

**SEVENTEENTH COAST GUARD
DISTRICT**



**1 APR – 31 MAY 99 ENFORCEMENT
REPORT**

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List of Abbreviations

CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety
 FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel
 GOA – Gulf of Alaska
 HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft
 HEC/MEC – High/Medium Endurance Cutters
 HH65/60 – CG helicopter
 HSDN – High Seas Drift Net
 M/B – US/Russian Maritime Boundary
 PRC – People’s Republic of China
 SAR – Search and Rescue

I. High Seas Drift Net Enforcement

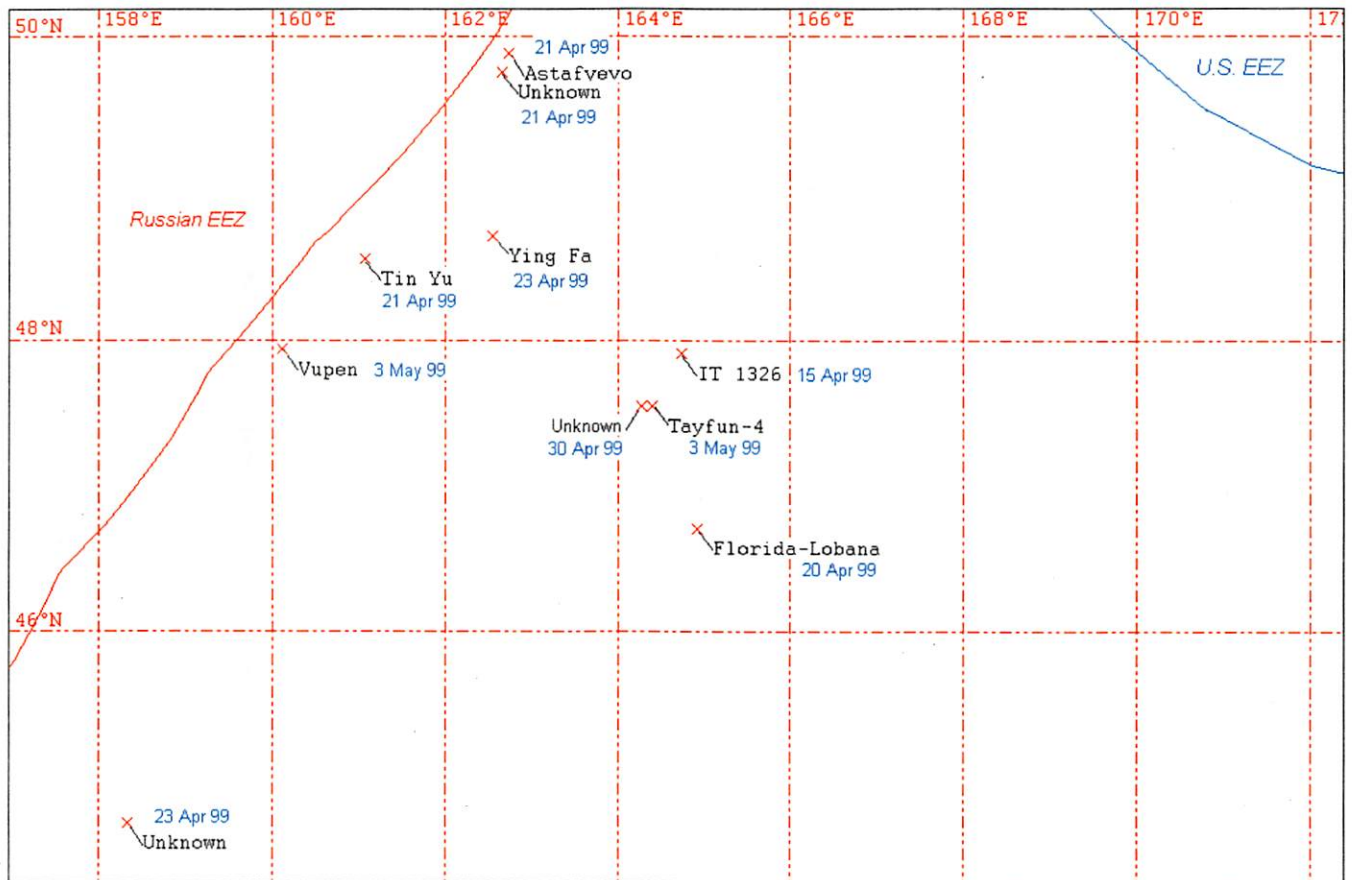
Operation Northern Watch, CGD17's HSDN enforcement plan, officially commenced on 01 Apr 1999, and will continue through October or until activity ceases. For the reporting period, 21 USCG C-130 HSDN flights were conducted for a total of 145 hours. Canadian Department of National Defense (DND) Aurora CP 140 aircraft based out of Shemya flew 19 sorties from 13-26 April 1999, for a total of 132.5 hours. 43 cutter days were used in support of Operation Northern Watch. People's Republic of China (PRC) Fisheries Enforcement officials are stationed in Kodiak until 26 Aug for deployment aboard cutters responding to HSDN activity.

Currently there has been little to no indication of HSDN activity in the high threat area which is bounded by 41N, 46N, 175E, and the Russian/Japanese EEZ. CG C-130 HSDN flights on 30 May and 02 June have detected 35 vessels in the area, but only one contact was a target of interest which has not been re-located. CGC SHERMAN has also been patrolling the area since 01 June with no results, but CG assets will continue to surveil the high threat area.

A summary of HSDN cases for CY99 to date is given in Table 1, and Figure 1 displays the positions of HSDN vessels sighted or seized April-May 1999. Additional details on each of these cases are found in Appendix A.

Table 1. CY99 High Seas Drift Net Case Summary				
Date	Vsl/Flag	Position	Seizure/Detection	Disposition
15 Apr 99	IT 1326 (Unk)	47 54 N 164 45 E	Sighted - Canadian CP 140.	No other markings, vsl in transit, no nets in vicinity, vsl not re-located.
21 Apr 99	Astafyevo (RS)	49 53 N 162 30 E	Sighted - Canadian CP 140.	Last posit, course, and speed passed to RS enforcement.
21 Apr 99	Lobana (RS)	46 43 N 164 56 E	Detained - USCG cutter	USCG transferred vsl to RS enforcement, master fined \$4K US, owner fined \$120K, catch, nets, and transponders seized.
21 Apr 99	Unk	49 46 N 162 40 E	Detected - Canadian CP 140.	No markings, vsl in transit, no nets in vicinity, vsl not re-located.
21 Apr 99	Tin Yu (Unk)	48 32 N 161 05 E	Sighted - Canadian CP 140.	No other markings, vsl in transit, no nets in vicinity, vsl not re-located.
23 Apr 99	Ying Fa (Claimed CH)	48 41 N 162 34 E	Seized - USCG cutter	Vsl assimilated stateless, seized by USCG, escorted to Adak, transferred custody to NMFS.
23 Apr 99	Unk	44 39 N 158 21 E	Detected - Canadian CP 140.	Suspected driftnet vsl due to size, unable to identify due to wx
30 Apr 99	Unk	47 33 N 164 17 E	Detected - USCG C-130.	No other markings, no nets in vicinity, vsl not re-located.
03 May 99	Tayfun-4 (RS)	47 33 N 164 25 E	Detained - USCG cutter	USCG detained vsl, transferred to RS enforcement, case pends.
03 May 99	Vupen (Unk)	47 56 N 160 07 E	Sighted - USCG C-130.	No other markings, no nets in vicinity, vsl not re-located.

Figure 1. Plot of CY99 HSDN Sightings and Cases



II. US/Russian Maritime Boundary Enforcement

Foreign fishing activity on the M/B was detected during the first week of May. Peak FF/V activity consisted of 20 FF/V's operating within 50NM of the boundary. For the reporting period, Coast Guard C130's flew 12 sorties totaling 76 hours and 1 cutter patrolled the Maritime Boundary for 13 days.

