

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



**December 2014 - March 2015**

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### **List of Abbreviations**

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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 was no HSDN enforcement activity conducted over the reporting period. The next HSDN enforcement patrol is scheduled to last 90 days, with a month of supporting flights by USCG HC-130 aircraft and a month of support by a Canadian Air Force aircraft. In addition, a major high endurance cutter, CGC MELLON, will be on patrol in the area for approximately 80 days.

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

Activity along the MBL was light over the reporting period with an average of three fishing vessels operating within 20 miles of the MBL in December 2014 and no activity within 20 miles of the MBL during January through March 2015. There were no surface or air patrols of the MBL for the purpose of incursion detection during December 2014 through March 2015, due to the low levels of fishing vessels operating near the line. However, there were three surface patrols and six air patrols in the vicinity of the MBL in response to the sinking of the South Korean F/V 501 ORYONG and the subsequent search and rescue (SAR) activities. CGC MUNRO patrolled from 03-05 December 2014 and reported a total of 12 sightings of foreign F/Vs (FFVs), all located within the RS EEZ. CGC ALEX HALEY patrolled from 05-07 and 11-13 December 2014 and reported no sightings of FFVs. There was one HC-130 flight per day from 01-06 December 2014 in support of the SAR case, with no incursions detected.

## **III. U.S./Canadian EEZ Boundary (Dixon Entrance) Enforcement**

There were three suspected incursions detected by AIS along the southern U.S./Canadian EEZ boundary, west of Dixon Entrance in January 2015. These three suspected incursions were by the F/V OCEAN PEARL (CA) between 06-08 January. A USCG HC-130 was diverted to investigate the F/V OCEAN PEARL, however the vessel was in the Canadian EEZ at the time it was sighted. Notifications were made to the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), with a request for their assistance and investigation. DFO agents opened an investigation and met the OCEAN PEARL at their next offload in Port Edward, BC on 14 January. Based on preliminary results of the investigation, DFO directed that 10 percent of the landed value of OCEAN PEARL's catch be seized, to approximate what appears to have been harvested illegally in the U.S. EEZ. The total value of the seizure is still being determined by DFO.

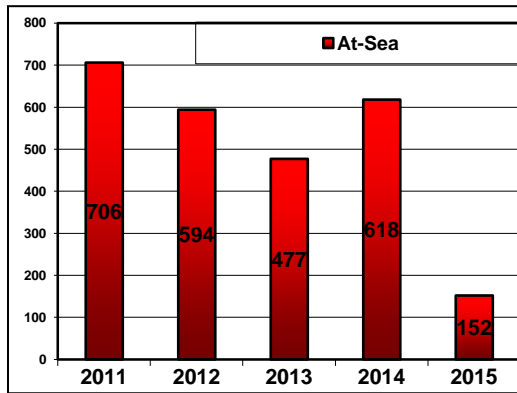
## **IV. Steller Sea Lions (SSL) and Critical Habitat Enforcement**

The Coast Guard monitors more than 151 critical habitat areas around the state each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. One violation of SSL critical habitat was detected north of Kodiak Island by CGC SPAR during the reporting period.

## **V. Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics**

There were 180 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 27 safety violations onboard twenty vessels and one federal fisheries violation onboard one vessel. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations.

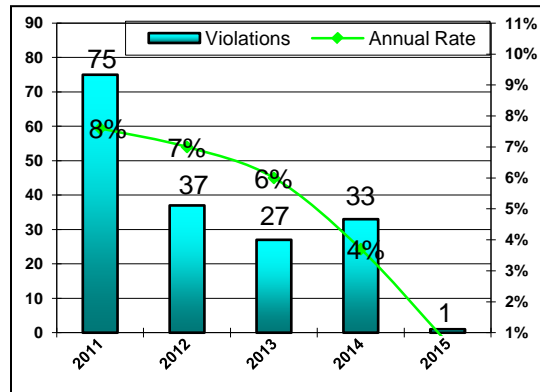
**Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year**



**Dec 2013 – Mar 2014 Boardings**

F/V Boardings (at sea): .....169  
 Boardings w/fisheries violations: .....15  
 Violation Rate: .....8.87%

**Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year**



**Dec 2014 – Mar 2015 Boardings**

F/V Boardings (at sea): .....180  
 Boardings w/fisheries violations: .....01  
 Violation Rate: .....0.5%

**VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement**

The IFQ halibut and sablefish fisheries opened at 1200 local time on 14 March. The Seventeenth District focused enforcement efforts around the region on monitoring the season opener. Air Station Kodiak and Air Station Sitka flew two MH-60 flights and two patrol boats patrolled Southeast Alaska during the weekend of the opener. There were twelve boardings of vessels targeting halibut over the reporting period. There were no fisheries violations during any of the IFQ halibut or sablefish boardings.

