

17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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List of Abbreviations

CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	HSDN – High Seas Drift Net
FBS - Russian Federal Border Service	MBL – US/Russian Maritime Boundary
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator
GOA – Gulf of Alaska	SAR – Search and Rescue
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	UMIB –Urgent Marine Info Broadcast
HEC/MEC – High/Medium Endurance Cutters	WLB –225ft Buoy Tender
HH65/60 – CG helicopter	WPB – 110ft Patrol Boat
MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast	POB – Persons on board
CGC – Coast Guard Cutter	IVO – In the vicinity of
SMC – SAR Mission Coordinator	MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation
NVG – Night Vision Goggles	AVDET – Aviation Detachment
FOL – Forward Operating Location	

I. 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

Activity along the MBL was low over the reporting period with an average of two vessels detected within 20 miles of the MBL during October. 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.

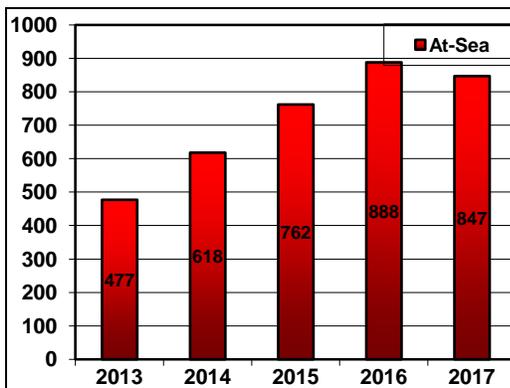
IV. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement

The Coast Guard monitors more than 151 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. A forward deployed Coast Guard MH-60 in Kotzebue conducted two flights in October to assist the Alaska Eskimo Walrus Commission and Alaska Sea Grant biologists in surveying and conducting investigations on marine mammal carcasses along the Seward peninsula.

V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 55 domestic fisheries and fishing vessel safety boardings conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of 8 safety violations onboard 7 vessels and one federal fisheries violation. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations. Appendices B and C list the boardings which occurred during the reporting period.

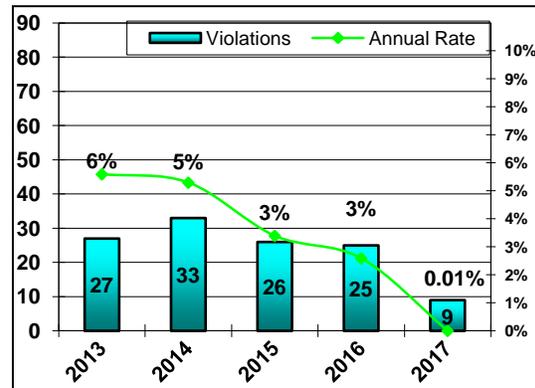
Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year



Oct - Nov 2016 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):40
Boardings w/fisheries violations:6
Violation Rate:15%

Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year



Oct - Nov 2017 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):55
Boardings w/fisheries violations:1
Violation Rate:0.02%

VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Coast Guard patrols completed 43 boardings on fishing vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. There were 20 boardings of IFQ halibut vessels, detecting one safety violation and no fisheries violations. There were 17 boardings of IFQ sablefish vessels, with no violations detected. No voyages were terminated for significant safety concerns.

There were no boardings on charter vessels targeting halibut. There were six boardings on recreational vessels targeting halibut, detecting no fisheries violations and three safety violations onboard two vessels. No voyages were terminated for significant safety concerns.

VII. Crab Fisheries

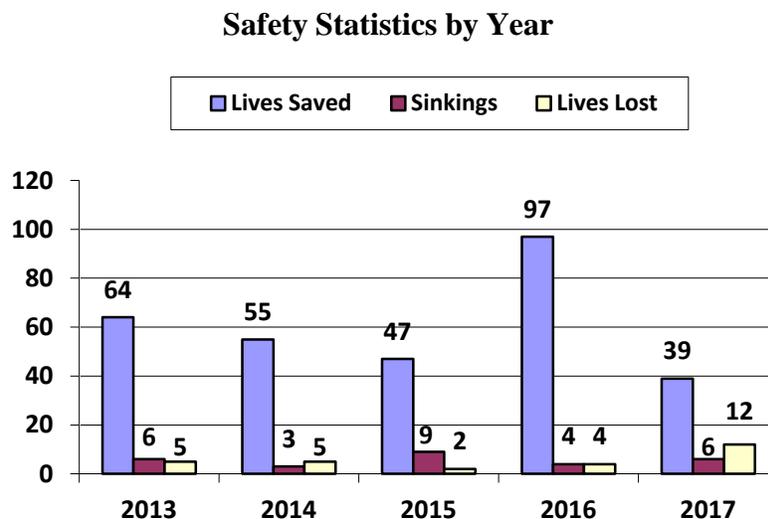
Air Station Kodiak deployed an MH-60 to Cold Bay for the Bering Sea crab season opening. The MH-60 remained in Cold Bay through 20 November and is scheduled to return on 15 January 2017 as activity increases in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island crab and trawl fisheries.

