

B5 NPFMC OLE REPORT

WILL ELLIS, JUNE 8, 2020



OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



Three special agents and two enforcement officers participated in the Annual Observer Pulse Operation in Dutch Harbor. 35 individual vessels were contacted and multiple cases were furthered or resolved. 19 of 22 halibut deck sorting vessels were boarded to review inspection reports, videos, and discuss new regulatory requirements. 230 individual observer complaints were addressed during the operation.

An enforcement officer teamed with Kotzebue Air Patrol for Marine Mammal Stranding and NPS to conduct surveillance on the ongoing mortality of Ice Seals. Unfortunately, weather prevented the planned aerial surveys of recent standings. However, two land patrols were completed along the Baldwin Peninsula with no stranding's of marine mammals or birds found.



JOINT ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT

An OLE officer participated in a 20- day JEA patrol on the AWT Patrol Vessel (PV) Stimson in October. Port visits included Dutch Harbor, Akutan, Lost Harbor, False Pass, King Cove, and Sand Point. 35 vessels were boarded and three processors inspected.



Following the Observer Pulse Operation in Feb., an OLE officer conducted another 19-day patrol onboard the PV Stimson from Kodiak, AK to Adak, AK. The processing plant in Adak was inspected. 17 vessels were boarded, resulting in two federal fisheries violations, one state fishery violation. Additionally, over 100 P-cod pots were checked during the patrol, resulting in 10 state gear violations.



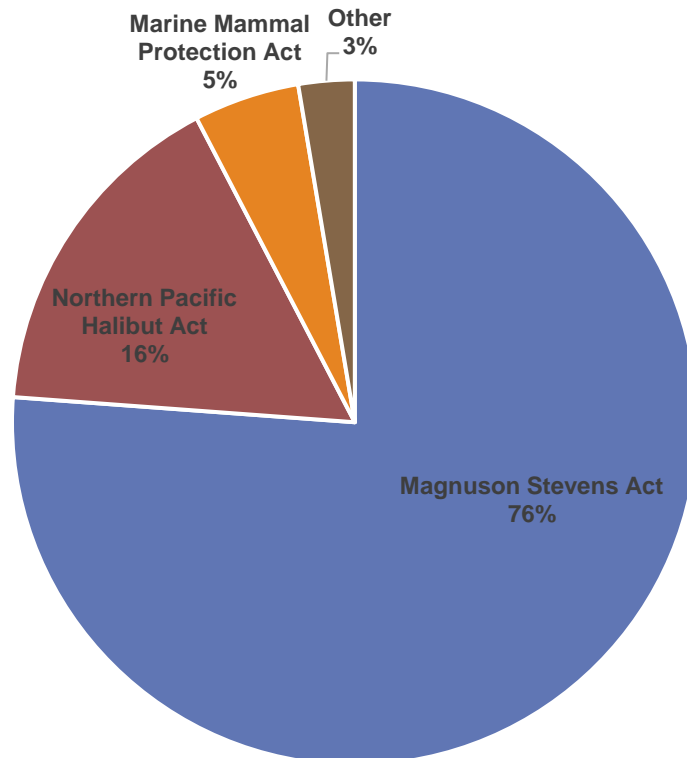
COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Date	Location	Description
Monthly	Seattle, WA	Observer Training
Sep. 28-Oct. 1	Kotzebue, AK	Kotzebue environment protection staff
Sep. 28-Oct. 3	Reno, NV	American Fisheries Society conference.
Oct. 13	Dutch Harbor, AK	2019 Bering Sea Crabbers Association meeting
Oct. 28-30	Anchorage, AK	Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission meeting
Oct. 31- Nov. 3	Sitka, AK	Sitka Whale Fest
Nov. 20-24	Seattle, WA	Marine Expo
Feb. 3-7	Anchorage, AK	International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) meeting.
Feb 20-23	Anchorage, AK	Anchorage Boat Show