There were eight boardings of vessels fishing recreational or subsistence halibut during the reporting period. There was one fisheries violation on one vessel for harvesting halibut while the season was closed.

**VII. Crab Fisheries**

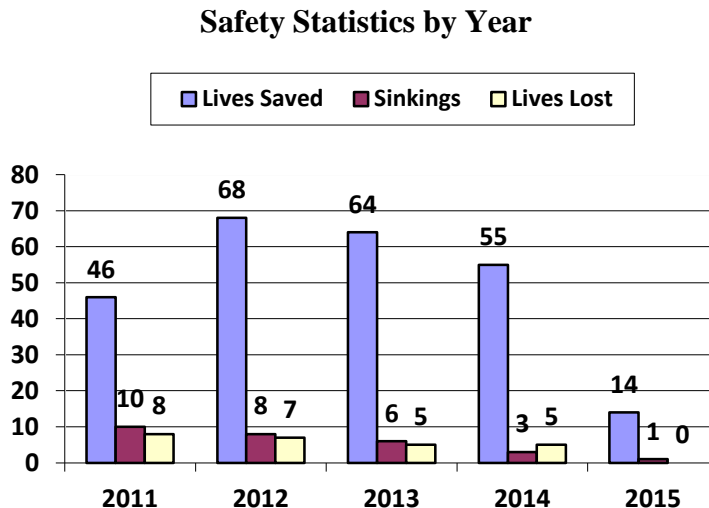
The Coast Guard focused commercial vessel safety enforcement activities on the Bering Sea crab fisheries, with CGC ALEX HALEY and CGC MUNRO conducting twelve boardings on vessels targeting Bering Sea Snow Crab and three boardings on vessels targeting Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab. There were two safety violations found during these boardings, one for lack of proper lifesaving equipment markings and one for unserviceable lifering buoys. In addition, a Coast Guard helicopter was forward deployed to Cold Bay for search and rescue standby.

**VIII. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases**

During the reporting period, 27 safety violations were detected on twenty vessels. There were two voyage terminations during the reporting period. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were 17 SAR cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in fourteen lives saved, no lives lost, and one vessel sinking. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of search and rescue cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

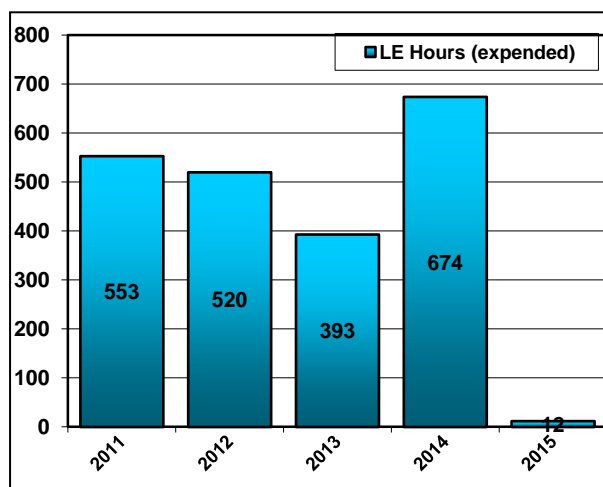
**Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics**



