

17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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List of Abbreviations

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

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

Operation North Pacific Guard (NPG) is an annual high seas U.S. fisheries law enforcement operation designed to detect and deter all types of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing activity, including large-scale high seas pelagic drift-net (herein HSDN) fishing, in accordance with multilateral and bilateral international agreements to which the United States is party. Operation NPG advances U.S. goals for the conservation and management of high seas fisheries resources and is our at-sea enforcement contribution to a multilateral effort by North Pacific rim nations to eliminate IUU fishing activity from the North Pacific. This is in support of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), and North Pacific Anadromous Fisheries Commission (NPAFC) regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs).

CGC BERTHOLF began Operation NPG on the high seas on 01 September. Thus far, CGC BERTHOLF conducted 18 international fisheries boardings, resulting in 30 potential violations that will be forwarded to the vessels' flag state and the representative RFMO for disposition. The Coast Guard will provide more in-depth findings and discussion during the February 2022 Council Meeting.

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

Overall the Coast Guard detected an average of 8-9 vessel per day within 20 nautical miles of the MBL. There have been no detected incursions by FF/Vs into the U.S. EEZ this season.

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 Stations Kodiak and Sitka completed 9 marine mammal survey flights with embarked NOAA agents. Additional Survey flights are scheduled for October.

V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

The U.S. Coast Guard conducted 354 federal fisheries boardings during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of 12 fisheries violations onboard 9 vessels. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations. Appendix B lists the Federal Fisheries boardings with fisheries or safety violations that occurred during the reporting period.

Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year

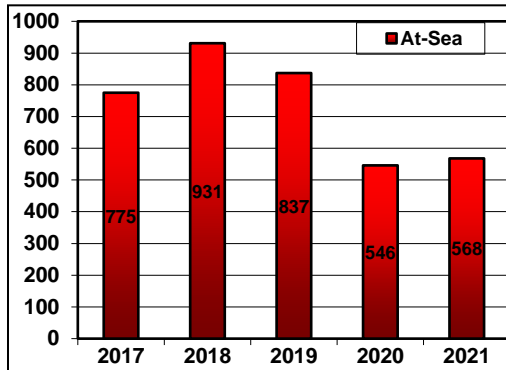
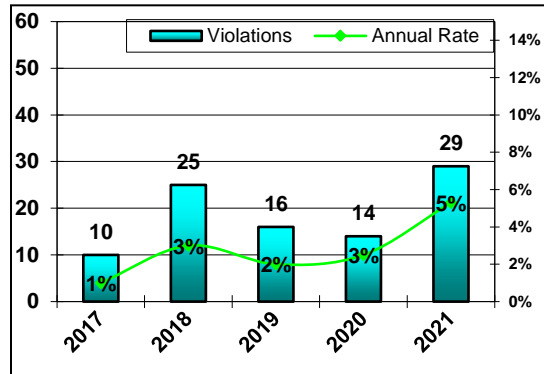


Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year



June – September 2020 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):221
 Boardings w/fisheries violations:10
 Violation Rate:4.5%

June – September 2021 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):354
 Boardings w/fisheries violations:9
 Violation Rate:2.5%

VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Coast Guard patrols completed 320 boardings on commercial, charter, and recreational vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. 37 boardings were of IFQ halibut or IFQ sablefish vessels, detecting 10 fisheries violations on 7 commercial fishing vessels. 83 boardings were of Charter halibut vessels, detecting zero violations. 200 boardings were of recreational halibut vessels, detecting 2 fisheries violations on 2 vessels.

VII. Forward Operating Locations

Air Station Kodiak also deployed two MH-60s to Kotzebue on 01 July to support SAR coverage, community engagement, and Protected Living Marine Resources activities.

