

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



**January – March 2023**

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## List of Abbreviations

AVDET – Aviation Detachment	MBL – US/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 – People’s 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	WHEC – 378’ High Endurance Cutter
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

There were no HSDN enforcement activities conducted during the reporting period.

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

There was low activity along the MBL through January and March. Overall there was an average of less than five vessel per day detected within 20 miles of the MBL. There have been no detected incursions by FFVs into the U.S. EEZ this season.

### 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.

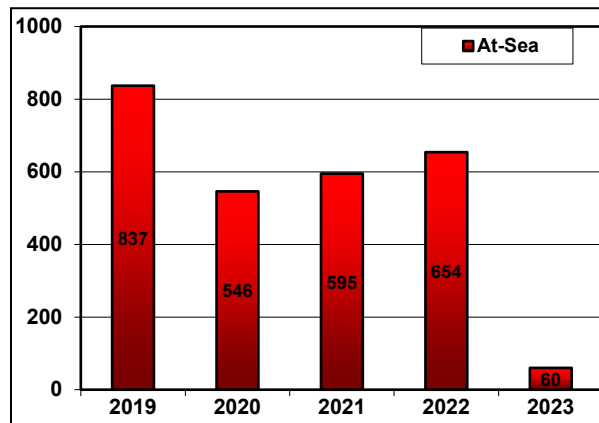
### IV. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement

The Coast Guard monitors 151 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity.

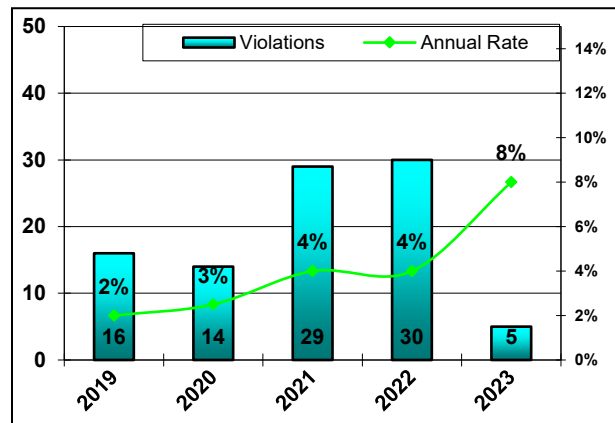
### V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 60 federal fisheries boardings conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of five fisheries violations detected onboard five vessels. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations. Appendix B lists the boardings that occurred with violations during the reporting period.

**Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year**



**Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year**



**Jan – Mar 2022 Boardings**

F/V Boardings (at sea): .....49  
 Boardings w/fisheries violations: .....6  
 Violation Rate: .....12%

**Jan – Mar 2023 Boardings**

F/V Boardings (at sea): .....60  
 Boardings w/fisheries violations: .....5  
 Violation Rate: .....8%

## VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Coast Guard patrols completed ten boardings on IFQ halibut or Sablefish vessels but did not detect any violations. No boardings were conducted on recreational or charter vessels targeting halibut.

## VII. Forward Operating Locations

Air Station Kodiak deployed one MH-60 to Cold Bay on 30 December for the Bering Sea crab season. Air Station Kodiak ended their Cold Bay deployment on 09 March.

## VIII. Crab Fisheries

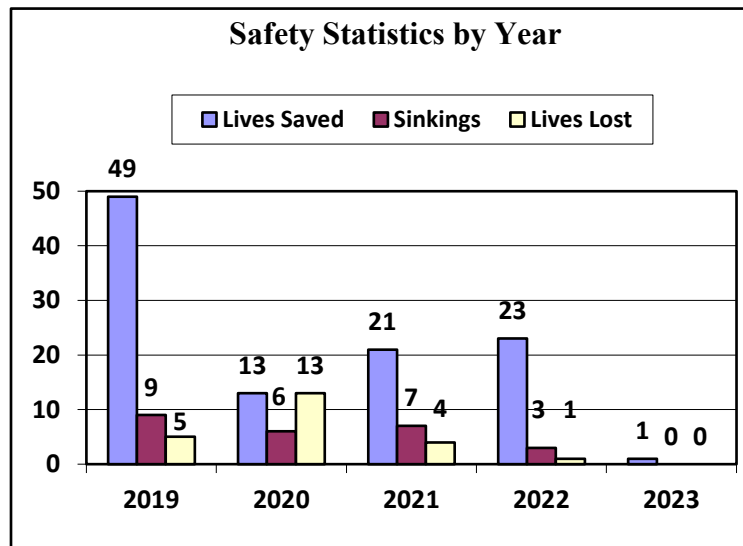
Coast Guard units conducted six boardings on fishing vessels targeting crab throughout Alaska.

