

5. Case Updates

1. 1501338; An extensive and well-coordinated investigation into 15 dead Steller sea lions led to a criminal indictments against the owner/operator and a deckhand of the F/V Iron Hide. The two were charged with harassing and killing Steller sea lions with a shotgun and then making false statements and obstructing the government's investigation into criminal activities.
2. AK1503888; F/V Hula Girl – Owner/operator was charged under the Northern Pacific Halibut Act (Halibut Act) for failing to register an anticipated fishing trip with the Observer Declare and Deploy System prior to embarking on the fishing trip. An \$8,000 NOVA was issued. The case settled for \$5,400.
3. AK1600927; F/V Cormorant Isle – Owners and operators were charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for retaining an excess of Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) sablefish allowable for the vessel category and IFQ regulatory area in which the vessel deployed fixed gear, and in excess of the total amount allowable under the permits currently held by all permit holders aboard the vessel, without an observer aboard. A \$42,306.70 NOVA was issued. The case was settled for a two year probationary period based on inability to pay.
4. AK1707474; Skana Enterprises, Inc. – Company was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for fishing for and landing IFQ sablefish under an IFQ sablefish permit that belonged to a different vessel. A \$3,500 NOVA was issued and the case settled for \$3,150.
5. AK1702035; F/V Pacific Ram – Owner and operator were charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for exceeding the daily catch limit for pollock. An \$11,087.67 NOVA was issued and the case settled for \$10,827.97.
6. AK1705077; F/V Hi Time – Individual was charged under the Halibut Act for having more charter vessel anglers catching and retaining halibut on a charter vessel trip than the total angler endorsement number specific on the CHP. A \$9,750.00 NOVA was issued.
7. AK1707265; F/V Ocean Hope 3 - Owner and operator were charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for exceeding the daily catch limit for pollock. A \$10,827.97 NOVA was issued and the case settled for \$10,027.97.
8. AK1707775; F/V Walter N - Owner and operator were charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for exceeding the daily catch limit for pollock. A \$19,032.59 NOVA was issued and the case settled for \$17,632.59.
9. AK1800385; F/V Sunset Bay - Owner and operator were charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for exceeding the daily catch limit for pollock. A \$4,287.53 NOVA was issued and the case settled for \$4,087.53.

10. AK1800545; F/V Bay Islander - Owner and operator were charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for exceeding the daily catch limit for pollock. An \$11,287.36 NOVA was issued and the case settled for \$7,287.36.
11. AK1800813; F/V Pacific Ram - Owner and operator were charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for exceeding the daily catch limit for pollock. A \$5,262.56 NOVA was issued.
12. AK1800814; F/V Ocean Hope 3 - Owner and operator were charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for exceeding the daily catch limit for pollock. A \$3,622.34 NOVA was issued.
13. AK1704303; F/V Star Daze – Owner/operator unlawfully retained one Pacific Halibut outside Annette Island Reserve waters and in IPHC Regulatory Area 2C without an IFQ permit. The halibut was seized. A written warning was issued.
14. AK1702793; F/V Alaska Dawn – Owner and operator were charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for exceeding the daily catch limit for pollock. A \$14,252.89 NOVA was issued and the case settled for \$13,252.89.
15. AK1702076; F/V Arctic Ram – Owner and operator were charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for exceeding the daily catch limit for pollock. A \$26,309.85 NOVA was issued and the case settled for \$24,509.85.
16. AK1702010; F/V Marcy J – Owner and operator were charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for exceeding the daily catch limit for pollock. A \$7,450.72 NOVA was issued and the case settled for \$6,850.72.
17. AK1800548; F/V Caravelle – Owner and operator were charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for exceeding the daily catch limit for pollock. A \$2,668.35 NOVA was issued.
18. AK1604754; F/V Endorfin – Operator unlawfully sold subsistence caught Pacific Halibut in violation of Halibut Act regulations. A \$600.00 NOVA was issued.

6. Outreach and Education

Outreach and education help to improve compliance with regulations and empower resource user to become partners in resource responsibility and sustainably. OLE agents and officers provided information and updates about regulations through multiple venues. Table 6.1, below, outlines some of the organized AKD outreach efforts from October 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. Formal outreach and education events listed do not capture daily outreach and education routinely conducted during investigations, boarding, and contacts.



Table 6.1 – NOAA Office of Law Enforcement Outreach and Education Efforts

Date	Location	Description
Reoccurring Monthly	Seattle, WA	Observer Training: OLE and GCES staff provided initial and refresher training to observers, to include regulation updates and review, observer compliance role, and recognizing harassment and impediments to disclosure.
November 3-5, 2017	Sitka, AK	Sitka Whale Fest: 2 enforcement officers and a supervisory enforcement officer staffed an OLE booth and provided the public with information about MMPA and ESA regulations.
November 16-18, 2017	Seattle, WA	Pacific Marine Expo: An enforcement officer and a supervisory enforcement officer and Observer Program Liaison staffed a booth and answered questions regarding MMPA & ESA and sport, charter and commercial fishing regs.
November 20, 2017	Kodiak, AK	USCG North Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center: a special agent provided training to a class of USCG boarding officers.
December 14, 2017	Anchorage, AK	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson: an enforcement officer and a special agent trained new Military Conservation Agents regarding enforcement of ESA, MMPA, as well as Operation Beluga Watch, further actions that need to be taken while investigating marine mammal crimes and strandings, and the importance of proper evidence collection.

Date	Location	Description
December 16, 2017	Juneau, AK	Shop with a Cop: An enforcement officer participated in an event with the Alaska Peace Officers Association which allowed 31 underprivileged kids to go shopping with officers
January 15, 2018	Anchorage, AK	Cook Inlet/Kodiak Unusual Mortality Event Response Planning Workshop: an enforcement officer gave training on marine resource evidence collection.
January 26, 2018	Kodiak, AK	Kodiak Trawlers Pre-Season Meeting: A supervisory enforcement officer and special agent discussed topics including pollock trip limits, responding to the USCG, observer safety, and other relevant topics.
January 23 - January 27, 2018	Anchorage, AK	The Alaska Marine Science Symposium: An enforcement officer gave a presentation about gathering evidence during a stranding response.
February 16-18, 2018	Anchorage, AK	Anchorage Boat Show: An enforcement officer along with NOAA PRD and NOAA Corps personnel staffed a booth and answered questions regarding species ID, MMPA & ESA regs, sport, charter and commercial regs, current charting and biological research programs.
March 19 - March 27, 2018	Accra and Takoradi, Ghana	Obangame Express sponsored by NAVAF: An OLE special agent deployed to an international training event to counter IUU fishing. OLE personnel and a NOAA foreign affairs specialist provided training in evidence collection and processing to participants from the Ghana Navy, Marine Police and Fisheries Enforcement Unit.
March 22, 2018	Kodiak, AK	COMFish: An enforcement officer and supervisory enforcement officer attended the three day commercial fishery trade show and manned a booth along with NOAA NFMS Science center and AWT personnel.
March 31, 2018	Juneau, Alaska	Juneau Yacht Club Meeting: A supervisory enforcement officer attended a public discussion on Sport Halibut, Charter Halibut, MMPA, and ESA regulations.