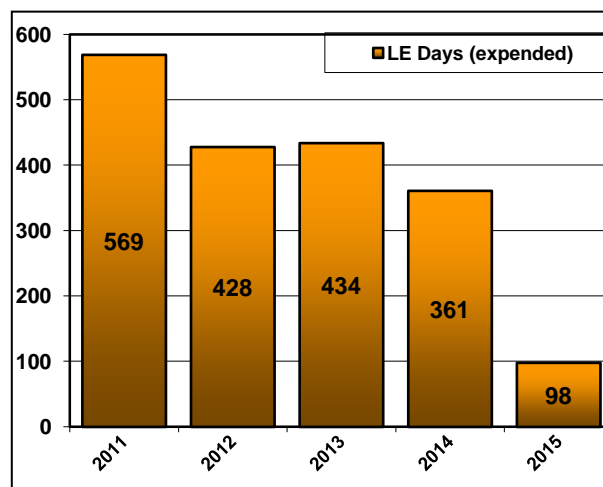
**IX. Coast Guard Resource Summary**

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**



**Dec 2014 – Mar 2014**

3 WHECs patrolled..... 107 days  
1 WMECs patrolled ..... 55 days  
3 WLBs patrolled..... 22 days

**Dec 2014 – Mar 2015**

1 WHECs patrolled.....45 days  
1 WMECs patrolled .....85 days  
3 WLBs patrolled.....18 days

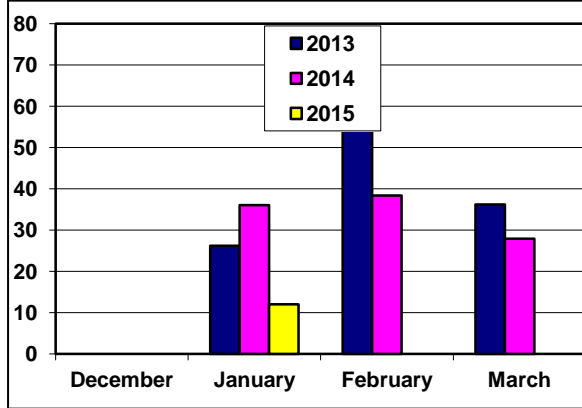
6 WPBs patrolled ..... 109 days  
**Total Cutter patrol.....293 days**

7 WPBs patrolled .....136 days  
**Total Cutter patrol.....284 days**  
 \*For 2015, expected major cutter coverage is 419 days.

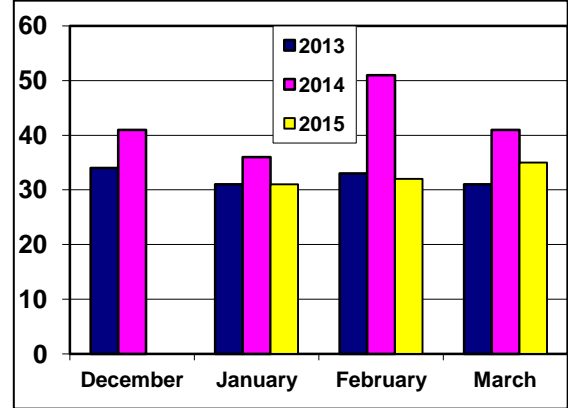
HC-130s flew ..... 102.4 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew..... 312.1 hours

HC-130s flew .....12 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew.....354 hours

**Figure 6. Dec – Mar HC-130 Hours**



**Figure 7. Dec – Mar Major Cutter Days**



**Appendix A**  
December 2014 - March 2015  
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
14-Nov-14	POT LUCK	D17 Command Center received a report of F/V POT LUCK taking on water and sinking. Sector assumed SMC, issued an UMIB and CGC ANACAPA arrived O/S. ANACAPA assisted with repairs and escorted the vessel to Petersburg, AK.
27-Nov-14	INGRID ELAINE	Sector Juneau received a report of F/V INGRID ELAINE hard aground on a beach north of Sitka. A MARB was broadcast and M/V SURVEYOR responded and assisted in successfully refloating the vessel.
28-Nov-14	SOLOUR	Sector Juneau received a report of F/V SOLOUR aground and taking on water. Sector assumed SMC, issued an UMIB, and launched CG-6032. F/V CARPE DIEM assisted with repairs and SOLOUR crew chose to remain onboard once vessel regained power.
04-Dec-14	ELEON	Sector Anchorage received a report of F/V ELEON suffering a steering casualty and subsequently lost communication with vessel. CGC MUSTANG and CG-6044 launched to locate the vessel hard aground. MUSTANG towed vessel to nearest safe anchorage.
10-Dec-14	STAR DUST	Sector Juneau received a report of F/V STAR DUST taking on water. Sector assumed SMC, issued an UMIB, CG-38116 (Sitka ANT) and CG-6034 responded. 3 CG crew members and two pumps were transferred to STAR DUST to assist in stemming flooding. Vessel was successfully dewatered and F/V CORAL SEA towed STAR DUST to Sitka Harbor.
11-Dec-14	TRAIL BLAZER	D17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request from F/V TRAIL BLAZER for 23 YOM who pinched hand in a pot launcher. Case evaluated and SMC recommended MEDEVAC. Air Station Kodiak CG-6006 launched from Cold Bay and completed MEDEVAC to Cold Bay clinic.
02-Jan-15	MJ	Sector Juneau received a report of an overdue mariner aboard F/V MJ. Sector assumed SMC, issued an UMIB, and launched Air Station Sitka MH-60 and CG-45764 in response. Vessel was located taking shelter from poor weather. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
13-Jan-15	IRENE H	D17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request from F/V IRENE H for a 20 YOM suffering an abdominal condition. Case evaluated and SMC recommended MEDEVAC. Air Station Kodiak responded and transported the patient to Kodiak.
17-Jan-15	SEAFREEZE	D17 Command Center received a report of a crewman on board F/V SEAFREEZE with possible appendicitis. Case evaluated and SMC recommended vessel transport patient to Dutch Harbor for care.