VIII. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, 8 safety violations were detected on 7 vessels. There were no voyage terminations. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were 11 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in two lives saved, one life lost, and zero vessel sinkings. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics



XI. Coast Guard Resource Summary

Figures 4 and 5 show the *annual* HC-130 aircraft law enforcement hours and Medium and High Endurance Cutter days used in the Seventeenth District. Figures 6 and 7 show the same information over the last three years for the *reporting period only*.

Figure 4. Annual HC-130 Hours

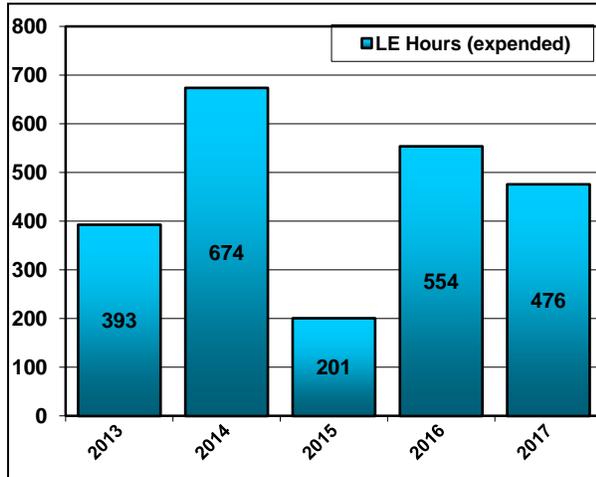
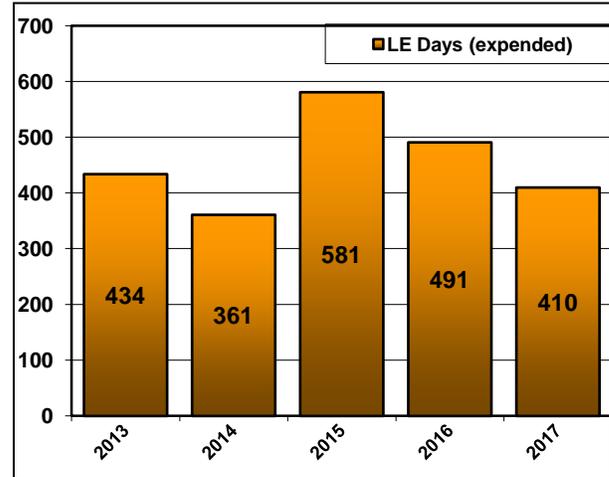


Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days



Oct - Nov 2016

1 WHEC patrolled.....47 days
 1 WMEC patrolled..... 21 days
 1 WLB patrolled 1 day
 4 WPBs patrolled 18 days
Total Cutter patrol..... 87 days

HC-130s flew36 hours
 HH-60/65s flew..... 74 hours

Oct - Nov 2017

2 WHECs patrolled.....67 days
 0 WMEC patrolled.....0 days
 1 WLB patrolled2 days
 5 WPB/FRCs patrolled42 days
Total Cutter patrol.....111 days

HC-130s flew31 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....102 hours