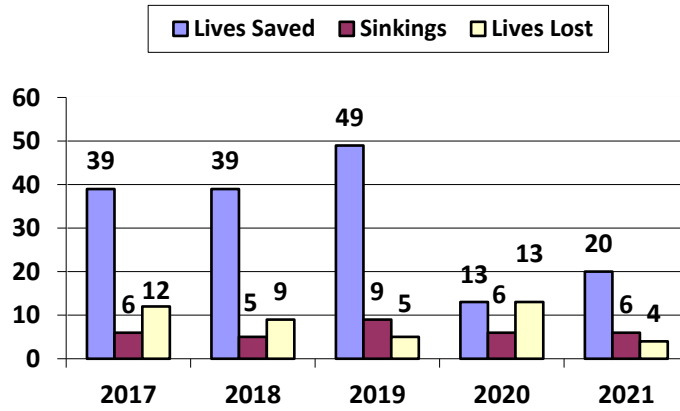
Air Station Kodiak deployed an MH-60 to Cordova on 01 May to support the increase in fishing vessel activity in the Gulf of Alaska. There is a helicopter crew staged there from 01 May through 30 September each year to increase SAR coverage and support Law Enforcement and Protected Living Marine Resources.

VIII. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, the Coast Guard detected 43 safety violations on 17 State and Federal fishing vessels. 23 of these safety violations occurred on 11 Federal fishing vessels. A list of violations can be found in Appendix B.

The Coast Guard conducted 4 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in 7 lives saved, 3 lives lost, and 6 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
Safety Statistics by Year



IX. 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

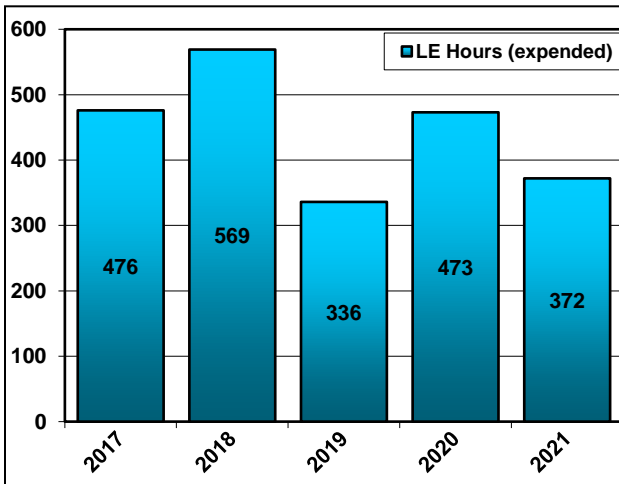
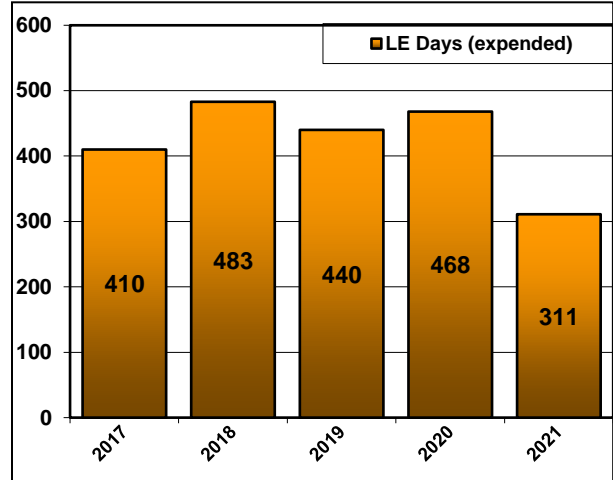


Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days



June – September 2020

1 WMSL patrolled.....35 days
 2 WHEC patrolled.....98 days
 1 WMEC patrolled..... 55 days
 1 WLB patrolled 36 days
 9 WPBs/FRCs patrolled..... 361 days
Total Cutter patrol..... 585 days

HC-130s flew 114 hours
 HH-60/65s flew..... 95 hours

June – September 2021

3 WMSL patrolled.....147 days
 1 WMEC patrolled.....28 days
 1 WLB patrolled15 days
 6 WPB/FRCs patrolled155 days

Total Cutter patrol.....345 days

HC-130s flew30 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....111 hours