One incursion was detected on 24 May 1999. An HH65 from CGC MELLON overflow the FF/V SVETLOMORSK and observed it 2180 yards inside the U.S. EEZ and engaged in fishing. The HH65 hailed the fishing vessel and signalled it to stop while CGC MELLON increased its speed to intercept, but FF/V SVETLOMORSK did not respond. Pursuit was terminated by the HH65 due to low fuel. CGC MELLON was unable to continue its pursuit due to the location of the ice edge. CGC MELLON has compiled a case package which will sent to the Department of State via D17.

Figure 2 shows the location of fishing vessel activity in relation to the M/B and the 5 NM buffer zone for May 1999. Contacts inside the U.S. EEZ are U.S. fishing vessels. Per the Council's request and for comparison purposes, Figures 3 and 4 are similar plots using sighting data from the first week of July and September 1998.

Figure 2. May 1999 M/B Scatter Plot of Aircraft Sightings

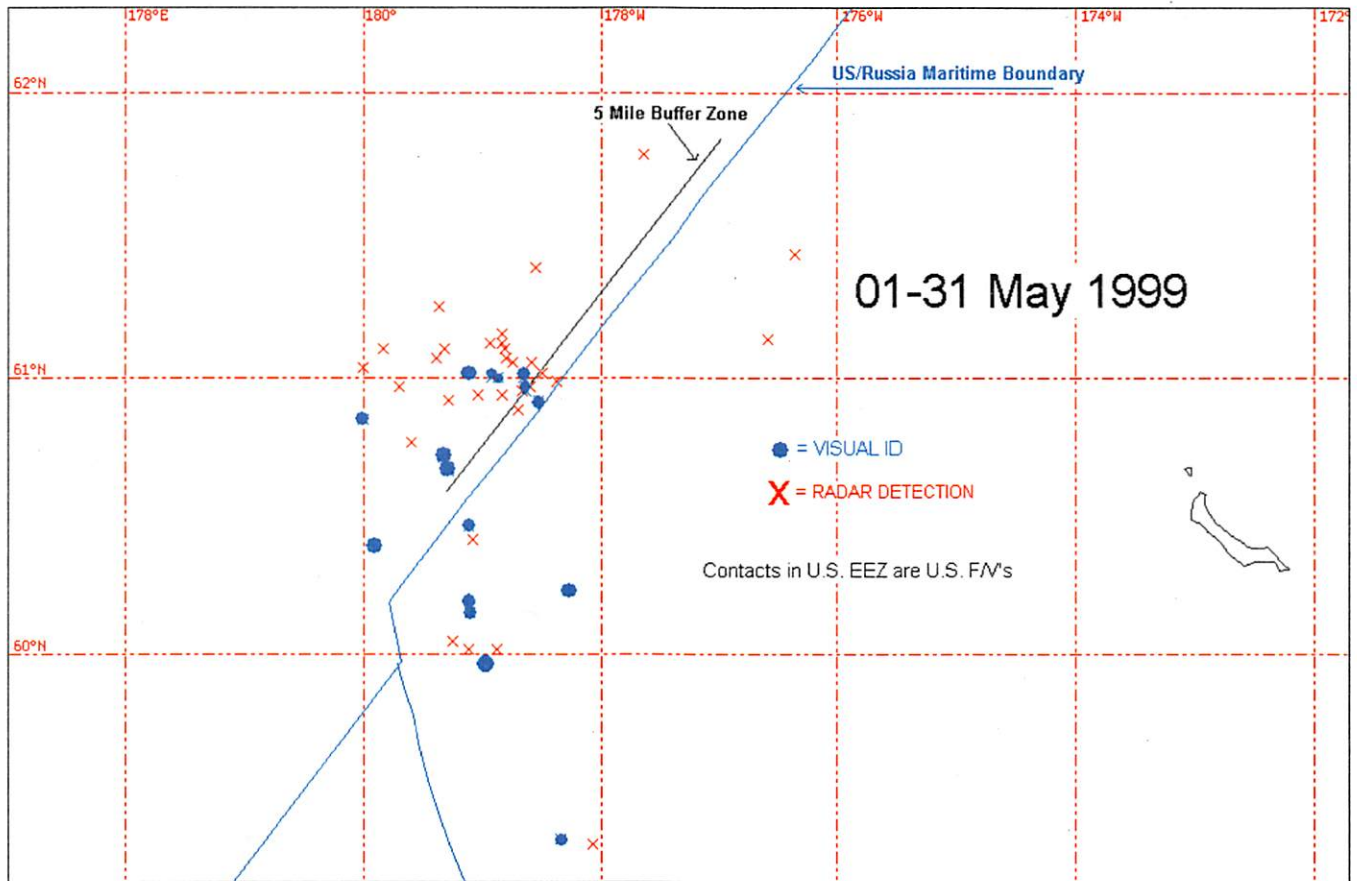


Figure 3. 1-7 July 1998 M/B Scatter Plot of Aircraft Sightings

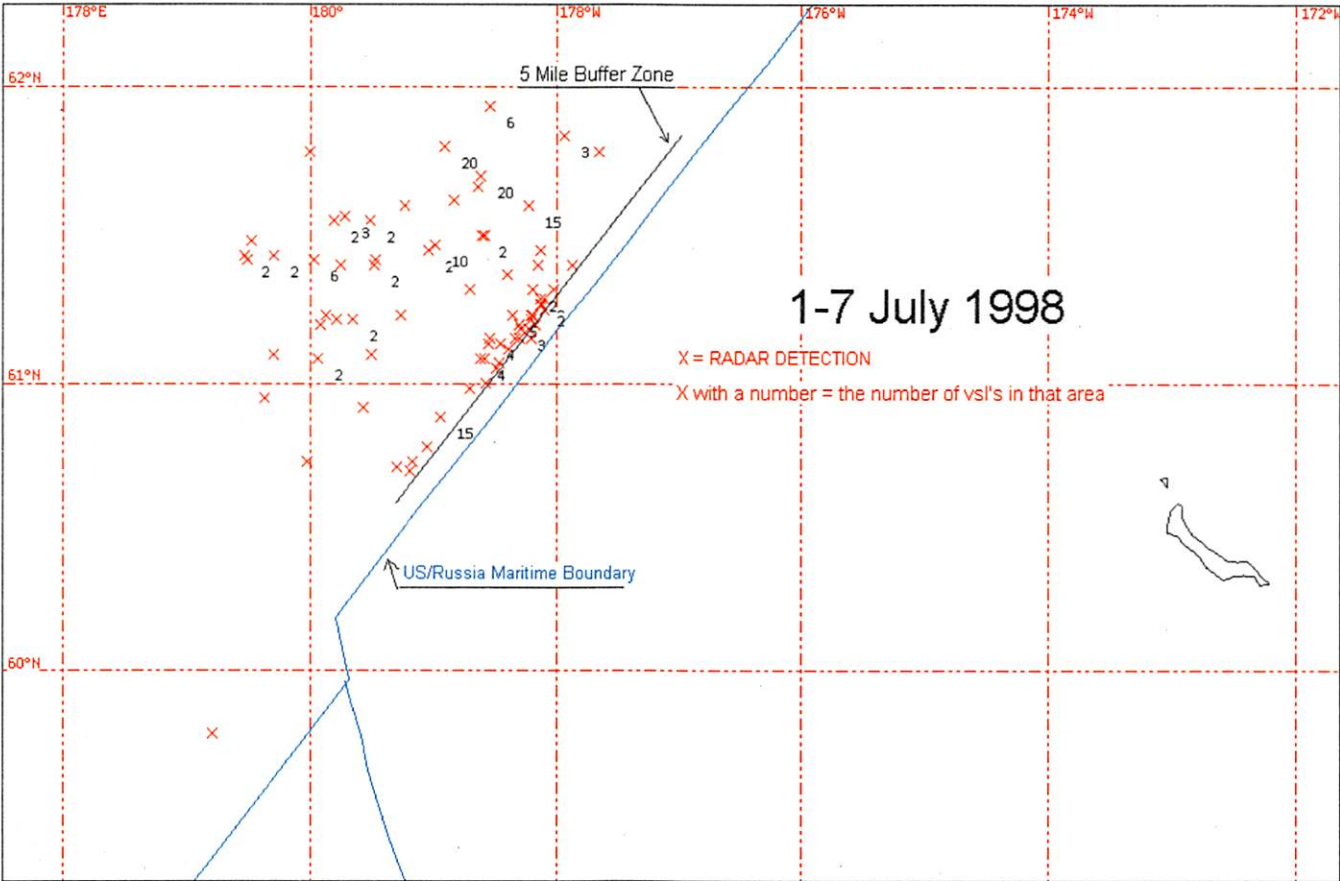
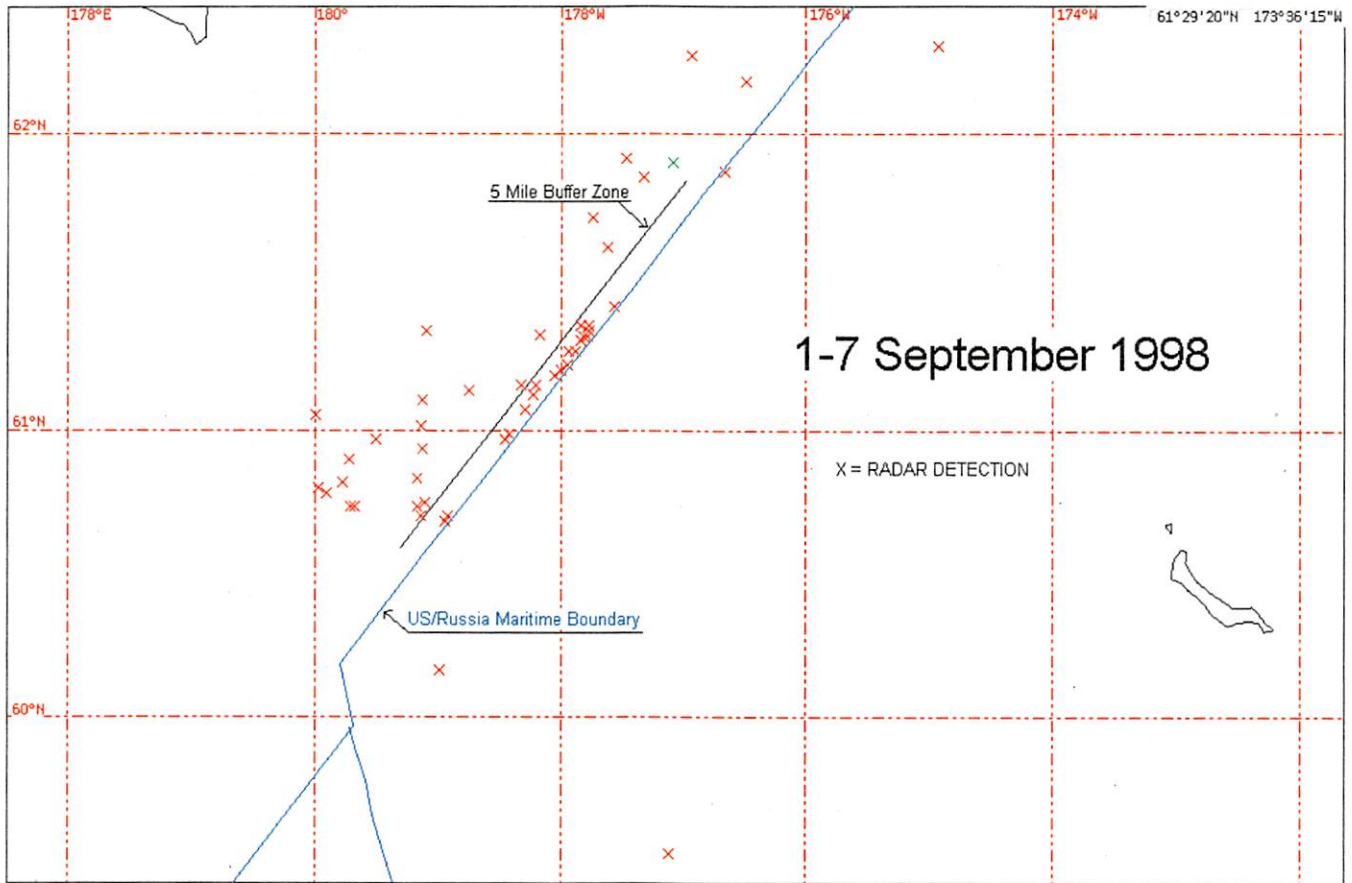


Figure 4. 1-7 Sep 1998 M/B Scatter Plot of Aircraft Sightings



III. Donut Hole

No foreign fishing vessel activity was detected in the area during the reporting period. The Polish government had indicated the fishing vessel ACAMAR would conduct trial fishing from 29 April to 03 May 1999 in the Donut Hole; however, it was not seen in the area by the Coast Guard. China also plans to conduct trial fishing in the Donut Hole in 1999, however, we have not received specific information on when that will occur.