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

During the reporting period, eight safety violations were detected on five vessels, including two terminations. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix B.

There were 5 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in one life saved, no lives lost, and no vessels lost during the reporting period. An additional life was saved from a Canadian fishing vessel. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

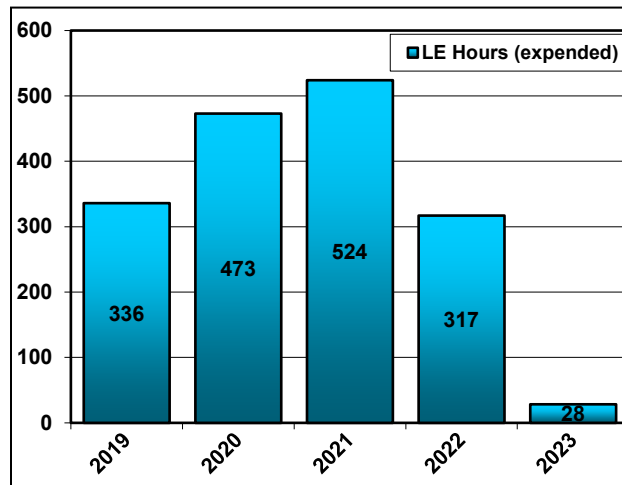
**Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics**



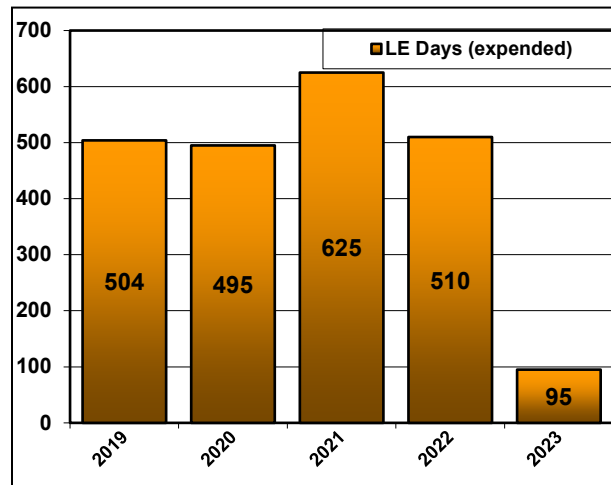
## X. Coast Guard Resource Summary

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**



**Jan – Mar 2022**

2 WMSL patrolled.....80 days  
 1 WMEC patrolled..... 35 days  
 1 WLB patrolled ..... 6 days  
 7 WPBs/FRCs patrolled..... 105 days  
**Total Cutter patrol..... 226 days**

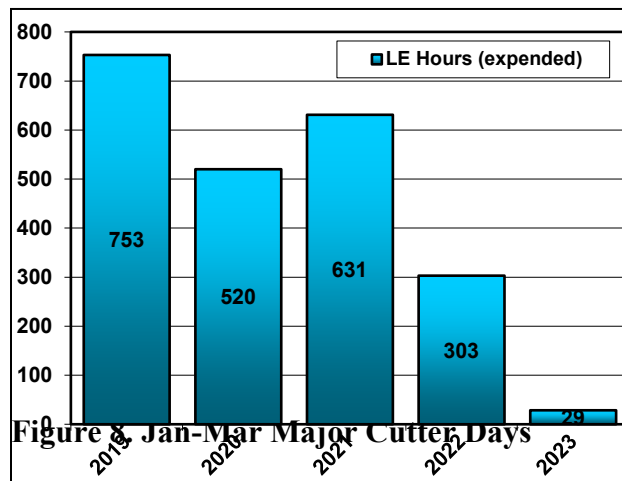
HC-130s flew ..... 51 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew..... 50 hours