Figure 6. Annual H60/65 Hours

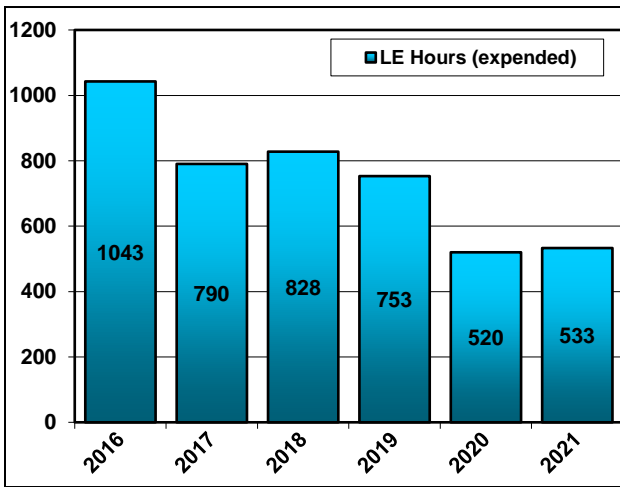


Figure 7. Annual Patrol Boat Hours

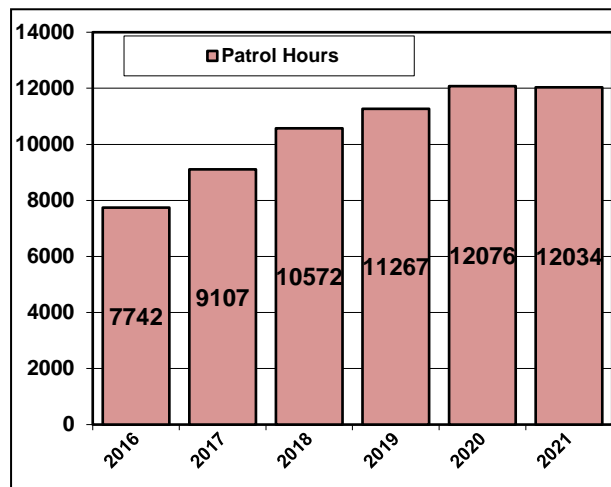


Figure 8. Jun-Sep Major Cutter Days

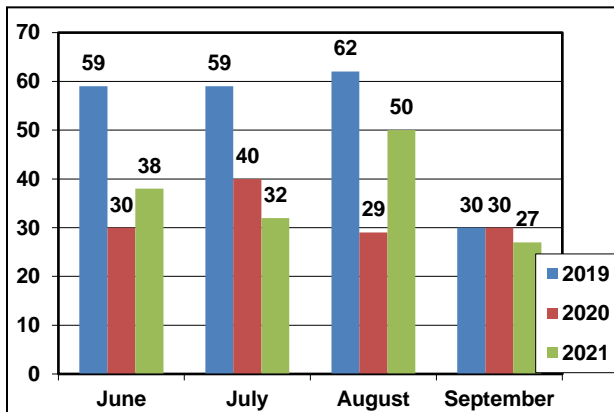
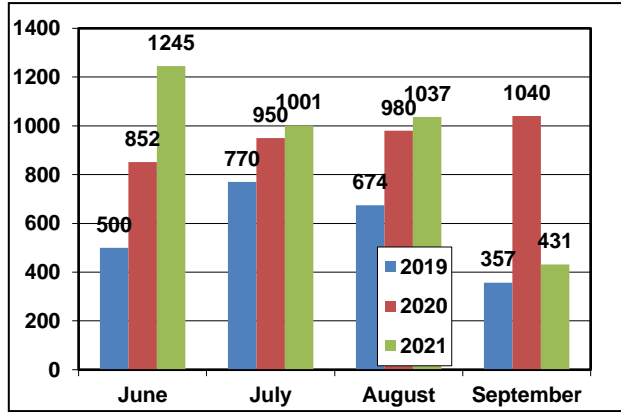


