

17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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List of Abbreviations

AVDET – Aviation Detachment	MBL – US/Russian Maritime Boundary
CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation
CGC – Coast Guard Cutter	MEDICO – Passing medical advice at sea
DIW – Dead in the Water	NOV – Notice of Violation
EPIRB – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator
FBS – Russian Federal Border Service	NVG – Night Vision Goggles
FCH – Charter Fishing Vessel	PCC – Cabin Cruiser
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	PD – Police Department
FLL – Long Line Vessel	POB – Persons on board
FOL – Forward Operating Location	PRA – Pleasure craft, run about
FPB – Pot Fishing Vessel	PRC – People’s Republic of China
FTS – Stern Trawl Vessel	RFMO – Regional Fisheries Management Org.
GOA – Gulf of Alaska	SAR – Search and Rescue
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	SARSAT – Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
HEC/MEC – High/Medium Endurance Cutters	SEZ - Seizure
HFP – Health Force Partners	SMC – SAR Mission Coordinator
HH65/60 – CG helicopter	TERM - Termination
HSDN – High Seas Drift Net	UMIB – Urgent Marine Info Broadcast
IFQ – Individual Fishing Quota	WHEC – 378ft High Endurance Cutter
IUU – Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing	WLB – 225ft Buoy Tender
IVO – In the vicinity of	WMSL – 418ft National Security Cutter
MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast	WPB – 110ft Patrol Boat

I. IUU Fishing & High Seas Drift Net (HSDN) Enforcement

D17 worked with Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans to coordinate Canada's aircraft patrols of the North Pacific Fisheries Commission convention area from September 17th to October 21st. These flights covered 49,682 square nautical miles of ocean and sighted 89 potential violations, most of which were vessel marking discrepancies.

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

The Coast Guard detected an average of six foreign fishing vessels per day within 20 nautical miles of the Bering Sea MBL during the last few months. The last foreign fishing vessel incursion along the Bering Sea MBL occurred in June 2022.

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

Light fishing activity occurred during the reporting period along the U.S.-Canadian EEZ boundary in the vicinity of Dixon Entrance. All Canadian fishing vessels sighted were south of the A-B line, and the Coast Guard detected no incursions into U.S. waters.

IV. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement

The Coast Guard monitors more than 151 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. During the reporting period, Air Station Kodiak completed one marine mammal survey flight with embarked NOAA personnel.

V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

The U.S. Coast Guard conducted 27 federal fisheries boardings and detected three federal fisheries violations during the reporting period. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations.

Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year

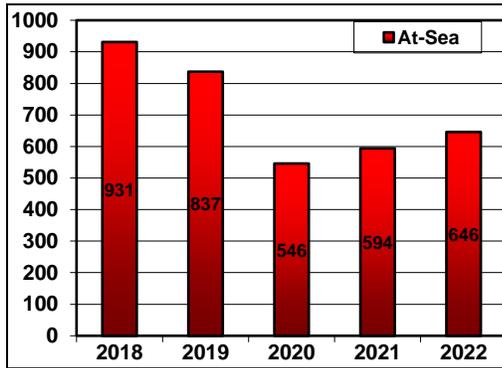
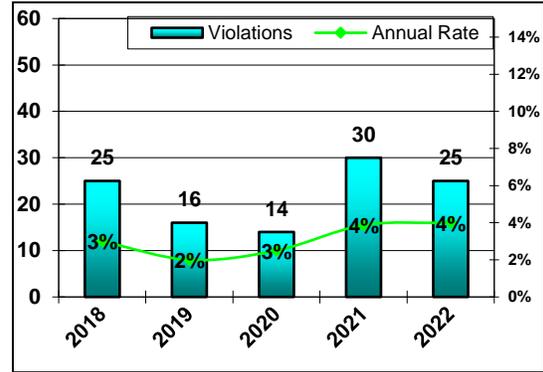


Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year



October – November 2021 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):27
Boardings w/fisheries violations:0
Violation Rate:0%

October – November 2022 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):27
Boardings w/fisheries violations:3
Violation Rate:11%

VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Coast Guard assets completed 25 boardings on commercial, charter, and recreational vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. 22 boardings were commercial vessels targeting IFQ halibut or sablefish, detecting three fisheries violations – including coordinating with NOAA’s Office of Law Enforcement to seize the catch of one vessel. No boardings were of charter halibut vessels, and three boardings were of recreational halibut vessels detecting no fisheries violations.

VII. Forward Operating Locations (FOLs)

Due to the Bristol Bay Red King Crab fishery being closed, and minimal fishing vessel activity, Air Station Kodiak deployed aircraft to Cold Bay for intermittent periods of high Bering Sea fishing vessel activity.