**Appendix A**  
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Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
19-Jan-15	EYAK	Sector Juneau received a distress call from F/V EYAK who had run aground and was taking on water. Sector assumed SMC and launched Air Station Sitka. Air Station Sitka MH-60, Sitka Fire Boat, and Alaska State Troopers responded. Vessel was evacuated and subsequently capsized.
04-Feb-14	NORTHERN LEADER	D17 Command Center received a request for a MEDEVAC of a crewmember onboard F/V NORTHERN LEADER with a serious medical condition. Case evaluated and SMC recommended MEDEVAC. Air Station Kodiak launched from Cold Bay and transferred patient to St. Paul.
10-Feb-15	FOXY LADY	Sector Juneau received a distress call from F/V FOXY LADY taking on water. Sector assumed SMC, issued an UMIB, and Station Juneau responded with dewatering pump. Vessel successfully dewatered and Station Juneau completed tow to Last Chance Harbor.
12-Feb-15	AMERICAN TRIUMPH	D17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request for F/V AMERICAN TRIUMPH. Case evaluated and SMC recommended MEDEVAC. Air Station Kodiak launched from Cold Bay and transferred patient to Cold Bay clinic.
16-Feb-15	SAVANNAH RAY	D17 Command Center received EPIRB alert from F/V SAVANNAH RAY. Sector Anchorage assumed SMC, conducted radio hails and determined the nature of distress was vessel grounding. Air Station Kodiak responded and evacuated 04 people, transferring them to Kodiak.
01-Mar-15	NORTHERN VICTOR	D17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request from F/V NORTHERN VICTOR for ill crewmember. Case evaluated and SMC recommended MEDEVAC. CGC MUNRO responded and transported crewmember to Dutch Harbor
06-Mar-15	UNIMAK	D17 Command Center received MEDEVAC request from Health Force Partners for an ill crewmember onboard F/V UNIMAK. Case evaluated and SMC recommended MEDEVAC. Air Station Kodiak launched from Cold Bay and transported crewmember to Cold Bay clinic.
12-Mar-15	ALASKAN PRIDE	Sector Anchorage received a report of F/V ALASKAN PRIDE taking on water following bow strike on rocks. Sector assumed SMC and directed Air Station Kodiak to launch. MH-60 helicopter delivered dewatering pump. Vessel successfully dewatered and ALASKAN PRIDE returned to Kodiak for haul out.



**Appendix B**  
December 2014 - March 2015  
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
11/21/14	AK7985AE	410	659
11/21/14	LADY KATHERINE	410	659
11/28/14	NORDIC MARINER	931	519
11/28/14	STANLEY K	110	517
11/29/14	ADVENTURE	931	509
12/4/14	ELEON	110	630
12/5/14	MONTAGUE	NA	NA
12/9/14	ARCTIC BEAR	110	630
12/10/14	SKIPJACK	892	659
12/12/14	CONNIE M	NA	NA
12/13/14	ZIP	110	659
12/17/14	INCENTIVE	932	521
12/17/14	ORCA SONG	815	659
12/18/14	KISKA SEA	932	521
12/18/14	PACIFIC SOUNDER	932	521
12/18/14	POLAR SEA	932	521
12/18/14	PATRISHA K	815	659
12/22/14	ST. DOMINICK	110	519
12/23/14	COURAGEOUS	110	519
12/27/14	CYNOSURE	110	519
12/27/14	CERULEAN	110	519
12/28/14	ALASKA MIST	110	509
12/28/14	OCEAN HUNTER	931	EBT
12/31/14	OCEAN FURY	110	509
1/1/15	MAGNUS MARTENS	110	519
1/1/15	BARBARA J	110	517
1/2/15	SAINT PAUL	110	517
1/2/15	CASCADE	110	519
1/3/15	KONA KAI	110	509
1/3/15	FARRAR SEA	110	509
1/8/15	THE EDGE	815	659
1/12/15	ARCTIC ICE	110	519
1/12/15	NORTHERN LEADER	110	521
1/13/15	STILLWATER	110	630
1/13/15	GLACIER	110	630
1/13/15	CLIPPER SURPRISE	110	610

