

NOAA OLE Report NPFMC June Meeting - 2019



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FISHERIES**

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Alaska Division



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Operational Highlights

Six officers conducted compliance monitoring patrols in Dutch Harbor during the October crab fisheries. 20 vessels boarded with 3 State and 3 minor federal record-keeping & reporting violations detected. 14,961 lbs of king crab & 7,320 lbs of golden king crab dead loss were accounted for.



A special agent & 5 enforcement officers conducted an observer focused pulse operation in Dutch Harbor from February 4 - 15. The team focused on 191 individual observer statements involving 60 distinct vessels and multiple shoreside processors. 87 cases were resolved and progress was made on an additional 14 cases. Several new investigations were initiated. AKD worked with US Customs & Border Protection to board one foreign tramper and one foreign cargo vessel.

Joint Enforcement Agreement



An enforcement officer embarked on a patrol with the Alaska Wildlife Troopers onboard P/V Stimson from March 6 -27. The patrol focused on observer reported complaints, groundfish, the IFQ Sablefish/Halibut fisheries, and outreach with stops in Sand Point, King Cove, Akutan, Atka, and Adak. The officers boarded 28 vessels, inspected four processing facilities, and inspected pot gear.

Joint OLE - USCG Patrols



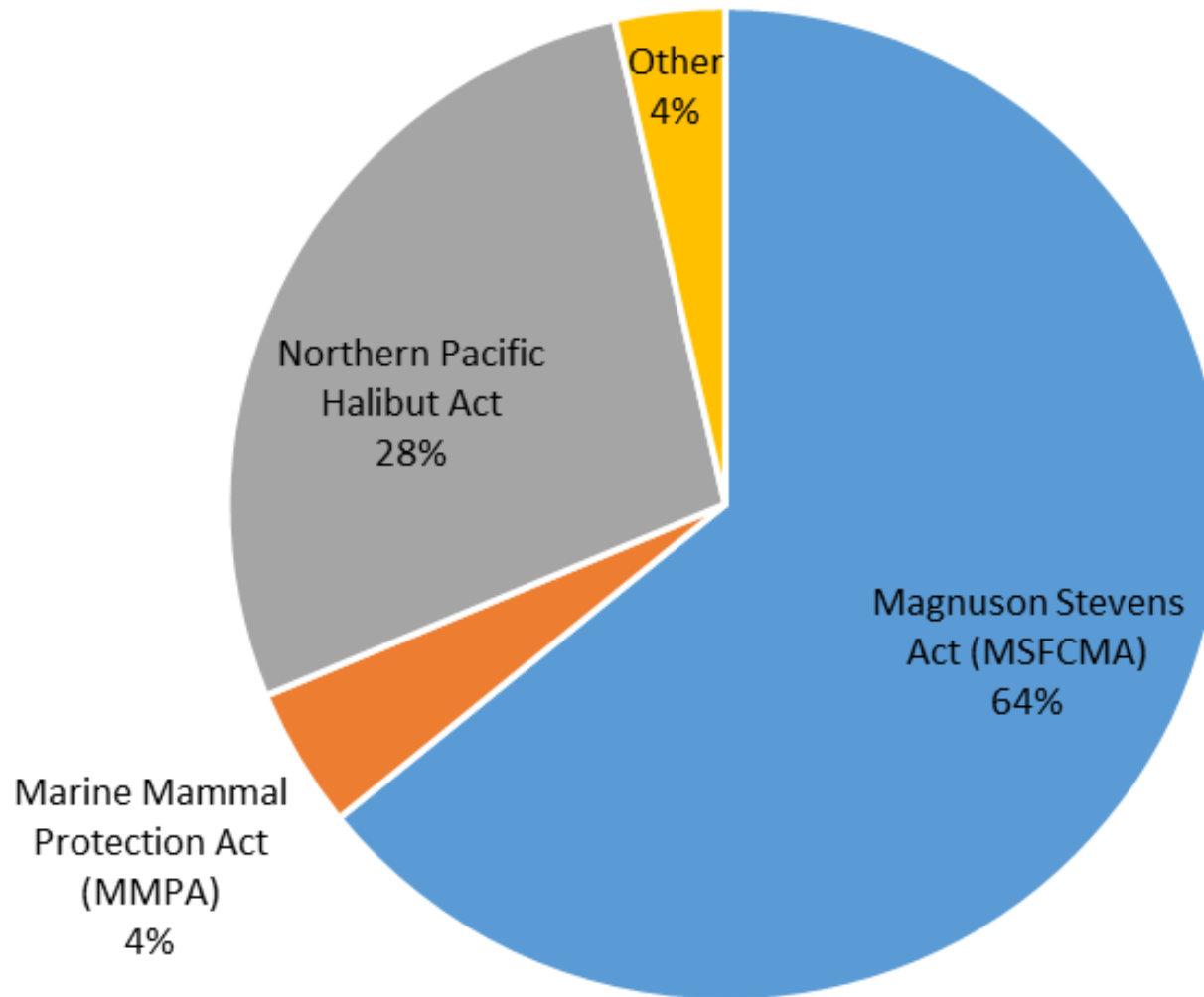
The OLE Sitka & Ketchikan field offices coordinated with USCG Air Station Sitka, CG Station Ketchikan, & CGC JOHN MCCORMICK to conduct joint vessel and air patrols for the opening of IFQ fishing season. The patrols focused on remote inlets and bays for fishing vessels or fishing gear deployed prior to the season opening.

