

**17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT
ENFORCEMENT REPORT**



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List of Abbreviations

AVDET – Aviation Detachment	MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation
CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	MEDICO – Passing medical advice at sea
CGC – Coast Guard Cutter	NOV – Notice of Violation
DIW – Dead in the Water	NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator
EPIRB – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	NVG – Night Vision Goggles
FBS – Russian Federal Border Service	PCC – Cabin Cruiser
FCH – Charter Fishing Vessel	PD – Police Department
FLL – Long Line Vessel	POB – Persons on board
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	PRA – Pleasure craft, run about
FOL – Forward Operating Location	PRC – People’s Republic of China
FPB – Pot Fishing Vessel	RFMO – Regional Fisheries Management Org.
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	WHEC – 378ft High Endurance Cutter
IFQ – Individual Fishing Quota	WLB – 225ft Buoy Tender
IUU – Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing	WMSL – 418ft National Security Cutter
IVO – In the vicinity of	WPB – 110ft Patrol Boat
MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast	
MBL – US/Russian Maritime Boundary	

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. Operation NPG also included AIRSTA Kodiak C-130 and Canadian DSH-8 aircraft support, seven international ship riders from Canada and Korea, and two NOAA Office of Law Enforcement ship riders. During the 51 Day cutter patrol, BERTHOLF conducted 28 boardings (19 NPFC and 9 WCPFC). The operation yielded 42 violations including 25 serious violations of RFMO Conservation and Management Measures. Of note, 689 Shark fins and 25 salmon were discovered on these boardings and reported to the respective RFMOs. During the patrol, 10 PRC and 1 Russian Flagged NPFC-registered vessels refused boardings, resulting in a potentially serious violation for each of those vessels. The Coast Guard will be provided an opportunity for further briefing 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 5-6 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 year.

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 completed 2 marine mammal survey flights with embarked NOAA agents.

V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

The U.S. Coast Guard conducted 22 federal fisheries boardings during the reporting period. No fisheries violations were detected during these boardings. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations.

Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year

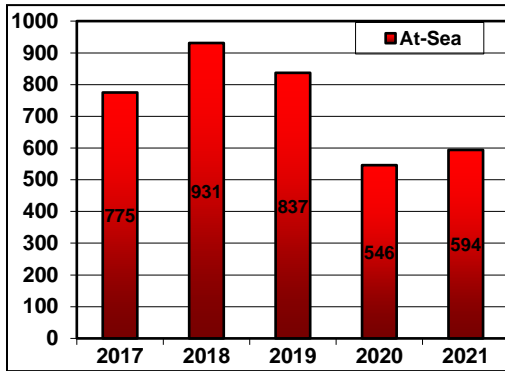
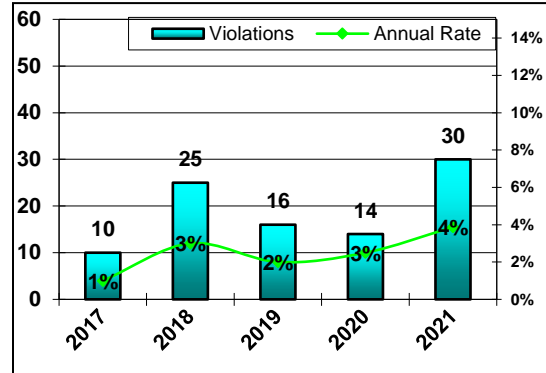


Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year



October – November 2020 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):44
 Boardings w/fisheries violations:0
 Violation Rate:0%

October – November 2021 Boardings

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

VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Coast Guard assets completed 18 boardings on commercial, charter, and recreational vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. 11 boardings were of IFQ halibut or IFQ sablefish vessels, detecting 0 fisheries violations. 0 boardings were of Charter halibut vessels. 7 boardings were of recreational halibut vessels, detecting 0 fisheries violations.