Figure 9. Jun-Sep Patrol Boat Hours



Appendix A
June - September 2021
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel Name	Case Specifics
11 Jun	F/V SIKUMI	CGC BLUE SHARK conducted a MEDEVAC of crewmember with possible broken shoulder who was beginning to experience shock
14 Jun	F/V NORTHERN GLACIER	MEDICO for crewmember experiencing multiple seizures
21 Jun	F/V MISS MCKENNA	CG Small boat towed disabled/adrift vessel to pier
25 Jun	F/V SEATTLE ENTERPRISE	MEDICO for crewmember experiencing symptoms of a heart attack
26 Jun	F/V OCEAN PEACE	MEDICO for crewmember suffering from pneumonia accompanied by hypoxia and hypertension
26 Jun	R/V MONTAGUE	MEDICO for crewmember that woke up disoriented
28 Jun	F/V LISA K	MEDICO for crewmember who appeared to suffer a stroke
30 Jun	F/V MUGS C	Vessel sank near Shelter Island
01 Jul	F/V BRISTOL	MEDICO for crewmember who suffered laceration
01 Jul	F/V PNEUMA	Vessel capsized resulting in one crewmember's death
02 Jul	F/V SOULMATE	Vessel ran aground and became disabled. CG cutter towed vessel to port
02 Jul	F/V HAZEL A	Launched helo for disabled vessel. Helo arrived onscene and determined no distress
03 Jul	F/V DAWN TREADER	Vessel ran aground. CG Small boat escorted vessel to the pier
07 Jul	F/V STELLINDAM	CG Cutter temporarily towed disabled vessel before being relieved by Good Samaritan.
07 Jul	F/V JUMPER	Issued UMIB and launched helo for disabled F/V
07 Jul	F/V ANGELINA H	MEDICO for injured crewmember
09 Jul	F/V ARIES	Vessel partially sank
08 Jul	F/V ALAS KONA	Vessel sank after it began taking on water. The master attempted to hail the Coast Guard on VHF 16 with negative results due to the failure of the Point Pigot VHF site. Good Samaritan picked up one person onboard.
10 Jul	F/V ARIES	Vessel took on water and sank. CG cutter responded and issued UMIB. AST's recovered members
11 Jul	F/V RITA B	Crewmember passed away of suspected heart attack
14 Jul	UNK	Vessel burned up while high and dry on Mendenhall Bar
15 Jul	F/V CESCO MARIA	Collision with other F/V that led to CESCO MARIA to run aground

18 Jul	F/V MOUNT PAVLOV	Received MAYDAY from vessel. CG issued UMIB which was answered by Good Samaritan vessel
19 Jul	F/V CHIEKO	MEDICO for charter client who passed out. Coordinated EMS to meet the vessel at the pier
21 Jul	F/V ISLAND ENTERPRISE	MEDICO for crewmember experiencing pregnancy complications
24 Jul	F/V TENACIOUS	Received MAYDAY call from sinking vessel and issued UMIB. Good Samaritan vessel responded and recovered personnel.
01 Aug	F/V KODIAK ENTERPRISE	MEDICO for crewmember
04 Aug	F/V MASS DECEPTION	MEDEVAC for injured crewmember
05 Aug	F/V TRISHA MARIE	Issued UMIB for vessel taking on water. Several Good Samaritans responded
05 Aug	F/V WOLVERINE	Coordinated EMS to meet vessel at the pier for unresponsive member onboard. Member was declared dead by EMS at the pier. Vessel was operating in recreational capacity
07 Aug	F/V DOXA	Responded to MAYDAY and issued UMIB. Vessel sank. Crew abandoned ship into their skiff. Good Samaritan and CG Small boat assisted with returning crew and skiff to the pier.
08 Aug	F/V CASINO	MEDICO for crewmember
08 Aug	F/V RAYO VERDE	Issued UMIB after receiving MAYDAY call for vessel taking on water. CG Small boat and multiple Good Samaritan vessels assisted, got flooding under control, and towed the vessel to the pier.
11 Aug	F/V MARANATHA	MEDICO for injured crewmember
14 Aug	F/V MYLIA LYNN	MEDICO for ill crewmember
14 Aug	F/V PREDATOR	MEDICO for passenger who experienced seizure
14 Aug	F/V NANCY ROSE	MEDEVAC for crewmember suffering stroke
17 Aug	F/V RESILIENCE	MEDEVAC from shore side clinic for crewmember who was injured onboard vessel
17 Aug	F/V JIMANI	MEDICO for injured crewmember
19 Aug	F/V ALASKA VICTORY	Conducted MEDEVAC for crewmember exposed to ammonia. MEDICO for second crewmember who experienced a seizure
20 Aug	F/V LADY CYPRUS	MEDEVAC for captain experiencing heart attack symptoms
20 Aug	F/V EYAK	MEDICO for injured crewmember
23 Aug	F/V ISABEL MARIA	MEDEVAC for crewmember who had a potential heart attack
26 Aug	F/V ENDURANCE	After vessel ran aground, CG helo recovered all crewmembers and transferred them to port
28 Aug	F/V EQUINOX	Issued UMIB after receiving MAYDAY call because vessel ran aground. Good Samaritan rescued the POB and were taking them to port.