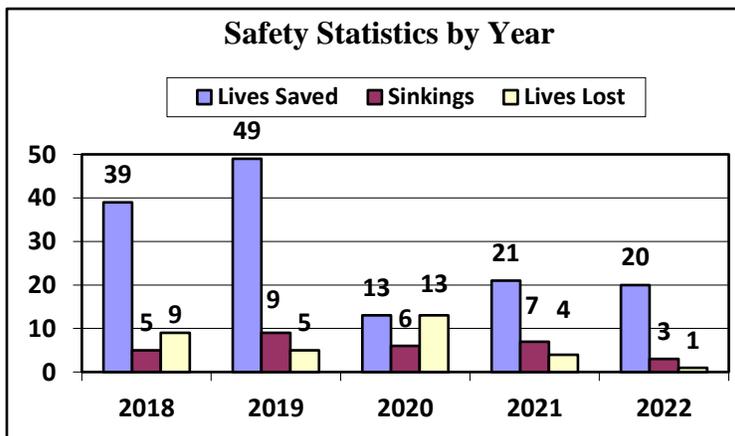
VIII. Crab Fisheries

The MH-60 is scheduled to return to FOL Cold Bay on December 29th as fishing activity increases in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island crab, pot, and trawl fisheries in early 2023.

IX. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, the Coast Guard detected five safety violations on four fishing vessels that are listed in Appendix B. The Coast Guard conducted three search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in one life saved, no lives lost, and no vessels lost during the reporting period. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics



X. Coast Guard Resource Summary

Figures 4 - 7 show the *annual* aircraft law enforcement hours, Medium and High Endurance Cutter days, and Patrol Boat hours used in the Seventeenth District. Figures 8-9 show the same information over the last three years for major cutters and patrol boats over the *reporting period only*.

Figure 4. Annual HC-130 Hours

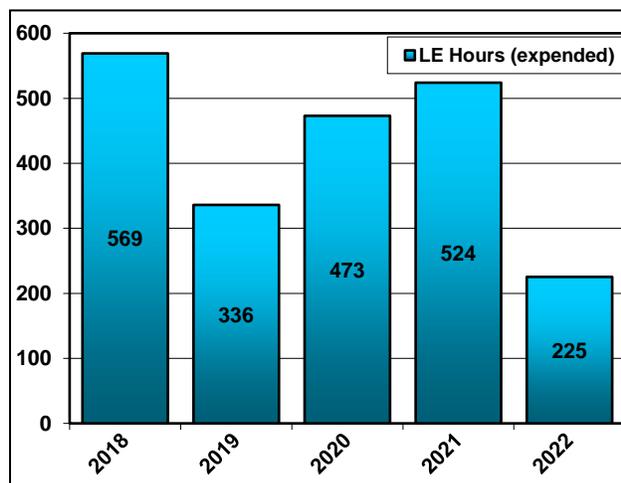
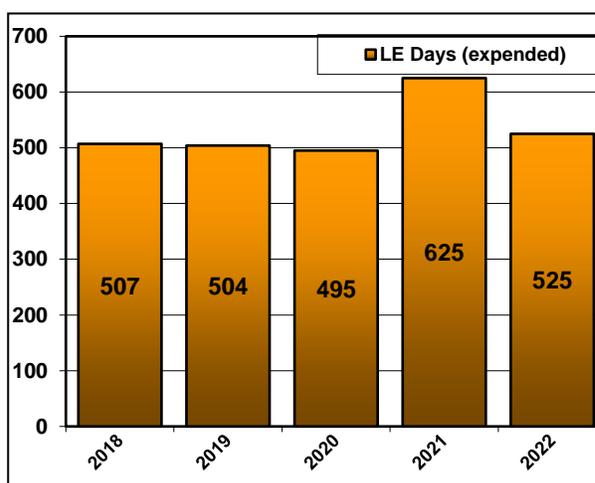


Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days



October – November 2021

0 WMSL patrolled.....30 days
 *All WHECs have been decommissioned
 1 WMEC patrolled..... 59 days
 1 WLB patrolled 0 days
 6 WPBs/FRCs patrolled..... 33 days
Total Cutter patrol..... 122 days

HC-130s flew 110 hours
 MH-60/MH-65s flew 67 hours

October – November 2022

2 WMSLs patrolled.....95 days
 *All WHECs have been decommissioned
 0 WMEC patrolled.....00 days
 0 WLB patrolled00 days
 8 WPB/WPCs patrolled84 days
Total Cutter patrol.....179 days