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DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
1/13/15	CLIPPER ENDEAVOR	110	610
1/14/15	NORTHWESTERN	932	513
1/14/15	SAGA	932	521
1/16/15	SAINT PETER	110	517
1/17/15	BLUE PACIFIC	110	517
1/17/15	TEMPTATION	110	630
1/17/15	FAITH	110	630
1/19/15	COMMITMENT	110	630
1/20/15	LOKI	110	630
1/20/15	BEARFOX	110	630
1/20/15	STEPHANIE LYNN	110	630
1/20/15	MAJESTY	110	630
1/21/15	JEANOAH	110	620
1/21/15	IRENE H	110	620
1/21/15	ENTERPRISE	110	620
1/21/15	MISS LEONA	110	519
1/25/15	VIKING EXPLORER	270	517
1/26/15	GOLD RUSH	270	517
1/27/15	WALTER N	270	649
1/27/15	OCEAN HOPE	270	649
1/27/15	ARCTIC WIND	110	517
1/27/15	HALFMOON BAY	110	517
1/27/15	OCEAN HARVESTER	110	517
1/27/15	MARGARET LYN	110	517
1/27/15	STARWARD	110	517
1/27/15	STARFISH	110	517
1/27/15	ARCTIC RAM	270	649
1/27/15	CORAL	110	649
2/3/15	PACIFIC EXPLORER	270	517
2/4/15	AMBASSADOR	110	630
2/4/15	ORION	110	630
2/9/15	STONEY	NA	NA
2/10/15	LITTLE LADY	NA	NA
2/11/15	DELTA	110	630
2/11/15	RENEGADE	110	630
2/12/15	NORTHERN RAM	110	517

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DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
2/12/15	GOLDEN PISCES	110	517
2/12/15	NORDIC FURY	110	517
2/12/15	CAPE KIWANDA	110	517
2/12/15	ROYAL ATLANTIC	110	517
2/12/15	ALASKA ENDEAVOR	110	517
2/12/15	JANI K.	110	659
2/12/15	JUDY MAY	110	659
2/13/15	CHRISTIAN	931	659
2/13/15	PACIFIC SUN	110	517
2/13/15	PERSEVERANCE	110	517
2/13/15	SEADAWN	110	517
2/13/15	CAITLIN ANN	110	517
2/13/15	PREDATOR	110	517
2/13/15	MICHELLE RENEE	110	517
2/13/15	SEASTORM	110	517
2/14/15	AURIGA	110	509
2/14/15	DESTINATION	110	509
2/14/15	WESTWARD I	110	509
2/14/15	VIKING	110	509
2/14/15	CLIPPER EPIC	110	509
2/14/15	INTANGIBLE	931	659
2/14/15	PRIEST POINT	931	659
2/15/15	VAGABOND QUEEN	931	659
2/15/15	CHIKAMIN	931	659
2/15/15	NEVA	932	659
2/15/15	PINNACLE	932	659
2/15/15	STINGRAY	932	659
2/15/15	MAELSTROM	932	659
2/18/15	STORM PETREL	270	517
2/18/15	ARCTIC MARINER	932	517
2/18/15	ISLAND MIST	932	517
2/20/15	CASCADE MARINER	932	517
2/20/15	PACIFIC MARINER	932	517
2/22/15	US INTREPID	123	509
2/22/15	ARICA	270	509
2/23/15	TRAVELER	270	509