Figure 6. Oct-Nov HC-130 Hours

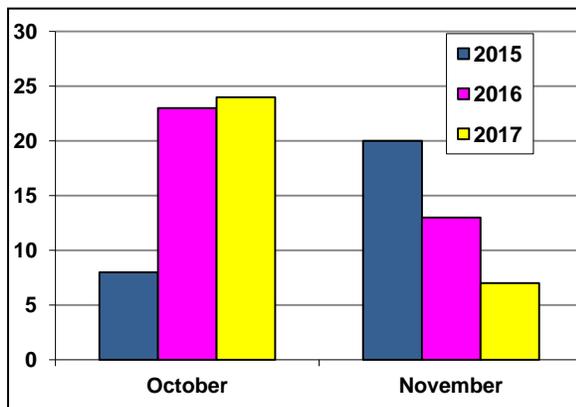
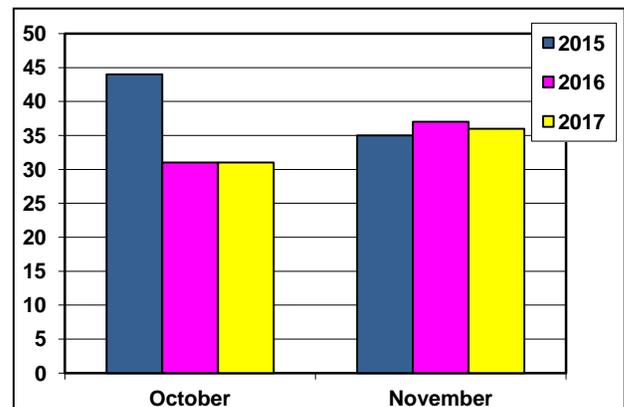


Figure 7. Oct-Nov Major Cutter Days



Appendix A
October - November 2017
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
9/23/17	ALAN C	Sector Juneau received a report of F/V ALAN C grounded IVO Juneau Yacht club. Sector issued UMIB and launched Station Juneau to assist. Vessel righted itself at high tide with no apparent damage. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
9/23/17	OCEAN RANGER	D17 Command Center received a report of F/V OCEAN RANGER disabled IVO Unalaska Island drifting toward shoal water with 4 POB. District assumed SMC and launched CGC MELLON to get underway from Dutch Harbor and render assistance. MELLON took vessel in tow, transited toward Iliuliuk Bay, and transferred tow to F/V BLACK PEARL. MELLON escorted vessel until safely moored on 24 September. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
9/26/17	ISLAND ROSE	Sector Anchorage received a distress call from F/V ISLAND ROSE disabled at anchor IVO Chiniak Point. After losing communications with the vessel, Sector issued a MARB and launched Air Station Kodiak MH60 to assess situation and establish communications. CG-6021 arrived onscene and monitored F/V GOLD RUSH take ISLAND ROSE in tow, safely transporting vessel to moorage in Kodiak. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
10/07/17	NATA ELLA	Sector Juneau received a distress call from F/V NATA ELLA grounded and taking on water IVO Carroll Island with 4 POB. Sector Juneau assumed SMC, issued a UMIB, and launched Station Ketchikan and Air Station Sitka. Station Ketchikan arrived on scene, passed a pump to de-water and took the vessel in tow. Vessel safely moored in Ketchikan. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
10/18/17	DONNA ANN	Sector Juneau received a distress call from F/V DONNA ANN taking on water near Beehive Island. Sector issued a UMIB and launched CGC JOHN MCCORMICK to respond. JOHN MCCORMICK launched their cutter small boat with rescue and assistance gear. Good Samaritan F/V NORTH STAR responded to the UMIB and assisted cutter small boat crew with dewatering. Good Samaritan vessel VAGABONG QUEEN towed F/V DONNA ANN to Sitka. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
10/20/17	SEA FISHER	D17 Command Center received a report of a crewmember onboard F/V SEA FISHER who had suffered a serious medical condition and was not responding to CPR. SMC evaluated case and recommended no Coast Guard assistance due to circumstances of the situation. Crewmember was declared deceased. Sector Anchorage followed up with an investigation and no further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
10/22/17	SURVIVOR	Sector Anchorage received a report of F/V SURVIVOR disabled near Kennedy Entrance. Sector Anchorage issued a MARB. Good Samaritan vessel F/V RENAISSANCE responded and towed F/V