IV. IFQ At-Sea/Dockside Enforcement

Between 01 April – 31 May, D17 afloat units conducted 110 IFQ boardings and issued 6 violations, and monitored 67 dockside offloads and issued 3 violations. In addition, D17 units spent 111 hours surveilling ports and roadsteads for illegal IFQ activity, but no detected no illegal activity. As of 31 May, the 1999 season total for IFQ enforcement effort was 152 boardings with 12 violations, 108 dockside monitors with 3 violations, and 172 surveillance hours. During the same period in 1998 there were 146 boardings with 22 violations and 195 dockside monitors with 8 violations. Dockside monitors are down this year compared to last since CG units have also been doing after-hours surveillance of roadsteads and ports to detect illegal IFQ activity.

V. CG Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

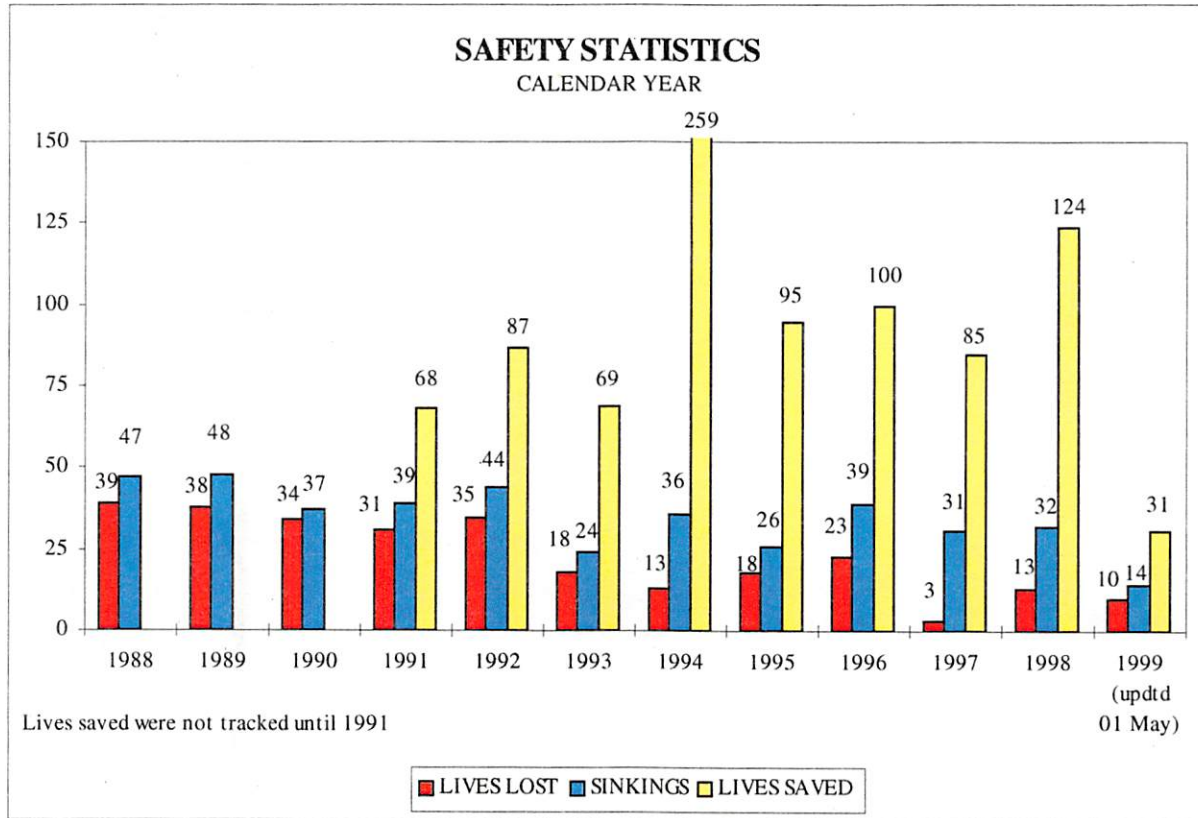
CFVS Update: As previously reported to the Council, the Coast Guard's Fishing Vessel Casualty Task Force released their report containing 59 recommendations to improve CFVS. These results have been reviewed by the Coast Guard's Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC). While many of the Task Force recommendations require further analysis and legislative authority to implement, several short-term and immediate actions will be taken based on the Task Force recommendations and input from the CFIVAC. These include having CG Fishing Vessel Safety examiners and boarding officers increase focus and emphasis on the following areas:

- Required drill/training;
- Periodic vessel and safety equipment maintenance;
- Correct use of safety equipment;
- Condition and proper maintenance and of watertight fittings.

Table 2 is an overview of D17's SAR cases from 01 Apr – 31 May 1999. There were 7 lives saved, 0 lives lost, and 4 vessels lost during this period.

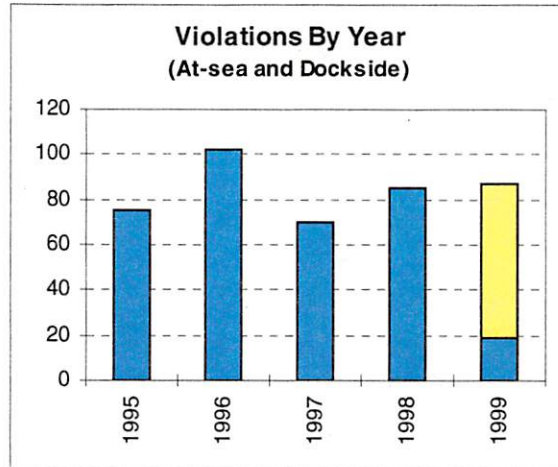
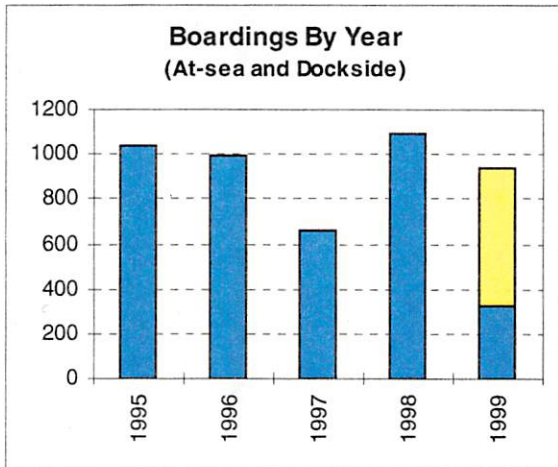
Table 2. CGD17 CFVS/Search And Rescue Case Summary						
Date	Vessel	Type	POB	Death	Vsl Loss	Cause
4/28/99	F/V LAUREN ROSE	GILLNETTER	1	0	Y	Fire onboard vsl in Copper River Flats – specific cause of fire unknown.
4/30/99	F/V ASTRI	LONGLINER	Unk	0	N	Voyage Terminated – insufficient # of survival suits o/b, expired flares. Vsl had more suits and flares delivered by floatplane and continued voyage.
5/7/99	F/V CHUBBY	LONGLINER	Unk	0	N	Voyage Terminated – insufficient survival suits o/b, and no visual distress signals.
5/8/99	F/V CONTROLLER BAY	POT BOAT	4	0	Y	Vsl hard aground –took rock in the engine room and was holed in vicinity of Cape Mordvinof, Unimak I. 4 POB picked up by F/V SHAMAN.
5/13/99	F/V UNGA	Unk	Unk	0	Y	Engine room caught fire, burnt to the waterline, and sank. No injuries or pollution reported.
5/17/99	F/V CHUBBY	LONGLINER	Unk	0	N	Man ovbd – Man located by Sta Juneau on Coghlan I, conscious and suffering from mild hypothermia.
5/17/99	F/V WINDWARD	LONGLINER	2	0	Y	Vsl aground – Struck rock in Nichols Bay –2 POB donned survival suits and abandoned into liferaft. A/S Sitka helo hoisted 2 POB, transported to Ketchikan.

Figure 5. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics



VI. CGD17 Boarding Statistics

The following charts show boarding and fishery violation trends over the last six years. The actual year-to-date totals are displayed for 1999, with projected year-end totals also shown. Domestic fisheries boardings were down this period compared to the same period last year due to HSDN and M/B activity. Appendix B contains a complete list of boardings and violations for the reporting period.



APR 1998 – MAY 1998

F/V Boardings (at sea):	168
IFQ Monitors (dockside):	164
Boarding/monitor w/fisheries vio's:	34
Violation Rate:	10.2%

APR 1999 – MAY 1999

F/V Boardings (at sea):	139
IFQ Monitors (dockside):	67
Boarding/monitor w/fisheries vio's:	10
Violation Rate:	7.2%

Appendix A

1999 HIGH SEAS DRIFT NET MAJOR CASES

FF/V ASTAFYEVO: On 13 April 1999 a Canadian CP-140 sighted a HSDN vessel approx. 250 NM southwest of Attu in position 50-41N 167-35E. The vessel was about 200 ft. long. At the time it was detected the vessel was retrieving a 4.5 NM net with approx. 100-200 salmon on deck, but after being spotted by the CP-140 it cut its net and fled to the west. A person claiming to be the vessel's master stated it was the FF/V ASTAFYEVO from Sakhalin, Russia. On 15 April 1999, a Canadian CP-140 relocated the FF/V ASTAFYEVO about 265 NM southwest of Attu Island in position 50-02N 167-08E. The vessel was observed with over 6 NM of deployed driftnets, and a second net roughly 2.5 NM long was detected 1NM beyond the end of the first net. FF/V ASTAFYEVO's crew was observed working on deck. When hailed again, the master claimed a different homeport - Vladivostok, Russia. The vessel was again sighted on 21 April in position 49-53N, 162-30E in transit towards the Russian EEZ. The last known position, course and speed of the FF/V ASTAFYEVO was passed to Russian enforcement officials.

FF/V LOBANA-1: On 18 April 1999 a Canadian CP-140 detected the FF/V LOBANA-1 recovering 7 NM of driftnet in position 46-43.9N 164-56.9E. The vessel's master claimed a Philippine flag and stated the vessel was the FF/V FLORIDA. Fish were sighted on deck, and CGC RUSH was diverted to intercept the LOBANA-1. CGC RUSH boarded LOBANA-1 on 19 April 1999, and found approx. 6 tons of salmon onboard. RUSH verified that LOBANA-1 homeported in Kholmsk, Sakhalin, Russia. RUSH rendezvoused with Russian patrol vessel BREST on 21 April and transferred LOBANA-1. Russian law enforcement officials fined the master \$4,000 U.S., the owner \$120,000 U.S., seized the catch, 36 NM of net, and 18 radio net transponders.