31 Aug	F/V STEADFAST	MEDICO for injured child onboard vessel
02 Sep	F/V ALASKA ROSE	MEDICO and coordinated EMS to meet the ill crewmember at the pier
05 Sep	F/V MARILYN J	Diverted CG Cutter to tow disabled vessel. Towed vessel until transferred to commercial tow services
09 Sep	F/V VICTORY	Launched CG Helo with rescue swimmer and 2 dewatering pumps to assist vessel that struck a rock and was taking on water.
22 Sep	F/V SPARTAN	CG Helo delivered a dewatering pump to vessel after it began taking on water. Kept vessel on comms schedule until it reached port.
29 Sep	F/V AMERICA'S FINEST	MEDICO for crewmember

Appendix B
 June – September 2021
 Federal Fisheries Boardings with Violations (Commercial, Recreational, and Charter)

TYPE	FISHERY INFO		VIOLATIONS				
	SPECIES	AREA	# SAFETY	ACTION	# FISHERY	ACTION	NOTES AND DETAILS
FLL	710	CG			2	NOV	No original or legible IFQ permit onboard (50CFR679.7F) & IHPC logbook not filled out for last 03 days fishing (50CFR300.62).
FLL	710	SE			1	NOV	FFP not onboard
FLL	200	2C			1	NOV	No seabird avoidance gear onboard
FLL	200	4A			2	NOV	No IFQ permit or hired master permit on board
FST	200	3A			1	SEZ	Improper fillet at sea
FLL	200	2C			1	NOV	No IFQ Permit onboard
FLL	710	BS			1	NOV	IFQ numbers not recorded in logbook
FTO	200	2C			1	NOV	No subsistence halibut license onboard
FLL	200	4D			2	NOV	Failure to retain Pcod and failure to notate in logbook
FLL	710	CG	1	NOV			Expired hydrostatic release on EPIRB
PRA	200	2C	3	TERM			No fire extinguisher, no flares, registration expired
PRA	200	3A	3	NOV			Lack of life jackets, throwable, no registration
FCH	200	3A	2	NOV			No valid state registration onboard, and only had 1 of 2 required fire extinguishers
FCH	200	3A	2	NOV			VDS Expired and USCG Documentation not on board
PRA	200	2C	1	TERM			No registration onboard, no VDS, expired fire extinguisher

PRA	200	2C	2	TERM			No fire extinguisher onboard, expired VDS
PRA	200	2C	2	VIOS			No Type IV and registration onboard
PRA	200	2C	1	NOV			Sewage discharge valve open w/in 3NM of land
FPB	110	524	4	NOV			Deficiencies with EPIRB, ring life buoys, FCC ship station license, and fire extinguishers
PCC	200	2C	2	TERM			Expired fire extinguisher and expired flares