Community Outreach and Education

Date	Location	Description
Monthly	Seattle, WA	Observer Training
Oct 17	Homer, AK	Alaska Sea Life Center and Homer stranding network meeting
Nov 2-4	Sitka, AK	Sitka Whale Fest
Nov 10	Ketchikan, AK	Community Sportsman Dinner
Jan 7	Seattle, WA	Amendment 80 COOP Mtg
Jan 7	Seattle, WA	Glacier Fish Company Mtg
Feb 14	Anchorage, AK	Anchorage Boat Show
Mar 15	Anchorage, AK	JBer STEM Mtg
Mar 16-24	Various BSAI Communities	Various Remote Outreach
Mar 28-30	Kodiak, AK	ComFish 2019



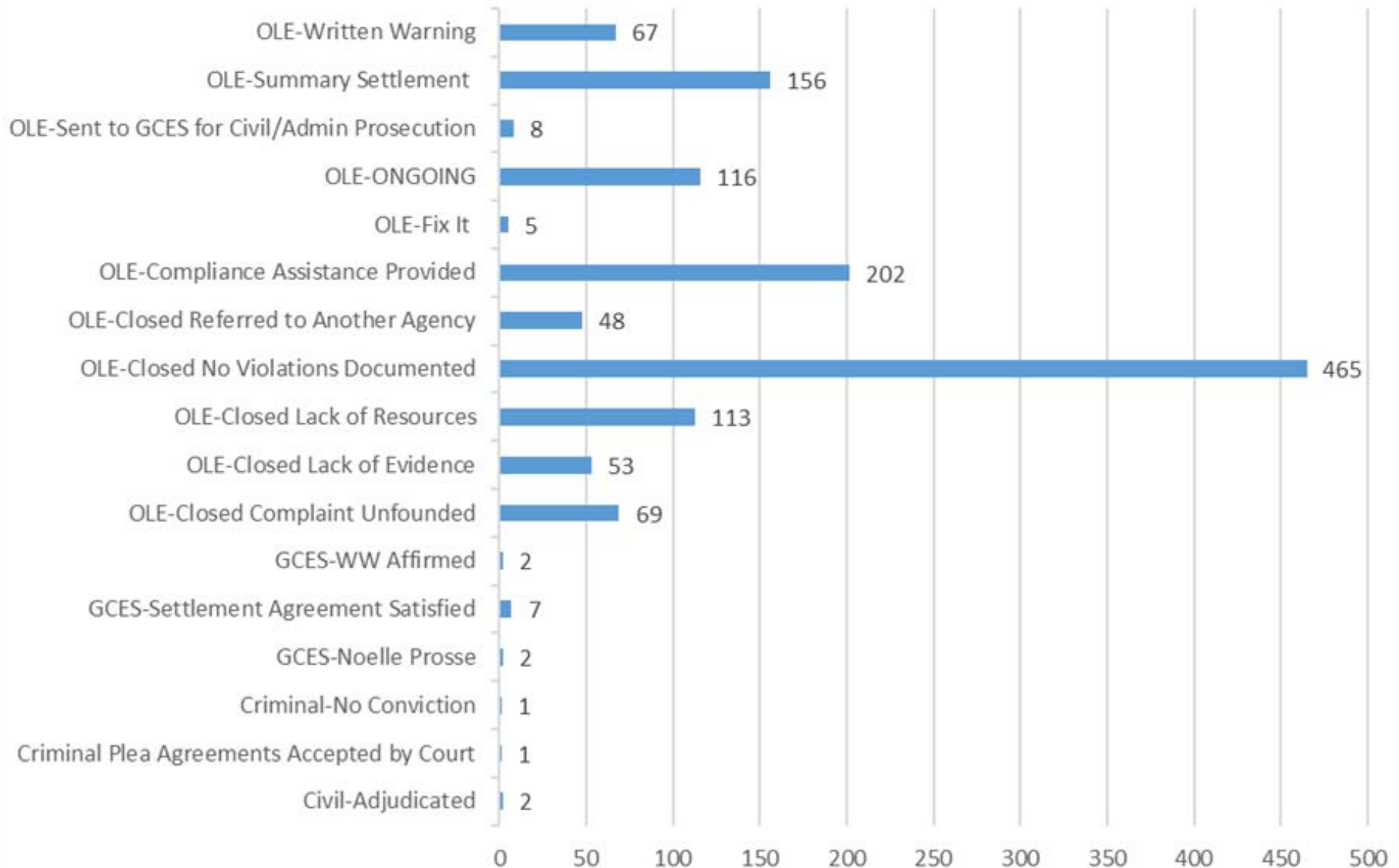
Incidents by Law/Regulations/Program



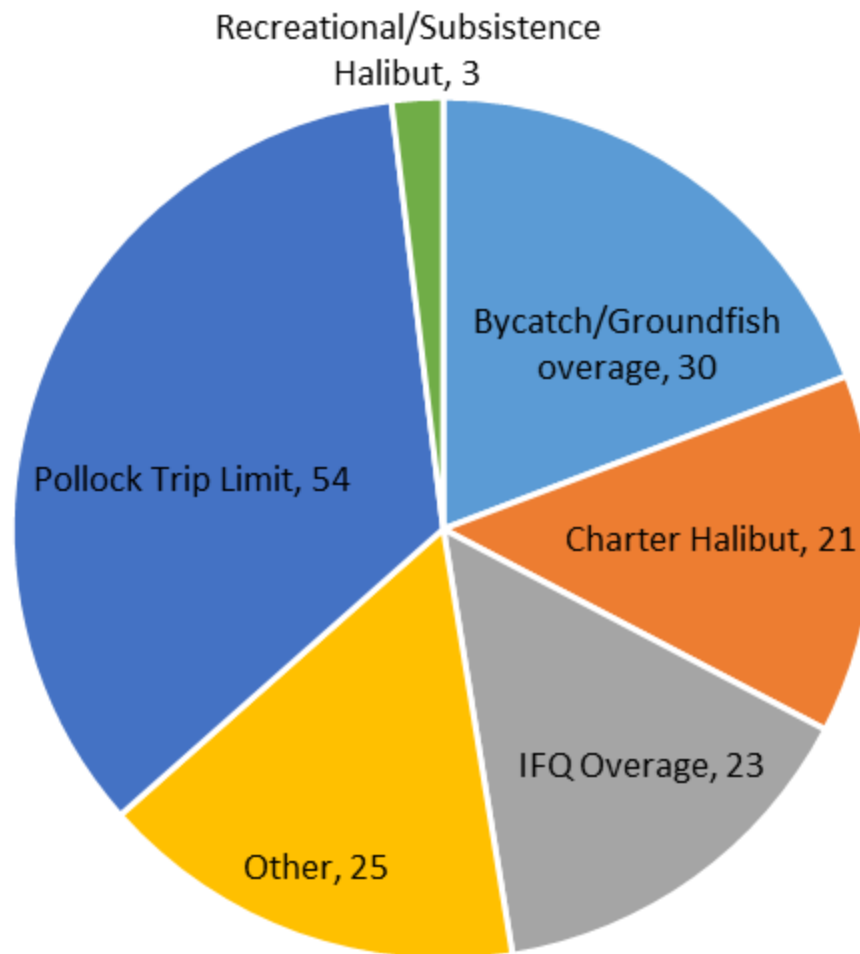
* Other includes: Endangered Species Act, Lacey Act, Other Federal Law/Regulation, State Law/Regulation.

Incident Disposition From 10/01/2018 - 03/31/2018

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Summary Settlements Issued



*Other includes vessel grounding w observer, IFQ reporting, inaccurate reporting, failure to notify, ODDS trip, and feeding marine mammals.

Observer Incidents

COMPLAINT TYPE	Complaints Investigated	Compliance Assistance Provided*	Written Warnings	Summary Settlements
Limited Access - Operational and Equipment Requirements	113	50	0	3
Failure to notify	47	24	1	1
Reasonable Assistance	58	20	2	2
Record Keeping and Reporting	249	44	1	3
Prohibited Species	59	22	0	2
Safety	67	24	0	1
Salmon bycatch	100	27	5	10
Seabird Avoidance Measures	7	0	1	0

Questions?