FF/V YING FA: On 24 April an HH65 from CGC RUSH reported the FF/V YING FA in position 48-55N 163-28E hauling approx. 1.5 NM of net with fish on the deck and in the net. The vessel cut the net, headed in a southerly direction, and increased its speed. CGC RUSH intercepted YING FA, and a subsequent boarding revealed 6.2 tons of sockeye, king, coho, and pink salmon. The master indicated he had planned to fish for 7-10 days, to catch 40 to 50 tons of fish. The boarding team observed a haulback of 1 NM of net, and counted 59 birds in the net. The master of YING FA stated that the net had soaked throughout the day. On 30 April after the PRC government refuted registry of the FF/V YING FA, the vessel was assimilated as stateless and seized. FF/V YING FA was escorted to Adak and arrived there 03 May. 20 PRC crewmembers were repatriated to Shanghai by INS 20-21 May, and 5 Taiwanese crewmembers were repatriated to Taipei on 07 May. Custody of FF/V YING FA was transferred to NMFS, and samples of salmon were taken for analysis. The sockeye salmon are undergoing genetic identification to determine their origin.

*Enforcement officials report the registration and licenses of a number of vessels owned by the same company that owns the YING FA and suspected of HSDN activities have been revoked.

The PRC has identified the Nanao Deep Sea Fishing Limited Company, a joint venture between the Guangdong Bureau of Aquatic Products and Taiwanese businessmen, as the owner of the YING FA.

FF/V TAYFUN-4: FF/V TAYFUN-4 (RS-flagged) was intercepted by CGC RUSH in position 47-33N 164-21E on 03 May. The vessel was hauling in net and was observed with approx. 1.4 NM of net in the water. King and pink salmon were the only two species observed during the haulback. The master stated that the net was a total of 3 NM in length. CGC RUSH boarded the vessel, found salmon in the net and 90 cases of frozen salmon. The master claimed that TAYFUN-4 was a research vessel, and that one crewmember onboard was a licensed fish inspector. Sources in Moscow at the time stated that TAYFUN-4 was not recognized as either a research or enforcement vessel. The master was directed by Russian authorities to get underway, and retrieve five nets each about 3NM long. CGC RUSH and TAYFUN-4 rendezvoused with the Russian enforcement vessel BARRS in position 49-31N, 162-04E, and RUSH transferred custody of TAYFUN-4 to BARRS. Case pends.

Appendix B

Boardings Without Violations

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vessel Type</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Area</u>
ALASKA SPIRIT	4/24/9	Trawl, Catcher Processor	Yellowfin sole	517
ALASKAN PRIDE	4/28/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
ANGELIQUE	4/25/9	Longliner	Sablefish	SE
ANNA D	5/25/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
ARCHANGEL	4/11/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
ARICA	4/23/9	Trawl, Catcher Vessel	Misc flatfish	517
AURORA	5/ 7/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C/3A
AVALON	5/12/9	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	3A/W
BERING SEA	4/25/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
BERING STAR	5/19/9	Support/Mothership	Pacific herring	514
BIMINI	4/20/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
BLUE FOX	4/ 4/99	Trawl, Catcher Vessel	Pacific cod	517
BRANDI RAELYN	5/ 9/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
BRENDA LEE	4/29/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
CAPE HORN	4/19/9	Trawl, Catcher Processor	Flathead sole	517
CAREFREE	5/ 9/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
CAROLINE	4/ 4/99	Longliner	Pacific cod	659
CHELSEA DAWN	4/22/9	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	3A
CHILKAT	4/25/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
CHOPAKA	4/ 3/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
COMMANDER	4/26/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
COMMODORE	4/10/9	Trawl, Catcher Vessel	Pacific cod	517
CONSTELLATION	4/20/9	Trawl, Catcher Processor	Flathead sole	517
CONTROLLER BAY	4/16/9	Pot Boat	Pacific cod	509
CRYSTAL	4/28/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
DEFENDER	4/20/9	Trawl, Catcher Processor	Flathead sole	517
DEFIANT	4/ 6/99	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	2C
DEFIANT	4/15/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
DORIC	5/11/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
DOROTHY ANN	5/10/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
DUNDAS	4/12/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
E.H.	4/21/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vessel Type</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Area</u>
FALCON	4/ 2/99	Longliner	Sablefish	WY
FISHTRAP	5/21/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
GALATEA	5/ 8/99	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	2C
GOTA	4/ 8/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
HEATHER RAYNE	4/24/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
HUKILAU	4/ 9/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
ISIS	4/ 3/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
ISLAND QUEEN	5/28/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
JEAOAH	5/18/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
JOANN MARIE	4/29/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
JON K	4/25/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
JUBILEE	4/25/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
JUDI B	5/ 9/99	Longliner	Sablefish	WG
JULIE ANN	4/28/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
KARMA	5/25/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
KAYSIE	5/ 7/99	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	2C/SE
KRUZOF	5/20/9	Longliner	Sablefish	AI
LADY HELEN	5/11/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
LEA	4/20/9	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	3A
MADDOCK	5/12/9	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	3A/W
MARTINA	4/24/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
MIDNIGHT RIDER	5/ 9/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
MISS SUSAN	4/24/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
MYSTERY MAID	5/12/9	Longliner	Sablefish	WY
NEW WEST	5/19/9	Support/Mothership	Pacific herring	514
NORSEMAN	4/ 9/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
NORTHERN GLACIER	4/12/9	Trawl, Catcher Processor	Pacific cod	517
NORTHERN LIGHT	5/26/9	Charter Boat	Halibut	630
NORTHERN SEA	4/ 5/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
OCEAN BALLAD	4/21/9	Pot Boat	Opilio tanner crab	521
PACIFIC CHALLENGER	4/ 3/99	Trawl, Catcher Vessel	Pacific cod	509
PREDATOR	5/26/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
PROVIDENCE	4/26/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
RAVEN	5/21/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
ROCKET II	4/ 8/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
RUSTLER	5/21/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
SEA ANGEL	5/19/9	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	3A/W
SEA FISHER	4/17/9	Trawl, Catcher Vessel	Atka mackerel	517

Vessel Name	Date	Vessel Type	Species	Area
SEA ZONE	5/19/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
SEADAWN	4/ 3/99	Trawl, Catcher Vessel	Pacific cod	509
SEAFREEZE	4/22/9	Trawl, Catcher Vessel	Misc flatfish	517
SEATTLE	5/12/9	Longliner	Sablefish	SE
SEEKER	4/ 4/99	Trawl, Catcher Vessel	Pacific cod	610
SHARI MARIE	5/21/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
SILVERFOX III	5/26/9	Charter Boat	Halibut	630
SNO PAC	5/19/9	Support/Mothership	Pacific herring	514
SOUTHEASTERN	5/ 9/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
ST PATRICK	5/12/9	Longliner	Sablefish/Halibut	2C
STACI JO	4/26/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
STARLITE	4/ 3/99	Trawl, Catcher Vessel	Pacific cod	509
STJILBE	4/25/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
SUNDANCER	5/12/9	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	2C
SUNDEE LYNN	4/25/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
SUSAN MARIE	5/21/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
SYMPHONY	4/ 9/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
TALON	4/ 3/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
TAMARACK	4/21/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
TEASHA	4/26/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
TONIE MARIE	4/21/9	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	3A/SE
TRASK	5/17/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
TRINITY	4/17/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
VAGABOND QUEEN	4/26/9	Longliner	Halibut	2C
VIKING STAR	5/19/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
VINDSAGA	5/20/9	Longliner	Halibut	3A
VIS	5/17/9	Longliner	Sablefish	CG
VIXEN	4/ 6/99	Pot Boat	Pacific cod	517
VULCAN	4/ 9/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
WOODBINE	5/19/9	Support/Mothership	Pacific herring	514
YABUT	5/ 9/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C
YARDARM KNOT	5/19/9	Support/Mothership	Pacific herring	514

