623	1:20

Observer Program



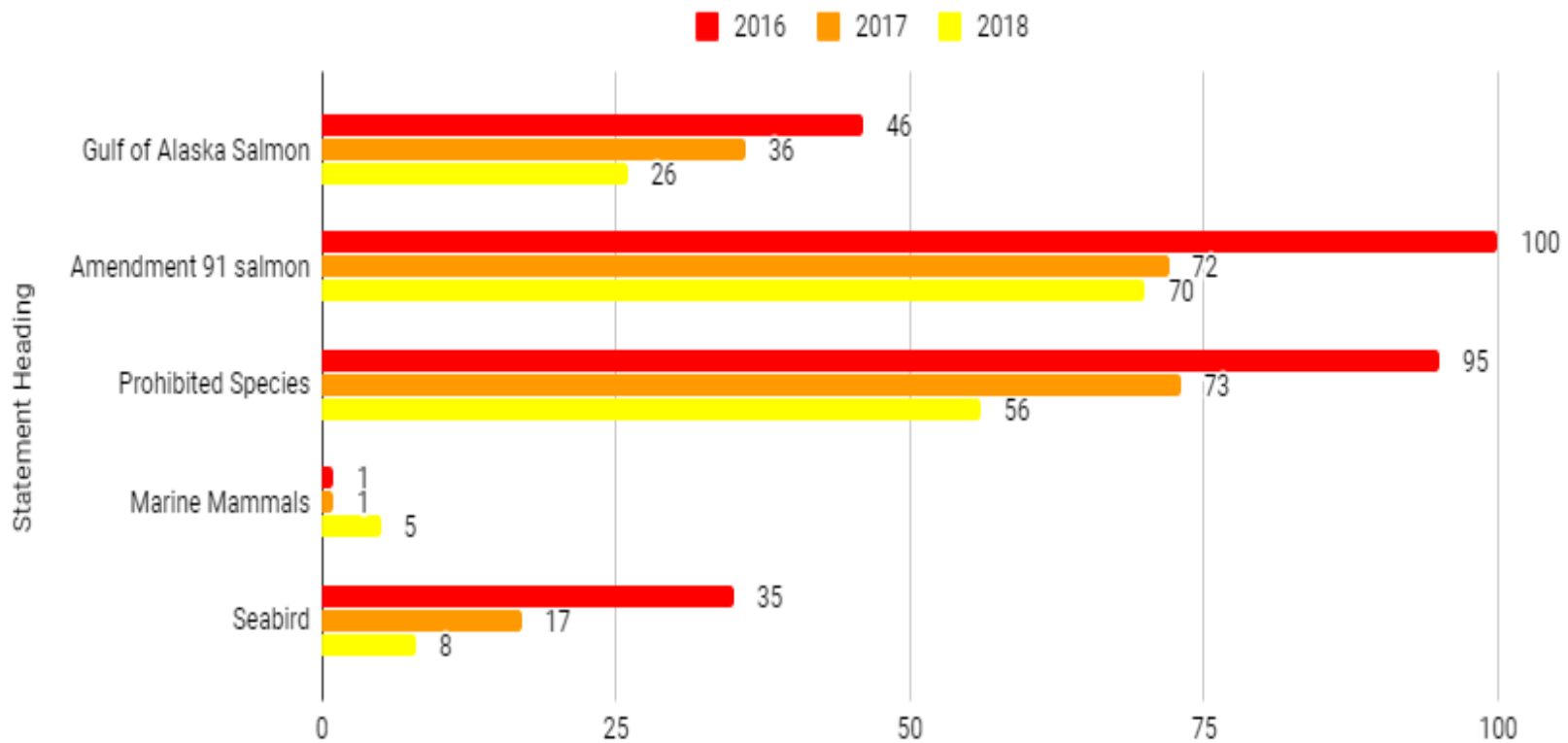
Observer Program

Limited Access Programs



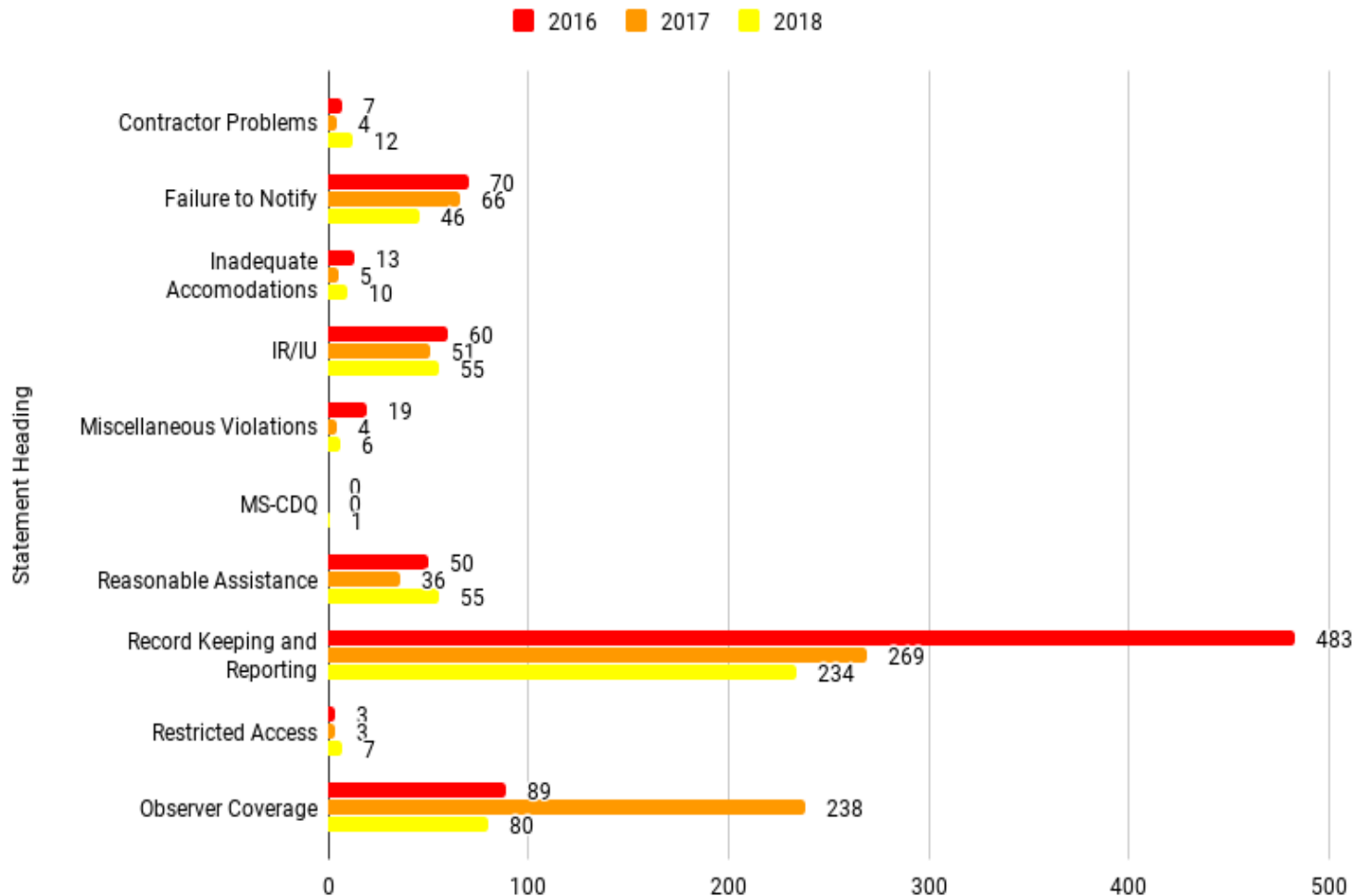
Observer Program

Protected Resources & Prohibited Species



Observer Program

All Other Statement Types



Observer Anonymous Survey Results – A Comparative Analysis of Observer Safety and Harassment

	2016	2017	2016	2017
	FEMALE	FEMALE	MALE	MALE
Responses	50	47	60	54
Population size	193	162	241	217

Observer Anonymous Survey Results

Questions asked in Anonymous Survey	2016			2017		
	FEMALE			FEMALE		
	Yes, reported	Yes, unreported	No	Yes, reported	Yes, unreported	No
1. At any time while on contract, did anyone, by their actions toward you, ever make you fear physical injury?	14%	4%	82%	6%	4%	89%
2. At any time while on contract, did anyone threaten to physically injure you?	2%	2%	96%	2%	0%	98%
3. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever intentionally physically injure you?	0%	2%	98%	0%	0%	100%
4. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever physically prevent you from performing your duties?	10%	0%	90%	4%	2%	94%
5. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever use a threat to prevent you from performing your duties?	8%	2%	90%	2%	2%	96%
6. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever make you change your data, or attempt to make you change your data?	10%	6%	84%	2%	4%	94%
7. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever offer you something in exchange to change your data?	0%	2%	98%	2%	2%	96%
8. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever make offensive comments regarding your age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, or race/ethnicity?	6%	44%	50%	9%	30%	62%
9. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever make unwelcome or unwanted comments of a sexual nature towards you?	16%	40%	44%	6%	38%	55%
10. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever attempt to touch you in an unwelcome or unwanted sexual manner?	4%	16%	80%	6%	4%	89%
11. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever touch you in an unwelcome or unwanted sexual manner?	2%	10%	88%	6%	0%	94%
12. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever force you to participate in any sexual activity against your will, or without your expressed consent?	0%	4%	96%	2%	0%	98%
13. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever interfere with or bias your sampling procedure, including physical, mechanical, or other sorting or discarding of catch before sampling?	18%	2%	80%	11%	0%	89%
14. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever tamper with, destroy, or discard your samples, equipment, records, photographic film, papers, or personal items?	12%	0%	88%	11%	0%	89%
15. At any time while on contract, did anyone's refusal to provide reasonable assistance impact your data or ability to collect your data?	10%	6%	84%	4%	2%	94%
16. At any time while on contract, did anyone's behavior or actions toward you cause you to change your own behavior or work schedule?	18%	24%	58%	13%	9%	79%
17. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever require or pressure you to perform any duties normally performed by crew members?	0%	6%	94%	2%	4%	94%
18. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever fail to have a look out/wheel watch?	8%	14%	78%	2%	4%	94%
19. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever use drugs or alcohol while operating the vessel, equipment or machinery?	2%	14%	84%	6%	11%	83%
20. At any time while on contract, were there unsafe conditions onboard the vessel/at the processor?	16%	6%	78%	21%	2%	77%
	Confidence level 95%.			Confidence level 95%.		
	Margin of error 11.96%			Margin of error 12.08%		