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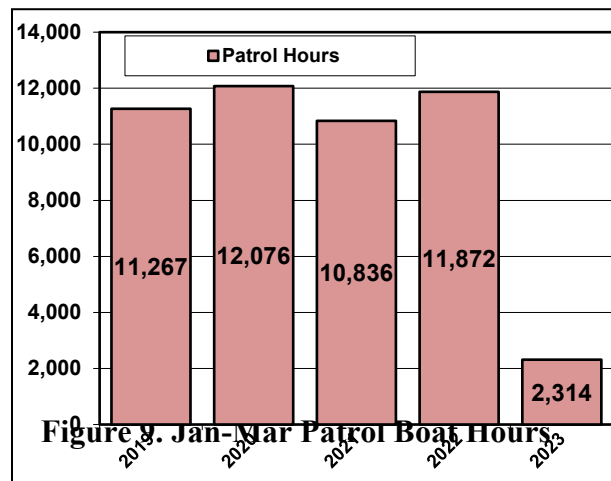
2 WMSL patrolled.....90 days  
 1 WMEC patrolled.....5 days  
 1 WLB patrolled .....6 days  
 7 WPB/FRCs patrolled .....105 days  
**Total Cutter patrol.....206 days**

HC-130s flew .....28 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew.....29 hours

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

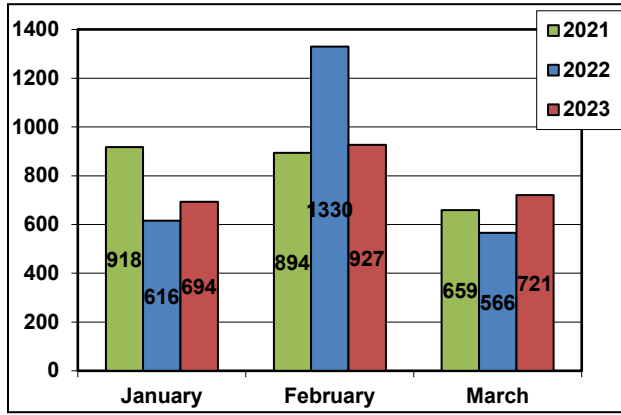
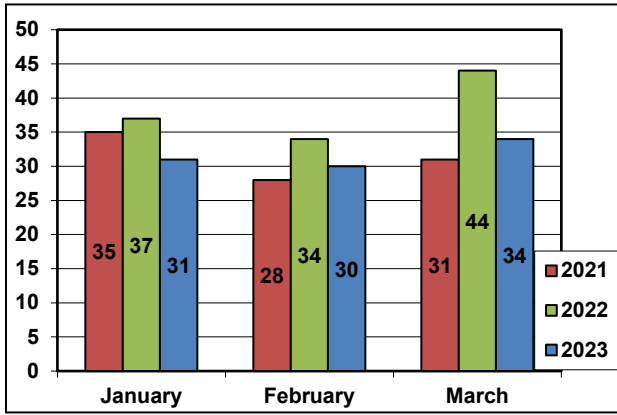


**Figure 7. Annual Patrol Boat Hours**



**Figure 8. Jan-Mar Major Cutter Days**

**Figure 9. Jan-Mar Patrol Boat Hours**



*Appendix A*  
 January – March 2023  
 Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel Name	Case Specifics
01 Jan	F/V SOLSTRAAL	Station Juneau conducted escort from Auke Bay to Statter Harbor following a MAYDAY call due to inoperable navigation equipment and lights.
10 Jan	F/V ICELANDER	Vessel lost propulsion. CG Cutter diverted as contingency if situation deteriorated before commercial tug arrived.
24 Jan	F/V NORTHERN EAGLE	Conducted MEDEVAC for crewmember injury.
31 Jan	F/V ABBY ANN	Issued UMIB and launched small boat and cutter to search for overdue vessel. Located vessel anchor in no distress.
10 Mar	F/V FREEPORT	Conducted MEDEVAC for injured crewmember onboard Canadian Fishing Vessel
11 Mar	F/V BLACK PEARL	Conducted MEDICO for injured crewmember

**Appendix B**  
 January – March 2023  
 Federal Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	SPECIES	AREA	# SAFETY	ACTION	# FISHERY	ACTION	NOTES AND DETAILS
1/6/23	110	509	4	TERM			Both life rafts and hydrostatic releases past due on inspection dates and expired
1/20/23	110	610	1	NOV			Not enough smoke flares onboard
3/4/23	270	620			1	NOV	No pollock endorsement on their FFP
3/8/23	110	509	1	NOV			Improper quantity of life rings
3/11/23	270	517			1	NOV	Inactive Days not logged
3/11/23	270	620			1	NOV	No pollock endorsement on their FFP
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3/11/23	270	620			1	NOV	No pollock endorsement on their FFP
3/21/23	710	SEO	1	NOV			Expired hydrostatic release
3/21/23	200	3A	1	TERM			Insufficient survival suits