Boardings With Violations

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vessel Type</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Violation Notes</u>
AMBASSADOR	5/26/99	Longliner	Halibut	3A/3B	CFVSA Violation	EXP EPIRB, EXP LIFERAFT EQUIP, EXP DOC; INSUFFICIENT QUOTA HELD FOR AREA FISHING - NMFS INVESTIGATING
AMNICAON	4/22/99	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	3A/SE	CFVSA Warning	NO DOC ON BOARD
ASHLEY MARIE	4/23/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	Fix-it Ticket	NOT FILLING OUT LOGS
ASTRI	4/30/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	CFVSA Violation	VOYAGE TERMINATED: EXP VDS, NO FLOTATION ON IMMERSION SUIT, NO EPIRB
BECCA DAWN	4/ 3/99	Longliner	Halibut	3A	Fisheries Regs Violation	LOGBOOK VIOLATIONS
CHAN III	4/27/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	CFVSA Violation	EXP VDS
CHUBBY	5/ 7/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	CFVSA Violation	VOYAGE TERMINATED: NO VDS, INSUFFICIENT # OF IMMERSION SUITS
COBRA	4/ 8/99	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	2C/SE	Fisheries Regs Violation	RETAINING YELLOWEYE E OF 137W (PROHIB) & NOT SEPARATING DIFFERENT AREA CATCH
DOROTHY JEAN	4/15/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	Fix-it Ticket	LOGBOOK ERROR
GAFF ROCK	4/21/99	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	3A/SE	Fix-it Ticket	LOGBOOK ERROR
GINNY C	5/10/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	CFVSA Violation	EXP VDS (OCT 98)
GUNNAR J	5/26/99	Longliner	Halibut	3A	CFVSA Violation	NO LIFERAFT (OUTSIDE 3NM)
HOT SPUR	5/18/99	Longliner	Sablefish	CG	CFVSA Violation	EXP VDS, EXP EPIRB RELEASE, NO FCC LICENSE
INTREPID	5/24/99	Longliner	Halibut	3A	Fisheries Regs Violation	NO TRANSIT ZONE VIOLATION (MARMOT ISLAND)
IVER P MOORE	4/28/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	CFVSA Violation	INSUFFICIENT # OF VDS
JULIE ANN	4/ 9/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	CFVSA Violation	VOYAGE TERMINATED: INSUFFICIENT # OF SERVICABLE IMMERSION SUITS; NO POLLUTION PLACARD
KESIA DAWN	4/20/99	Longliner	Sablefish	SE	CFVSA Warning	EXP CFVS STICKER

Vessel Name	Date	Vessel Type	Species	Area	Violation	Violation Notes
LADY JANE	4/ 9/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	CFVSA Violation	VOYAGE TERMINATED: INSUFFICIENT # OF IMMERSION SUITS (1 SUIT/3 POB)
LADY LOUISE	4/26/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	CFVSA Violation	NO BATTERIES IN LIGHTS ON IMMERSION SUITS
LOBANA (RS)	4/20/99	Other fishing vessel	Unspecified salmon		Fisheries Regs Violation	HSDN
MONARCH	5/10/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	CFVSA Violation	INSUFFICIENT # OF IMMERSION SUITS (2 SUITS, 3 POB); CG PROVIDED 1 SUIT TO BE RETURNED NEXT DAY
NORA C	5/12/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	CFVSA Violation	EXP VDS; NO LIFE RING BUOY
NORTON SOUND	4/ 5/99	Longliner	Pacific cod	509	CFVSA Warning	EXP EPIRB RELEASE
OCEAN BAY	5/23/99	Longliner	Halibut	3B	CFVSA Warning	EXP EPIRB RELEASE
OCEAN CAPE	4/ 4/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	Summary Settlement	LOGBOOK VIOLATIONS
QUICKSILPERI	4/22/99	Longliner	Halibut	3A/2C	CFVSA Violation	EXP VDS
ROCKET II	5/12/99	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	3A/SE	CFVSA Violation	LIFERAFT NOT SERVICED W/IN PREVIOUS TWO YEARS
ROGUE	5/ 8/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	CFVSA Warning	EXP VDS (6 MONTHS)
ROSELL	4/ 8/99	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	2C/S3	CFVSA Violation	EXP VDS
SEA WEED II	4/17/99	Longliner	Pacific cod	659	CFVSA Warning	EXP VDS
SONNY BOY	5/21/99	Longliner	Halibut	3A	CFVSA Violation	NO VDS
STANDY	4/25/99	Longliner	Halibut	2C	CFVSA Violation	EXP VDS
TAVA	4/21/99	Longliner	Halibut/Sablefish	3A/SE	CFVSA Warning	EXP VDS (6 MONTHS)
TAYFUN-4 (RS)	5/ 3/99	Other fishing vessel	Unspecified salmon		Fisheries Regs Violation	FF/V HANDED OVER TO RS L/E VSL BARRS; HSDN VIOLATION
WHISPER	4/20/99	Longliner	Sablefish	SE	Fix-it Ticket	LOGBOOK ERROR
YING FA	4/24/99	Other fishing vessel	Unspecified salmon		Fisheries Regs Violation	HSDN



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AGENDA ITEM B4

**ENFORCEMENT REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 4/25/99 THROUGH 6/4/99**

National Marine Fisheries Service
Alaska Enforcement Division

During the reporting period, NMFS opened a total of 80 cases. Further action was also taken on 20 pending cases during the reporting period. Six investigations were closed as unfounded, two investigations were closed due to lack of evidence, and one investigation was dismissed for other reasons. Six cases were handled with summary settlement payments totaling \$2,693. Four cases were settled through voluntary abandonment of forfeited proceeds and property valued at \$6,705. One case was referred to NOAA General Counsel.

General Cases

Jensen

On May 19, 1999, James Jensen was indicted for five counts of false statements for falsifying two Federal Fisheries Permits, two IFQ landing reports and IFQ quota applications. Jensen and C. J. Safford were both indicted for one count of conspiracy. Their conspiracy involved using false names to obtain permits unlawfully and then signing those false names when the fish were landed.

Norquest Seafoods

Sentencing is scheduled for July 21, 1999, in the Norquest Seafoods case. In exchange for pleading to a misdemeanor violation of the Lacey Act - David Ohmer, manager of Norquest Seafoods, has agreed to pay \$20K, Vincent Anderson production manager - \$5K, William Conner, owner of F/V Cape Reliant \$10K. All three would serve 2 ½ months in jail, 2 ½ months community or home confinement, and supervised release for 3 years. This case involved covering up blackcod overages.

YING FA

The YING FA has been moved from pier #5 to pier #3 in Adak. Problems with an ammonia leak and an alleged oil leak were corrected. We are currently in the forfeiture phase. If no one comes forward to claim the vessel, it will become property of the U.S. At that time, we will attempt to find a buyer. Two possible buyers have been contacted to determine seriousness of their interest. If no



buyer is found the vessel may be scuttled at sea.

Investigation continues into facts of the case at hand and into general intelligence regarding the YING FA, the company that owns it, other vessels in that company and the general drift net fishery issue. U.S. Department of State personnel have indicated an interest by fisheries officials in Taiwan in assisting in this case. AED personnel have been working with US DOS personnel in an attempt to facilitate a joint investigation.

We in NOAA Fisheries would like to acknowledge the close cooperation among the many agencies of the State of Alaska and the Federal government. The following agencies deserve our and the NPFMC thanks in there efforts in this case:

NOAA Office of General Counsel
NOAA Fisheries Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Auke Bay Laboratory
NOAA Fisheries Sustainable Fisheries Division
United States Coast Guard
United States Navy
United States Marshals Service
United States Attorney's Office, District of Alaska
United States Department of State
United States Department of Treasury - Immigration and Naturalization Service
United States Customs Service
State of Alaska - Office of the Governor
State of Alaska - Office of Veterans and Military Affairs
United State Army - Defense Language Institute
United States Department of Justice
Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Any one accidently over looked I apologize to as this was truly and multi national, multi agency response.

IFQ issues

Attached is the first AED IFQ report for the season. Relatively low numbers are shown for monitorings which do not include USCG boardings. The primary reason numbers are low is the low staffing numbers. Relief is now in Alaska as 8 people have recently completed basic training and are now in the Field Training Phase. As a result of these additional people, boarding numbers will increase through the remainder of the year.

NOAA Fisheries gets new Enforcement chief

Dale J. Jones, formerly chief of the Hagerstown, Maryland police department, was selected as the new Chief of the NOAA Fisheries Office for Law Enforcement. On June 2, 1999 Stephen A. Meyer,

Special Agent-in-Charge, AED briefed the new chief on Alaska work force, issues, and items. The new chief brings over 20 years of experience in general poling and administration.