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	Yes, reported	Yes, unreported	No	Yes, reported	Yes, unreported	No
1. At any time while on contract, did anyone, by their actions toward you, ever make you fear physical injury?	3%	2%	95%	6%	2%	93%
2. At any time while on contract, did anyone threaten to physically injure you?	0%	2%	98%	4%	2%	94%
3. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever intentionally physically injure you?	0%	2%	98%	0%	0%	100%
4. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever physically prevent you from performing your duties?	3%	0%	97%	2%	0%	98%
5. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever use a threat to prevent you from performing your duties?	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	100%
6. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever make you change your data, or attempt to make you change your data?	5%	0%	95%	2%	0%	98%
7. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever offer you something in exchange to change your data?	0%	0%	100%	2%	0%	98%
8. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever make offensive comments regarding your age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, or race/ethnicity?	2%	10%	88%	0%	9%	91%
9. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever make unwelcome or unwanted comments of a sexual nature towards you?	0%	3%	97%	2%	0%	98%
10. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever attempt to touch you in an unwelcome or unwanted sexual manner?	0%	0%	100%	0%	2%	98%
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12. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever force you to participate in any sexual activity against your will, or without your expressed consent?	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	100%
13. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever interfere with or bias your sampling procedure, including physical, mechanical, or other sorting or discarding of catch before sampling?	13%	0%	87%	15%	2%	83%
14. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever tamper with, destroy, or discard your samples, equipment, records, photographic film, papers, or personal items?	3%	5%	92%	7%	2%	91%
15. At any time while on contract, did anyone's refusal to provide reasonable assistance impact your data or ability to collect your data?	15%	2%	83%	11%	2%	87%
16. At any time while on contract, did anyone's behavior or actions toward you cause you to change your own behavior or work schedule?	5%	10%	85%	7%	4%	89%
17. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever require or pressure you to perform any duties normally performed by crew members?	3%	7%	90%	0%	2%	98%
18. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever fail to have a look out/wheel watch?	5%	5%	90%	4%	4%	93%
19. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever use drugs or alcohol while operating the vessel, equipment or machinery?	5%	12%	83%	4%	7%	89%
20. At any time while on contract, were there unsafe conditions onboard the vessel/at the processor?	17%	7%	77%	11%	4%	85%
	Confidence level 95%.			Confidence level 95%.		
	Margin of error 10.99%			Margin of error 11.59%		

Observer Anonymous Survey Results

Statement Heading	Question in Anonymous Survey	2016			2017		
		FEMALE			FEMALE		
		Y, R*	Y, U*	No	Y, R*	Y, U*	No
Intimidation, Coercion, Hostile Work Environment	8. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever make offensive comments regarding your age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, or race/ethnicity?	6%	44%	50%	9%	30%	62%
Harassment - Sexual	9. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever make unwelcome or unwanted comments of a sexual nature towards you?	16%	40%	44%	6%	38%	55%
Interference/ Sample Bias	13. At any time while on contract, did anyone ever interfere with or bias your sampling procedure, including physical, mechanical, or other sorting or discarding of catch before sampling?	18%	2%	80%	11%	0%	89%
Intimidation, Coercion, Hostile Work Environment	16. At any time while on contract, did anyone's behavior or actions toward you cause you to change your own behavior or work schedule?	18%	24%	58%	13%	9%	79%
NMFS - Safety	20. At any time while on contract, were there unsafe conditions onboard the vessel/at the processor?	16%	6%	78%	21%	2%	77%
CONFIDENCE LEVEL		Confidence 95%.			Confidence 95%.		

**Y, R - Yes, reported to NMFS/OLE, Y, U - Yes, unreported to NMFS/OLE*

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Common Barriers to Disclosure

Common Barriers to Disclosure	2016	2017
I couldn't remember all the details	6	4
I didn't think it was that big a deal	28	18
I didn't want everyone to know what happened to me	5	4
I didn't want someone getting me back for reporting	10	8
I didn't want to get anyone in trouble	14	11
I don't trust NMFS, OLE, my provider, etc.	11	8
I don't want to go to court	8	2
I felt some guilt about what happened	8	1
I thought it was too late to report	5	3
I was afraid I'd lose my job	3	4
Nothing will be done about it anyway	21	15

Common Barriers to Disclosure

Victim Advocacy

You can call them anonymously at any time!

STAR in Alaska: 1-800-478-8999

KSARC in Seattle: 1-888-998-6423

Curious about the status of a statement you submitted?

Incident reference #: _____

Agent/Officer assigned: _____

Agent/Officer contact #: _____

Questions?