VII. Forward Operating Locations

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

VIII. Crab Fisheries

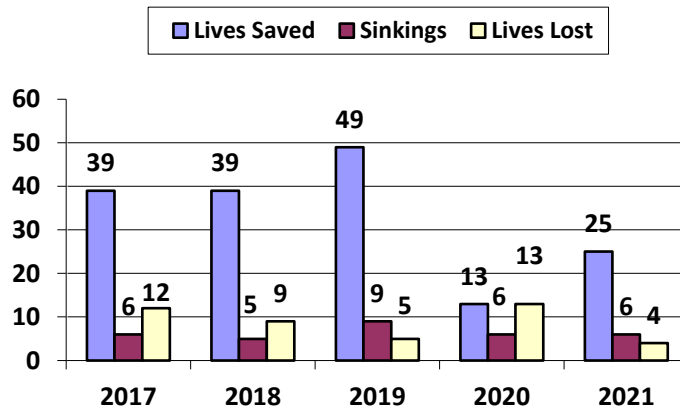
The MH-60 is scheduled to return to Cold Bay on 15 January 2020 as activity increases in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island crab and trawl fisheries.

IX. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, the Coast Guard did not detect any safety violations on any fishing vessels.

The Coast Guard conducted 3 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in 5 lives saved, 0 lives lost, and 0 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



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

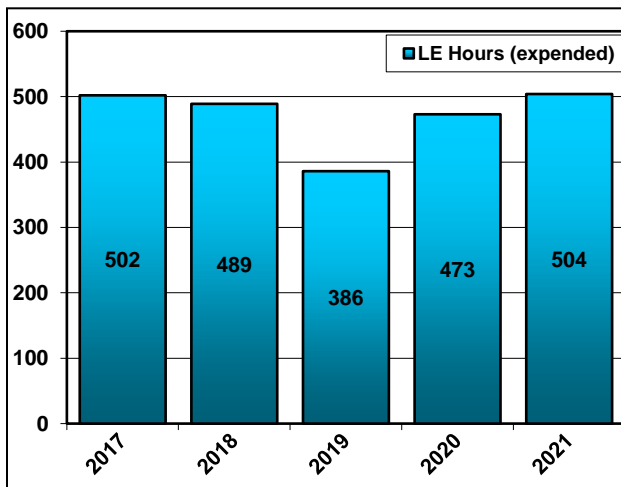
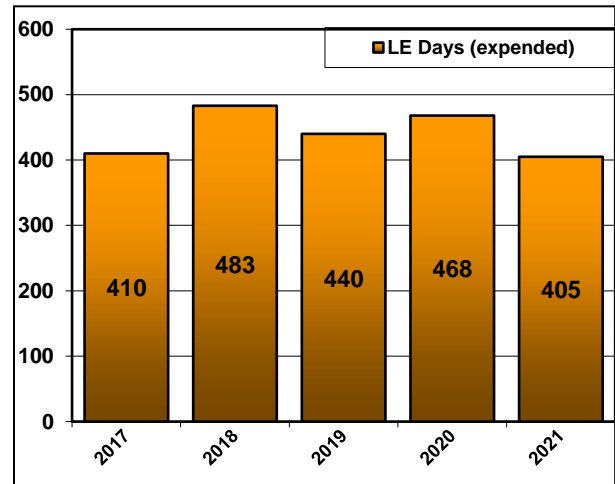


Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days



October – November 2020

0 WMSL patrolled.....0 days
 1 WHEC patrolled.....21 days
 1 WMEC patrolled.....28 days
 1 WLB patrolled4 days
 6 WPBs/FRCs patrolled.....50 days
Total Cutter patrol.....103 days

HC-130s flew24 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....63 hours

October – November 2021

2 WMSLs patrolled.....30 days
 *All WHECs have been decommissioned
 1 WMEC patrolled.....59 days
 0 WLB patrolled00 days
 4 WPBs patrolled.....33 days
Total Cutter patrol.....122 days

HC-130s flew110 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....67 hours