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2/23/15	PACIFIC FURY	270	509
2/23/15	MARK I	270	509
2/23/15	MISTY DAWN	270	509
2/23/15	OCEAN PHOENIX	270	509
2/23/15	DEFENDER	110	509
2/24/15	CAPE HORN	110	509
2/24/15	REBECCA IRENE	123	509
2/24/15	AMERICAN NO.1	123	509
2/25/15	ALASKA BEAUTY	110	517
2/25/15	PACIFIC CHALLENGER	110	517
2/25/15	DOMINATOR	110	517
2/27/15	RUNAWAY	110	630
2/27/15	ARIZONA	110	630
2/27/15	ALASKAN LEGACY	110	630
2/28/15	ZACHARY R	110	630
2/28/15	AK2399N	200	2C
3/1/15	AK1625AF	200	2C
3/1/15	AK3825AL	200	2C
3/1/15	LISA MELINDA	270	630
3/1/15	ANTHEM	110	630
3/1/15	MISS SARAH	270	630
3/1/15	SOULMATE	110	630
3/1/15	HICKORY WIND	270	630
3/3/15	WINDFALL	410	659
3/4/15	DANGEROUS CAPE	110	630
3/4/15	SEAFREEZE	110	509
3/4/15	SEEKER	110	509
3/5/15	MARAUDER	923	659
3/6/15	NORTHERN VICTOR	270	610
3/7/15	AK8207H	200	2C
3/14/15	TIMBERWOLF	200	2C
3/14/15	ALPHA DAWN	200	2C
3/14/15	CORAL SEA	200	2C
3/14/15	SEA SCAPE	410	659
3/14/15	AK9678AG	200	2C
3/15/15	SEA HAWK	200	659

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3/15/15	RUSTLER	200	659
3/15/15	JUBILEE	200	659
3/15/15	FORTUNE	200	659
3/15/15	SABRINA JOY	200	2C
3/15/15	CHOPAKA	200	2C
3/15/15	MICHELLE	200	2C
3/18/15	SEA FIRE	230	659
3/18/15	JANINE KATHLEEN	230	659
3/18/15	SUNSET BAY	110	519
3/18/15	ALASKA KNIGHT	110	519
3/18/15	ALASKA PROVIDER	110	519
3/19/15	SKAGIT BAY	110	630
3/19/15	N7	110	630
3/19/15	ELLA JANE	110	630
3/19/15	GULF PROWLER	110	610

*Appendix C*  
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Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
11/25/14	STA KETCHIKAN	AK3855J	410	Voyage terminated due to no immersion suits
11/26/14	STA KETCHIKAN	AK2347AC	200	Voyage terminated due to missing navigation lights at night.
12/4/14	STA KETCHIKAN	PACIFIC FISHER	815	No VDS, ring buoy improperly marked, and inoperable immersion suit light
12/7/14	STA KETCHIKAN	ANGELETTE	N/A	No life jackets onboard
1/14/15	ALEX HALEY	JENNIFER A	932	Lack of markings on liferings
1/24/15	ALEX HALEY	BALLYHOO	932	Liferings unserviceable
1/27/15	SPAR	LINNEA	110	Original Certificate of Documentation not on board
1/27/15	ALEX HALEY	ALEUTIAN CHALLENGER	110	Insufficient visual distress signals
1/27/15	ALEX HALEY	MUIR MILACH	110	Inoperable alarm system
1/27/15	SPAR	ERICA RENEE	110	Certificate of Documentation not on board and expired EPIRB battery
1/30/15	STA KETCHIKAN	AK7553N	142	Registration not on board
1/31/15	STA KETCHIKAN	AK2327AG	200	Seizure of 02 halibut caught during the recreational halibut closure.
2/3/15	ALEX HALEY	ALASKAN STAR	110	Insufficient VDS

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DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
2/3/15	SPAR	FAIRWIND	110	Voyage terminated due to excessive oil in bilge creating especially hazardous condition
2/4/15	SPAR	ALITAK	110	Inoperable port sidelight
2/15/15	NAUSHON	MAY-BE	932	Unserviceable lifering, no sound producing device, and no fire extinguisher onboard
3/1/15	STA KETCHIKAN	AK1006N	200	Expired VDS and Marine Sanitation Device overboard discharge valve not secured
3/1/15	LONG ISLAND	GAMBLER	110	No certificate of documentation
3/16/15	NAUSHON	WILD CARD	410	No sound producing device
3/17/15	NAUSHON	CHRISTINA DAWN	200	01 fire extinguisher not charged
3/17/15	NAUSHON	SOVEREIGN GRACE	230	No tonnage certificate