HC-130s flew13 hours
 MH-60/MH-65s flew38 hours

Figure 6. Annual MH-60/MH-65 Hours

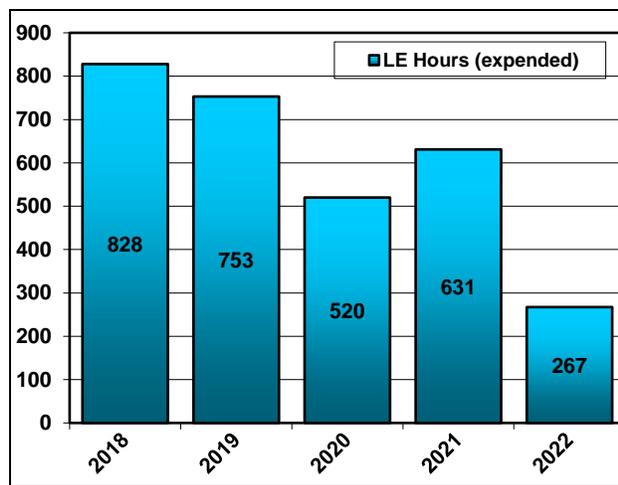


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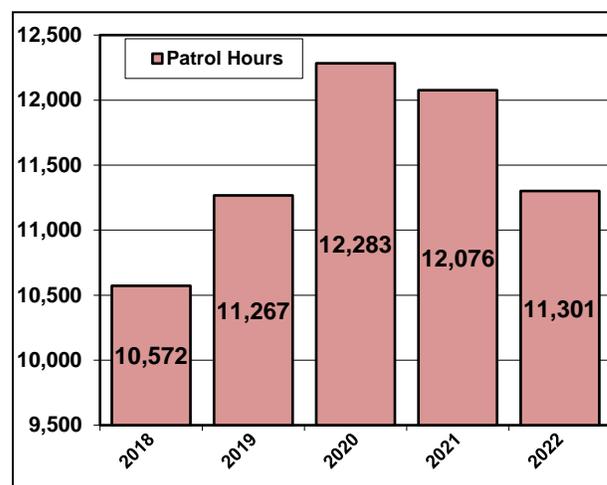


Figure 8. Oct-Nov Major Cutter Days

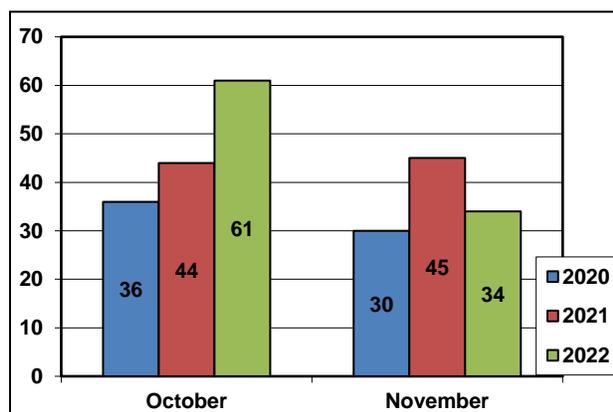
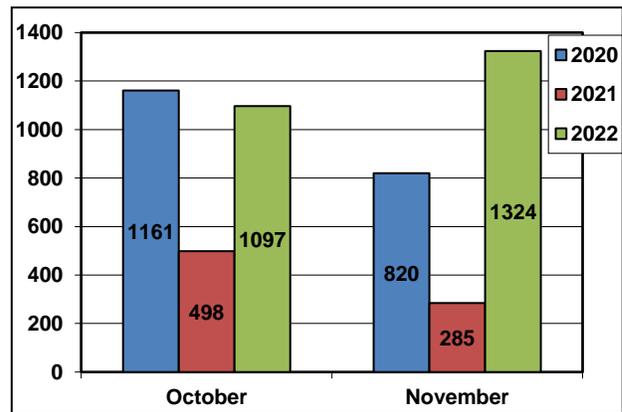


Figure 9. Oct-Nov Patrol Boat Hours



Appendix A
October – November 2022
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel Name	Case Specifics
08Oct	F/V LETS GO	Coordinated with Good Samaritan vessel to rescue 3 POB from vessel aground.
10Oct	F/V SHINAKU	Issued UMIB for EPIRB alert IVO Afognak Island; confirmed vessel sunk while at anchor IVO Malina Bay with no POB prior to AIRSTA Kodiak launch while hunting party ashore. The cause of sinking is unknown.
11Oct	F/V PACIFIC STAR	Conducted MEDEVAC for injured crewmember.
13Oct	F/V BLUE NORTH	Maintained communications schedule with vessel while they transited to port for repairs after taking on water IVO St. Paul.
09Nov	F/V PEREGRINE	Issued UMIB and coordinated with Good Samaritan vessel to assist aground vessel.
13Nov	F/V KRISTINA	Maintained communications schedule with aground vessel.
21Nov	F/V FLICKA	Maintained communications schedule after vessel lost propulsion and then began transiting to port.

Appendix B
October - November 2022
Fisheries Boardings with Fisheries and/or Safety Violations (Commercial, Recreational, and Charter)

DATE	SPECIES	AREA	# SAFETY	ACTION	# FISHERY	ACTION2	NOTES AND DETAILS
10/5/22	200	3A	1	NOV			Fire Extinguisher vio
10/5/22	200	2C			1	NOV	No IFQ permit onboard
10/6/22	127	513	1	NOV			EPIRB Hydrostatic Release expired
11/9/22	200	2C	2	NOV	1	NOV	02 CFVS vios (expired EPIRB hydrostatic release and expired flares); LMR vio for no current FPP, either onboard or per NOAA data tech
11/15/22	710	BS	1	NOV			Expired flares
11/30/22	200	3A			1	SEZ	Escorted vsI to pier where NOAA officer seized 117lbs of illegally retained halibut, mutilated, in approx. 100 vacuum sealed packages