GPS rollover problem similar to Y2K issues face fishermen

Attached is a brief news piece on GPS rollover problems. It appears that some GPS units may have a built in limitation on their usefulness. This problem may be correctable and the attachment has a USCG web site that identifies the issue with links to major manufacturers web sites



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DATE: June 1, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR: Stephen A. Meyer, SAC

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FROM: John C. Kingeter, ASAC *JK*

SUBJECT: **IFQ Enforcement Report**
March 15 thru May 28, 1999

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Enforcement Summary. P1.
- 2) 1999 Inspections & Boardings. P3.
- 3) IFQ Cases Opened (1999 date of violation only) by FPO/SA. P8.
- 4) IFQ Cases Opened (By all dates of violation) by FPO/SA. P9.
- 5) Offload Ports Report. P10.
- 6) ATM Usage Report. P11.

This is the first IFQ Enforcement Report for 1999.



1999 IFQ Enforcement Summary

(For the period 3/15 to 5/28)

bold print = 1999 data , regular print = past data

- 1)
 - a. Percentage of IFQ Season Complete (75 days÷245 days): **31%**
 - b. Percent of IFQ Harvested: **Halibut: 34%, Sablefish: 38%**
 - c. Percent of CDQ Harvested: **Halibut: 3% Sablefish: 0%**

- 2)
 - a. 1999 Number of IFQ/CDQ Offloads: **2,676**
 - b. 1999 Offloads as a percent of 1998 total (2,676÷9,238): **29%**
** Compare this number to 1 a.*

- 3)
 - a. 1999 Number of IFQ Processor Inspections: **1**
 - b. 1998 Total Number of Processor Inspections: 16
 - c. 1997 Total Number of Processor Inspections: 39
 - d. 1996 Total Number of Processor Inspections: 39

- 4)
 - a. 1999 Number of IFQ/CDQ Vessel Inspections: **88**
***The method for counting inspections change significantly in 5/98 . Multiply past year's rates (See d-i below) by 65% in order to compare to 1998.*
 - b. 1999 Vessel Inspection Rate by Offload (88÷2,676): **3.3%**
 - c. 1999 Est. Total Inspections if rate continues (88÷0.31): **234**
 - d. 1998 Total IFQ/CDQ Vessel Inspections: 413
 - e. 1998 Total IFQ/CDQ Vessel Inspection Rate (413÷9,238): 5%
 - f. 1997 Total IFQ/CDQ Vessel Inspections: 1,561
 - g. 1997 Total IFQ/CDQ Vessel Inspection Rate (1,540÷10,895): 14% (9%)
 - h. 1996 Total IFQ/CDQ Vessel Inspections: 1,540
 - i. 1996 Total IFQ/CDQ Vessel Inspection Rate (1,540÷9,009): 17% (11%)
 - j. 1995 Total IFQ/CDQ Vessel Inspection: 2,262
 - k. 1995 Total IFQ/CDQ Vessel Inspection Rate (2,262÷9,652): 23% (15%)

- 5)
 - a. 1999 Number of IFQ/CDQ Cases Initiated: **35**
 - b. 1999 Estimated Total Cases if this rate continues (35÷0.31): **113**
 - c. 1998 Total Number of IFQ Cases Initiated: 186
 - c. 1997 Total Number of IFQ Cases Initiated: 294
 - d. 1996 Total Number of IFQ Cases Initiated: 376
 - e. 1995 Total Number of IFQ Cases Initiated: 601

**1999 IFQ BOARDINGS AND INSPECTIONS
Thru 5/27/99**

**TOTAL Shoreside Inspections (Type SP/BS/RR/CS/AT/GT): 1
TOTAL Vessel Inspections (All Other Types): 88**

1) Number of NMFS Boardings and Inspections By Agent/Officer:

Agent/Officer	Inspection Code	Number
ADAMS, DAVID S.	AA	25
	AB	1
	CN	6
	CT	6
	CV	2
ADAMS, MICHAEL W.	AA	2
HAMMONDS, A. REGGIE	CO	12
HECK, KEVIN G.	CV	3
KILLARY, MICHAEL	AA	1
KIRKLAND, MARK A.	AA	1
MATHEWS, ANDY M.	AA	1
	CN	1
NEWMAN, PAUL M.	AA	3
THAUTE, DENNIS	AA	1
	AB	1
	CO	2
WISHER, JAMES C.	AA	9
	CO	11
	CV	1

3) List of NMFS Boardings and Inspections By Port:

Port	Agent/Officer	Date	Vessel/Plant	Ty	CG/Fed	ADFG #	F	IN
BELLINGHAM	HECK, KEVIN G.	05-APR-99	SEA VALLEY II	60	625137	43280	I	CV
BELLINGHAM	HECK, KEVIN G.	19-APR-99	DEFIANT	60	619236	40141	I	CV
BELLINGHAM	HECK, KEVIN G.	19-APR-99	TOWNSEND	60	579279	61045	I	CV
CRAIG	ADAMS, DAVID S.	13-MAR-99	JUDITH ANN	60	256130	18807	I	CT
CRAIG	ADAMS, DAVID S.	13-MAR-99	NICKELODEON	60	693529	62698	I	CT
CRAIG	ADAMS, DAVID S.	13-MAR-99	JUSTNA DEANNA	60	238256	19008	I	CT
CRAIG	ADAMS, DAVID S.	13-MAR-99	OB	60	244248	19909	I	CT
CRAIG	ADAMS, DAVID S.	13-MAR-99	CRAIG FISHERIES	BS			I	CT
CRAIG	ADAMS, DAVID S.	13-MAR-99	MYRNA	60	252452	36199	I	CT
CRAIG	ADAMS, DAVID S.	30-MAR-99	ST PETER	60	260117	18211	I	CN
CRAIG	ADAMS, DAVID S.	31-MAR-99	JUDITH ANN	60	256130	18807	I	AA
CRAIG	ADAMS, DAVID S.	31-MAR-99	OB	60	244248	19909	I	AA
HOMER	THAUTE, DENNIS	25-MAY-99	ARCH CAPE	60	AK4615B	15840	I	AA
HOMER	THAUTE, DENNIS	25-MAY-99	DARK STAR	60	627000	41229	I	CO
HOMER	THAUTE, DENNIS	25-MAY-99	FISHTRAP	60	593622	32251	I	CO
HOMER	THAUTE, DENNIS	26-MAY-99	MUTOA	60	604470	36877	I	AB
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	18-MAR-99	BANSHEE II	60	261817	00604	I	CO
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	18-MAR-99	RISKY BUSINESS	60	558522	31837	I	AA
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	31-MAR-99	YUKON RAIDER	60		46376	I	AA
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	31-MAR-99	KURO	60	656376	46336	I	AA
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	24-APR-99	KISKA SEA	60	965726	61154	I	CO
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	24-APR-99	RUFF & REDDY	60	514964	00053	I	CO
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	27-APR-99	HIGHLINER	60	945801	58108	I	CO
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	29-APR-99	CRYSTAL	60	991645	64897	I	AA
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	29-APR-99	YERMON	60	912179	55949	I	AA
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	01-MAY-99	WONIYA	60	636605	53432	I	CO
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	06-MAY-99	MAIA D	60		53542	I	AA
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	06-MAY-99	BAYAN	60	659132	46342	I	CO
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	06-MAY-99	NAVIGATOR	60	981977	62996	I	CO
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	07-MAY-99	ALEUTIAN BELLE	60	663324	52037	I	CO
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	07-MAY-99	INUPIAT	60	972790	61541	I	AA
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	10-MAY-99	INTREPID	60	973336	61743	I	CO
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	18-MAY-99	BILLY D	60	534777	23574	I	CV
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	19-MAY-99	VIKING STAR	62	593623	32373	I	AA
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	19-MAY-99	MONARQUE	60	626405	20369	I	AA
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	20-MAY-99	MUTOA	60	604470	36877	I	CO
HOMER	WISHER, JAMES C.	20-MAY-99	QUEST	60	604314	36997	I	CO
JUNEAU	KIRKLAND, MARK A.	25-MAY-99	BERING SEA	60	593306	35474	I	AA
JUNEAU	NEWMAN, PAUL M.	25-MAY-99	NORTHERN SEA	60	537961	17702	I	AA
JUNEAU	NEWMAN, PAUL M.	26-MAY-99	SEAFORTH	60	565354	23331	I	AA
JUNEAU	NEWMAN, PAUL M.	26-MAY-99	JON-K	60	590282	33298	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	17-MAR-99	TRACI J	60	542017	61215	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	17-MAR-99	CHERYLL A	60	600066	35137	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	18-MAR-99	SAN MARTIN	60	262906	42331	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	18-MAR-99	KISKA	60	249120	39338	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	18-MAR-99	BLUE FIN	60	581355	41280	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	18-MAR-99	INDIAN SUMMER	60	675910	50919	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	18-MAR-99	BONNY M	60	266068	20231	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	18-MAR-99	ISIS	60	631334	41440	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	22-MAR-99	DISCOVERY	60	663515	51761	I	CV
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	25-MAR-99	WAVE RYDER	60	556912	24258	I	CV
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	26-MAR-99	RESOLUTE	60	223688	17402	I	CN
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	29-MAR-99	ST JAMES	60	255051	36009	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	08-APR-99	INDIAN SUMMER	60	675910	50919	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	23-APR-99	INDIAN SUMMER	60	675910	50919	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	26-APR-99	ST PATRICK	60	971152	61457	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	26-APR-99	VIKING MAID	60	585187	41022	I	CN
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	26-APR-99	FISH	60	520103	07102	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	27-APR-99	VIGOROUS	60	250226	08357	I	CN
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	28-APR-99	ST JAMES	60	255051	36009	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	29-APR-99	CHERYLL A	60	600066	35137	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	29-APR-99	FISH	60	520103	07102	I	AB
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	29-APR-99	ALEUTIAN ISLE	60	558156	23257	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	03-MAY-99	ST JAMES	60	255051	36009	I	AA
KETCHIKAN	ADAMS, DAVID S.	03-MAY-99	INDIAN SUMMER	60	675910	50919	I	AA