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
		SURVIVOR to a nearby sheltered location where they received fuel. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
10/23/17	PATRICIA KAY	Sector Anchorage received a report of F/V PATRICIA KAY taking on water south west of Kodiak with 3 POB. Sector Anchorage diverted Air Station Kodiak MH65 and a C130. Good Samaritan vessel MARCY J responded and assisted with de-watering. MH65 arrived on scene and lowered a pump. F/V PATRICIA KAY was able to dewater and transited safely to Kodiak. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
10/23/17	AGITATOR	Sector Juneau received a report of F/V AGITATOR disabled and beached near Ketchikan. Sector Juneau issued a MARB and a good Samaritan vessel F/V CAROL ANN arrived on scene, took the 2 passengers onboard, and transported them to Ketchikan. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
10/25/17	FARWEST LEADER	D17 received a report of F/V FARWEST LEADER for an injured crewmember. D17 assumed SMC, evaluated case, and recommended MEDEVAC. Air Station Kodiak launched MH60 from FOL Cold Bay, who hoisted the patient and successfully transferred to commercial medical transport in Cold Bay. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
11/08/17	DEFENDER	D17 received a report of an injured crewmember onboard F/V DEFENDER in the Bering Sea. D17 assumed SMC, evaluated case, and recommended MEDEVAC. Air Station Kodiak launched a MH60 from FOL Cold Bay and a C130 from Kodiak. MH60 hoisted patient with C130 maintaining communications, successfully transporting and transferring patient to commercial medical transport on St. Paul. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.

Appendix B
October - November 2017
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
9/21/17	AK1776AJ	200	2C
9/21/17	COLUMBIA	270	517
9/21/17	GOLDEN DAWN	270	517
9/25/17	MOSSEY	200	2C
9/26/17	DAYSRING	200	2C
9/26/17	BLUE BALLARD	710	BS
9/27/17	ALEUTIAN SUN	710	2C
9/27/17	ALEUTIAN DREAM	200	2C
9/28/17	LASER	200	2C
9/29/17	WIND WALKER	710	SE
9/30/17	AK8447AR	200	2C
9/30/17	MAKAI	710/200	SE/2C
9/30/17	SHACKLETON	710/200	SE/2C
9/30/17	SILVER LADY	710/200	SE/2C
9/30/17	TYEE	710/200	SE/2C
9/30/17	AK4004AR	200	2C
10/1/17	CONSTANCE	710	SE
10/1/17	STORM BRINGER	710	SE
10/2/17	ALEUTIAN ISLE	710	SE
10/2/17	PACIFIC DAWN	710	SE
10/2/17	PELICAN	710	SE
10/2/17	MIDDLETON	710	SE
10/2/17	LADY JO	710/200	SE/2C
10/2/17	CHANCY	200	2C
10/2/17	BLUE GADUS	110	517
10/3/17	SCOTCH CAP	710	AI
10/3/17	SHONNA JACOLE	200	4B
10/3/17	CERULEAN	200	4B
10/4/17	JEANOAH	710	CG
10/4/17	VIKING EXPLORER	270	620
10/9/17	AK4667AP	200	2C
10/17/17	K RAE	200	2C
10/19/17	PACIFIC STAR	710/200	SE/2C
10/18/17	URSA MAJOR	200	2C
10/20/17	KATIE J	710	SE
10/20/17	VIKING SPIRIT	200	2C
10/23/17	RUFF AND REDDY	110	519

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
10/26/17	MYSTERY	200	3A
10/30/17	WINTER BAY	110	519
10/31/17	COURAGEOUS	110	517
10/31/17	CLIPPER ENDEAVOR	110	521
11/3/17	PACIFIC STAR	710	SE
11/4/17	CHANDALAR	200	2C
11/4/17	ROSE LYNN	200	2C
11/5/17	CARLYNN	710	CG
11/6/17	ATLANTICO	110	509
11/12/17	LENA CLAIRE	NA	649

Appendix C
October – November 2017
Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
9/21/17	STA KETCHIKAN	WN8739NG	200	No registration or visual distress signals
9/24/17	MELLON	OCEAN RANGER	200	Unserviceable immersion suits
9/28/17	MELLON	CLIPPER EPIC	110	Expired visual distress signals
9/29/17	AIRSTA Kodiak	TEMPTATION	UNK	Fisheries violation issued. Failure to facilitate enforcement by not answering VHF radio call-outs.
10/1/17	STA KETCHIKAN	AK6266AK	200	No registration
10/2/17	MELLON	PACIFIC SOJOURN	200	Expired EPIRB registration
10/30/17	MELLON	KONA KAI	110	Unserviceable life ring buoys
11/6/17	MELLON	PACIFIC VENTURE	110	Expired EPIRB registration