Figure 6. Annual H60/65 Hours

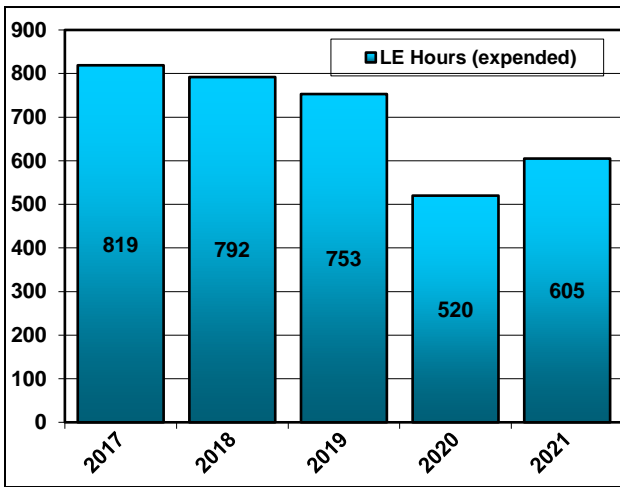


Figure 7. Annual Patrol Boat Hours

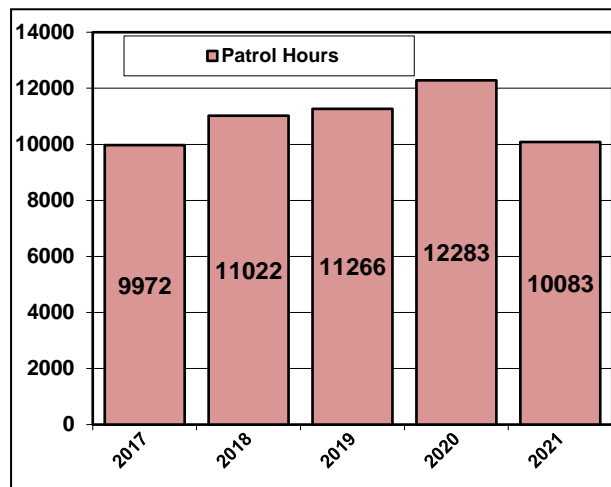


Figure 8. Oct-Nov Major Cutter Days

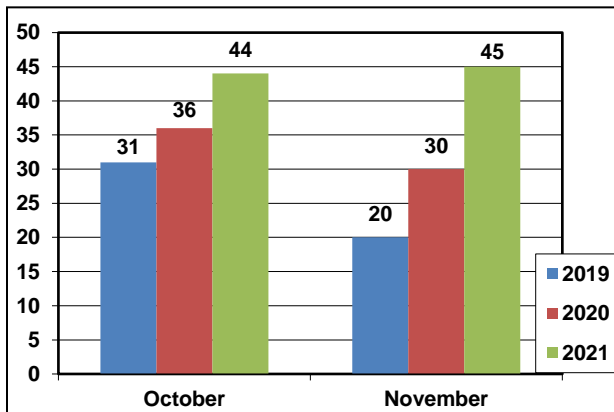
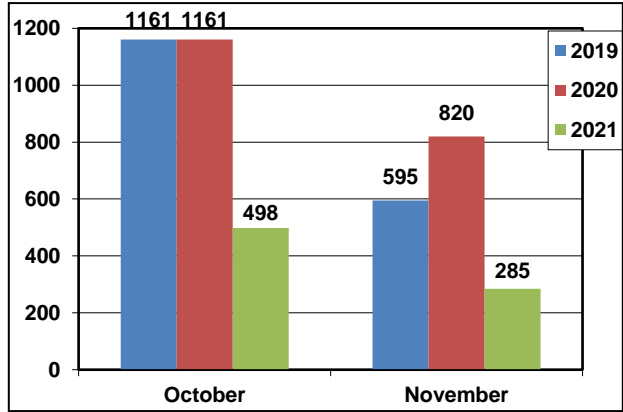


Figure 9. Oct-Nov Patrol Boat Hours



Appendix A
 October – November 2021
 Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel Name	Case Specifics
08Oct	F/V ALASKA VICTORY	MEDICO for crewmember experiencing respiratory failure and medical onboard was running out of oxygen. HC-130 air dropped 10 oxygen bottles to the vessel. On scene weather prevented MH-60 at-sea hoist. Vessel moored in Dutch Harbor and transported the crewmember to the clinic.
11Oct	F/V LA DONA	Issued UMIB for vessel taking on water Vessel moored and received dewatering pumps from Good Samaritans on shore.
13Oct	F/V AUTOMATIC	Issued MARB for disabled vessel. Good Samaritan took vessel in tow.
20Oct	F/V PATRICIA LEE	Conducted MEDEVAC for injured crewmember.
01Nov	F/V LAURA	Hoisted 04 crewmembers from shore after their vessel ran aground and they abandoned ship via life raft to shore.