4) Number of NMFS and USCG Boardings and Inspections By CODE:

<u>Code</u>	<u>NMFS</u>	<u>USCG</u>	<u>Description</u>
AA	43		Full audit with compliance check. The entire offload was monitored from beginning to end. Weights of all offloaded catch were verified by inspecting officer. Compliance inspection conducted.
AB	2		Full audit with no compliance check. The entire offload was monitored from beginning to end. Weights of all offloaded catch were verified by inspecting officer. Compliance inspection NOT conducted.
CV	6		Compliance inspection only with no offload event (Catcher Vessels only). Catch not offloaded. Catch/hold inspected. Presence or lack of catch confirmed. Amount of catch estimated and species identification confirmed.
CP	0		Compliance inspection only with no offload event (Catcher/Processors only). Catch not offloaded. Hold audit, product weight and species verified, and logbook reconciliation of catch on board was conducted.
CN	7		Compliance inspection only with no offload event. Catch/hold not inspected.
CO	25		Compliance inspection only during offload event. Catch/hold not inspected. Offload not monitored.
CT	6		Contact only with minimal or no compliance inspection and no offload event (examples: dockside visit, interview, etc.).
CC	0		COPPS (Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving) activities.
SP	0		Shoreside processor or buying station inspection. Compliance check of processing activities, recordkeeping, or permit inspection.
SA	0		Audit of shoreside processor or other facility operations.

Offloads by Port for 1999

Thru 05/28/99

Port	- Halibut -		Sablefish		---- Off- Load	----- Combined Halibut Pounds		----- Sblfish Pounds		Confis- cations		Total Off- Load
	Off- Load	Pounds	Off- Load	Pounds		Halibut Pounds	Sblfish Pounds	Hal	Sab			
ADAK	1	592	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ALITAK	38	474193	9	41863	9	157015	114374	0	0	0	0	56
ATKA	0	0	1	1005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AUKE BAY	76	450958	3	11095	4	47600	4200	1	0	0	0	83
BELLINGHAM	7	222311	3	107033	4	96347	63078	2	0	0	0	14
CHIGNIK	5	41346	1	54857	1	486	50108	0	0	0	0	7
CORDOVA	88	637751	21	410653	14	301730	267845	0	1	0	0	123
CRAIG	49	154832	3	11801	4	6757	8995	0	0	0	0	56
DUTCH HARBOR	23	408357	25	404640	9	99776	133342	1	5	0	0	57
GUSTAVUS	2	3452	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
HAINES	43	374853	2	713	7	104764	22267	1	0	0	0	52
HALIBUT COVE	2	419	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
HOMER	205	2536539	25	365291	24	559672	195395	1	0	0	0	254
HOONAH	167	623946	28	186921	26	132808	165904	0	1	0	0	221
HYDER	2	459	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
JUNEAU	117	895667	27	511850	26	209873	273873	1	1	0	0	170
KENAI	4	13849	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
KETCHIKAN	48	152214	6	81980	10	48075	109492	0	0	0	0	64
KING COVE	11	177185	4	137343	5	35139	165123	0	0	0	0	20
KODIAK	191	1977202	18	257387	24	475836	262405	3	0	0	0	233
METLAKATLA	3	9158	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
NINILCHIK	3	15475	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
OTHER AK	3	5439	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
PETERSBURG	261	1144461	14	240708	6	86602	54307	2	0	0	0	281
PRINCE RUPERT	5	91662	0	0	1	23637	3773	0	0	0	0	6
SAND POINT	20	132099	1	62216	1	6658	20711	2	0	0	0	22
SEATTLE	1	18625	0	0	1	12562	354	0	0	0	0	2
SEWARD	169	2248375	119	2560938	79	1753377	1221693	5	1	0	0	367
SITKA	268	997477	86	820963	65	405432	415536	2	2	0	0	419
SKAGWAY	7	10133	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
VALDEZ	3	9003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
WHITTIER	39	161548	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	39
WRANGELL	138	582411	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	138
YAKUTAT	113	391070	25	420368	16	235289	169927	0	1	0	0	154
Totals	2112	14963061	421	6689625	143	1238510	1352252	23	12	0	0	2676

1999 ATM Usage Report
(Thru 5/30/99)

IFQ

	<u>Total</u>	<u>ATM</u>	<u>Manual</u>	<u>% by ATM</u>	<u>Cuml. Total</u>
3/15 - 3/21	423	411	12	97%	423
3/22 - 3/28	331	330	1	99.7%	754
3/29 - 4/4	298	290	8	97%	1052
4/5 - 4/11	245	227	18	93%	1297
4/12 - 4/18	248	239	9	96%	1545
4/19 - 4/25	331	329	2	99%	1876
4/26 - 5/2	425	420	5	99%	2301
5/3 - 5/9	447	436	11	98%	2748
5/10 - 5/16	544	542	2	99.6%	3292
5/17 - 5/23	458	458	0	100%	3750
<u>5/24 - 5/30</u>	<u>515</u>	<u>505</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>98%</u>	<u>4265</u>
Total	4265	4187	78	98%	

CDQ

	<u>Total</u>	<u>ATM</u>	<u>Manual</u>	<u>% by ATM</u>	<u>Cuml. Total</u>
3/15 - 5/23	0	0	0		0
<u>5/24 - 5/30</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	22	2	0	100%	

1) Transactions are counted per vessel, person, statistical area and species. Example: 1 vessel with 2 people fishing in 2 areas for 2 species = 8 transactions.

2) Excludes manual corrections for landings made with transaction terminals.

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Many of you may have heard recent news releases on the "1024 Rollover" problem. Simply put many GPS have limited clocks installed that will max out on August 21, 1999. The next day (8/22/99) these GPS receivers will think the date is January 7, 1980. This will seriously affect the accuracy of these GPS receivers. The US Coast Guard has a web site explaining this, with links to GPS manufacturers. To determine if any of your GPS will have this problem contact the manufacturer.

<http://www.navcen.uscg.mil/gps/geninfo/y2k/default.htm>

To: Ken Hansen
From: RANCE

