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AGENDA ITEM B-4

1. U. S. COAST GUARD ENFORCEMENT EFFORT FOR 1987.

a. U. S. Coast Guard enforcement efforts for calendar year 1987, through 28 February, have totalled 113 cutter days and 224 aircraft hours. Coast Guard cutters and aircraft for the most part have concentrated their efforts in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska, patrolling more than 800,000 square miles of ocean. To date, a total of 19 notices of violation and written warnings have been issued to foreign and 4 to U.S. fishing vessels operating off Alaska.

2. Since the last report to the Council, two items of serious concern to the Coast Guard and the Alaska fishing industry have required special action.

a. SPECIAL INTEREST VESSELS (SIV'S). We recently experienced some problems with Polish fishing vessels entering U.S. territorial waters without first obtaining Coast Guard approval. It is imperative that vessels from the Soviet Union, Poland, and the People's Republic of China (PRC) comply with the appropriate regulations regarding entry into U.S. territorial water or ports. Of particular concern was a case involving a joint venture representative who may have inadvertently confused or misled the master of a Polish F/V into entering U.S. waters without the proper entry approval. While the master of the vessel is ultimately responsible for his vessels actions, they often put a lot of stock in what the Joint Venture representative or NMFS observer tells them.

b. HIGH INTENSITY WORK LIGHTS. The second area of concern are the high intensity work lights used, continuously or near continuously, by many U.S. fishing vessels. These lights can and occasionally are a hazard to navigation and may be in violation of Rule 20 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS). They effectively obscure navigational (running) lights making it difficult to determine the aspect of a vessel. These lights also deteriorate the night vision of those on the fishing vessel itself as well as personnel on passing vessels. While in open ocean this may not pose a safety problem, in congested or restricted waters it can. Beginning now, the Coast Guard will be issuing violations to vessels which are clearly operating in violation of the COLREGS and are posing a hazard to navigation, e.g. where such lights obscure navigation lights or blind other vessels.

3. MFCMA INFRACTIONS. The following is a summary of Magnuson Act enforcement action taken thus far in 1987:

a. 15 January 1987. USCGC STORIS issued four written warnings to the Chinese processor GENG HAI for failure to properly submit its "cease" message, for failure to properly maintain its Daily Joint Venture Log, and for two counts of failure to submit vessel activity reports as appropriate.

b. 15 January 1987. USCGC STORIS issued to the Polish processor PERSEUS a written warning for failure to accurately report the amount of fish products transferred and a notice of violation for failure to report all fishery products on board when the vessel checked in to the U.S. FCZ.

c. 16 January 1987. USCGC STORIS issued a written warning to the Polish processor VEGA for failure to properly maintain its Daily Joint Venture Log.

d. 31 January 1987. USCGC YOCONA issued a notice of violation to the Polish processor VEGA for failure to properly maintain its Daily Joint Venture Log.

e. 2 February 1987. USCGC YOCONA issued four notices of violation to the Chinese processor YAN YUAN NO. 1 for conducting fisheries support activities without a NMFS observer on board, for failure to keep its International Radio Call Sign (IRCS) legible, and for two counts of failing to properly maintain its Daily Catch Log.

f. 15 February 1987. USCGC BOUTWELL issued a notice of violation to the U.S. trawler OCEAN BOUNTY for failure to provide a boarding ladder.

g. 15 February 1987. USCGC BOUTWELL issued a notice of violation to the U.S. trawler ALEUTIAN ENTERPRISE for failure to provide a boarding ladder.

h. 18 February 1987. USCGC MIDGETT issued a notice of violation to the Japanese longliner KIYO MARU NO. 55 for failure to provide assistance to the embarked NMFS observer as required.

i. 19 February 1987. USCGC BOUTWELL issued two written warnings to the Japanese processor KONGO MARU for failure to properly submit its weekly "Receipt of U.S. Harvested Fish" report (RECREP) and for failure to provide assistance to the embarked NMFS observer as required.

j. 25 February 1987. USCGC MIDGETT issued two written warnings to the Soviet processor SVOBODNIY for failure to provide a safe boarding ladder and for failure to provide and maintain an accurate set of vessel plans.

k. 27 February 1987. USCGC MIDGETT issued a written warning to the Japanese processor ANYO MARU NO. 18 for failure to properly maintain its Daily Joint Venture Log.

l. 28 February 1987. USCGC MIDGETT issued a notice of violation to the Soviet processor ALEXANDER KRAEV for failure to provide and maintain an accurate set of vessel plans.

Encl: (1) USCG Patrol Effort/FV Identification/FV Boardings for 1987.
(2) Analysis of Boarding and Enforcement Incidents in 1987.
(3) Surveillance Standard Analysis for 1987.
(4) Boarding Standard Analysis for 1987.

U. S. COAST GUARD PATROL EFFORT
FOR 1987 (THRU 28 FEBRUARY)

	CUTTER PATROL DAYS	AIRCRAFT PATROL HOURS	MILES PATROLLED
JANUARY	55	92	8,104
FEBRUARY	58	132	8,389
TOTAL	113	224	16,493

FISHING VESSEL IDENTIFICATION
FOR 1987 (THRU 28 FEBRUARY)

	JA	KS	PL	UR	TW	US	PRC	TOTAL
JANUARY	37	29	32	04	00	341	03	446
FEBRUARY	187	132	04	27	00	363	08	721
TOTAL	224	161	36	31	00	704	11	1,167

FISHING VESSEL BOARDINGS
FOR 1987 (THRU 28 FEBRUARY)

	JA	KS	PL	UR	TW	US	PRC	TOTAL
JANUARY	04	03	11	00	00	26	01	45
FEBRUARY	11	04	00	07	00	24	01	47
TOTAL	15	07	11	07	00	50	02	92

ANALYSIS OF BOARDING AND ENFORCEMENT INCIDENTS
THROUGH 28 FEBRUARY 1987
(BOARDINGS/INCIDENTS)*

	JA	KS	PL	UR	TW	US	PRC	ALL	% BRDGS RESULT IN INCIDENTS
JANUARY	04/00	03/00	11/03	00/00	00/00	26/01	01/01	45/05	11
FEBRUARY	11/03	04/00	00/00	07/02	00/00	24/02	01/01	47/08	17
TOTAL	15/03	07/00	11/03	07/02	00/00	50/03	02/02	92/13	14

* NOTE: Ratio does not include infractions detected by means other than boarding.

SURVEILLANCE STANDARD ANALYSIS FOR INDEPENDENT
FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS (FFV) THROUGH 28 FEBRUARY 1987

DATES	AVG NO. OF FFV'S ON GROUNDS	NO. OF FFV'S ON GROUNDS SIGHTED	% SIGHTED
1 JAN - 14 JAN	24	9	38
15 JAN - 28 JAN	55	17	31
29 JAN - 11 FEB	98	33	34
12 FEB - 28 FEB	114	65	57

BOARDING STANDARD ANALYSIS FOR INDEPENDENT
FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS (FFV'S) THROUGH 28 FEBRUARY 1987

MONTH	GOAL	ACTUAL BOARDINGS	% ACHIEVED
JANUARY	16	45	100
FEBRUARY	43	47	100
TOTAL	59	92	100