INCIDENTS BY LAW/REGULATIONS/PROGRAM

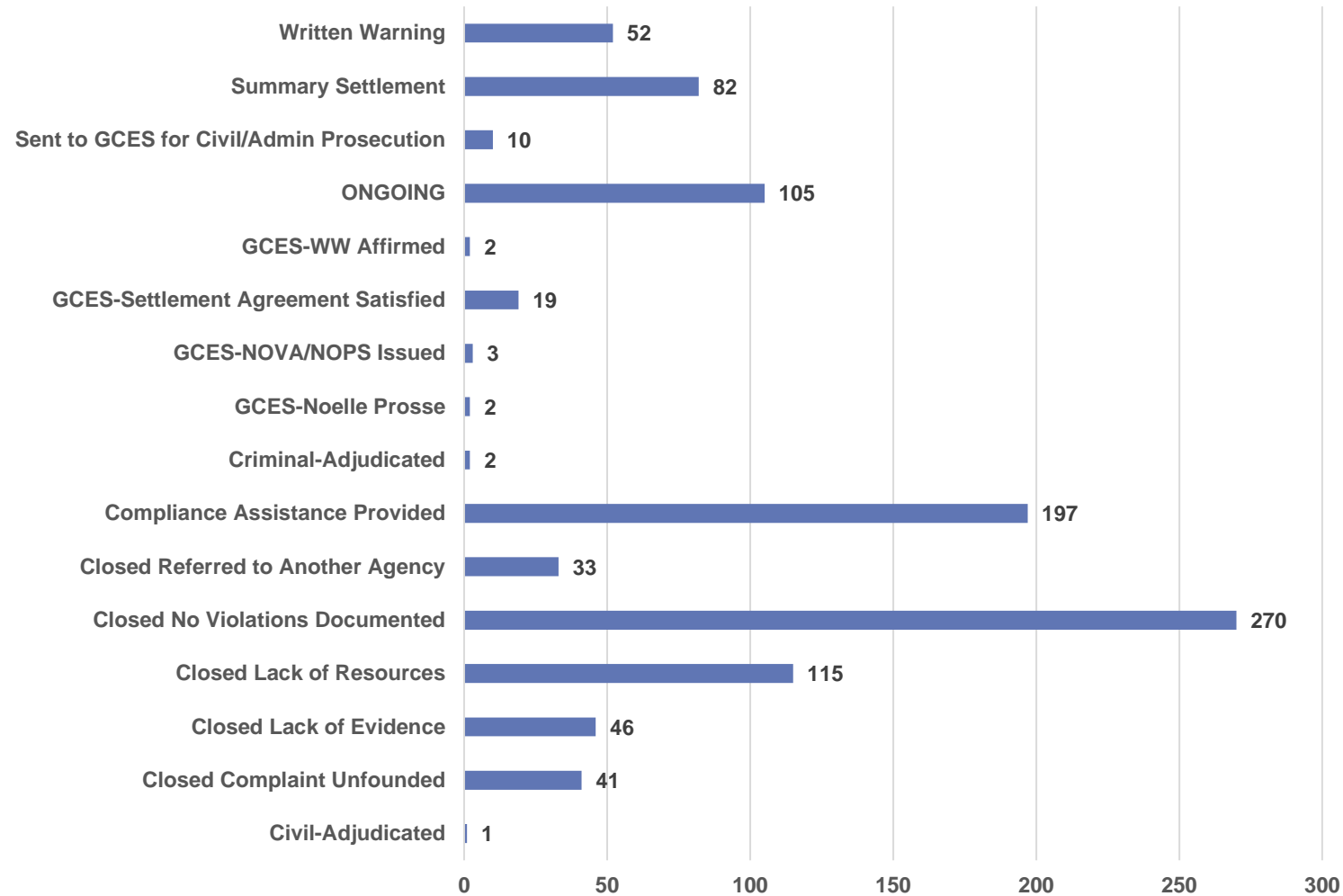
Incidents by Law/Regulations/Program



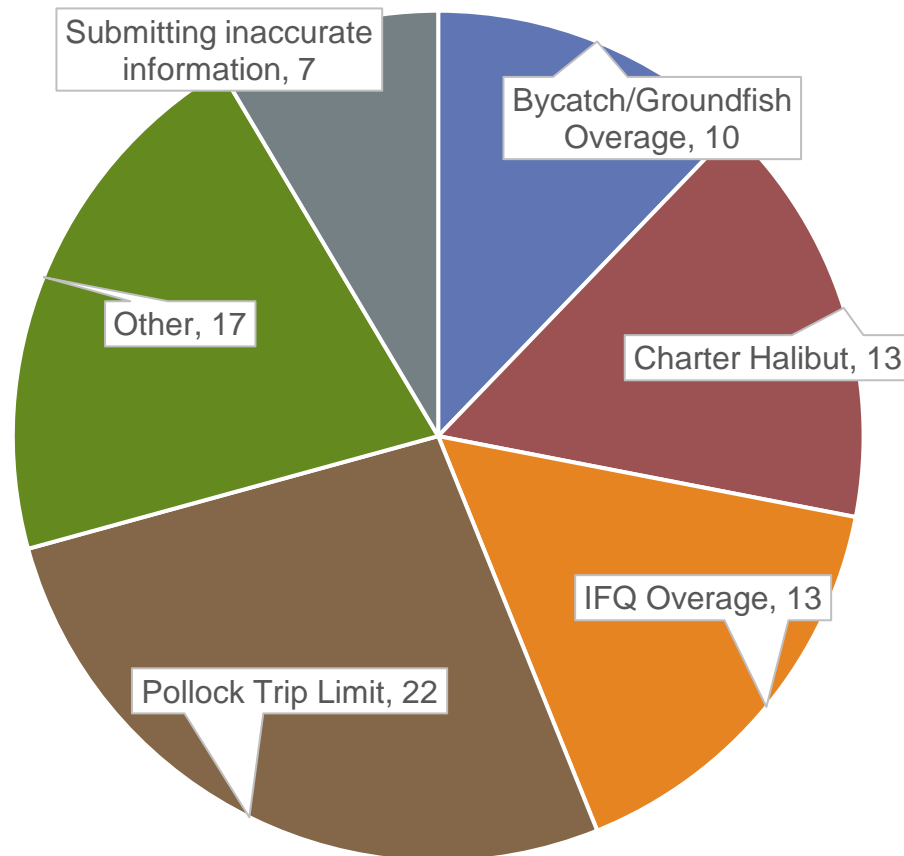
From October 1, 2019 to March, 31, 2020 NOAA officers and agents opened 980 incidents including 746 Magnuson Stevens Act, 159 Northern Pacific Halibut Act, 49 Marine Mammal Protection Act, and 26 regarding other acts/regulations



DISPOSITION FOR INCIDENTS



SUMMARY SETTLEMENTS ISSUED



* Other includes no FFP, Prohibited Species mishandling, Failure to operate VMS, Undersized halibut, Retained in closed season, and Failing to submit/submitted inaccurate information



OBSERVER STATEMENTS

Statements	Incidents	Statuses
<p>906 Statements received and reviewed in 2019</p> <p>79 statements did not document an actual violation</p> <p>827 statements were forwarded to agents and officers</p>	<p>384 new incidents created (750 statements)</p> <p>77 statements were added to 14 open incidents</p>	58 Ongoing (149 statements)
		2 Forwarded for prosecution (6 statements)
		13 Written Warnings issued (35 statements)
		8 Summary Settlements issued (13 statements)
		122 Compliance assistance provided (329 statements)
200 Closed - No OLE Action (295 statements)		
<p><i>Excludes 121 Observer Coverage potential violations reported by Agency Staff.</i></p>	<p><i>Multiple statements are often combined into a single incident if the same vessel, operator, or company is involved.</i></p>	

QUESTIONS?

