

# 17<sup>th</sup> COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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**List of Abbreviations**

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety    | HSDN – High Seas Drift Net           |
| FBS - Russian Federal Border Service       | MBL – US/Russian Maritime Boundary   |
| FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel              | NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator |
| GOA – Gulf of Alaska                       | SAR – Search and Rescue              |
| HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft          | UMIB –Urgent Marine Info Broadcast   |
| HEC/MEC – High/Medium Endurance Cutters    | WLB – 225ft Buoy Tender              |
| HH65/60 – CG helicopter                    | WPB – 110ft Patrol Boat              |
| MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast | POB – Persons on board               |
| CGC – Coast Guard Cutter                   | IVO – In the vicinity of             |
| SMC – SAR Mission Coordinator              | MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation         |
| NVG – Night Vision Goggles                 | AVDET – Aviation Detachment          |
| FOL – Forward Operating Location           |                                      |

## **I. High Seas Drift Net (HSDN) Enforcement**

USCGC MELLON began patrolling the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Convention (NPAFC) Area on 17 April and will be on patrol for approximately 80 days. A Coast Guard HC-130 is conducting two deployments staged out of the U.S. Air bases in Misawa and Yokota Japan. The HC-130 deployments have flown 57.5 hours to date in support of this mission. No HSDN vessels have been detected by these flights. A Canadian CP-140 aircraft is scheduled to deploy to Hakodate, Japan in June.

Two members of the District 17 Enforcement Branch participated in the NPAFC meeting in Kobe, Japan from 11-15 May and discussed coordination of multilateral enforcement efforts during the 2015 HSDN patrol season.

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

Activity along the MBL was light over the reporting period with 5 vessels detected within 20 miles of the MBL. There were no surface or air patrols of the MBL for the purposes of incursion detection during April and May 2015, due to the low levels of fishing vessels operating near the line. CGC SHERMAN is scheduled to patrol the MBL at the end of May, however, efforts of this 2-3 day patrol were not available at the time of this report.

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

There was no activity during the reporting period along the Dixon Entrance EEZ boundary. CGC NAUSHON and CGC CHANDELEUR patrolled the Dixon Entrance for a total of 2 days during the reporting period.

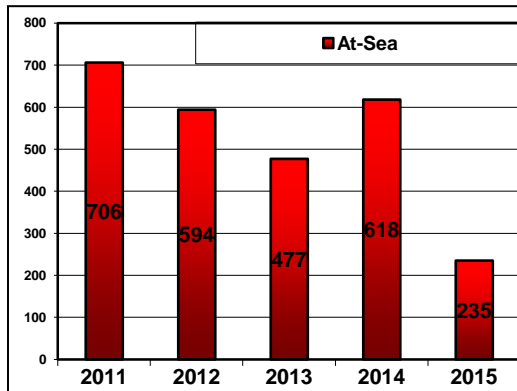
## **IV. Steller Sea Lions (SSL) and Critical Habitat Enforcement**

The Coast Guard monitors more than 151 critical habitat areas around the state each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity.

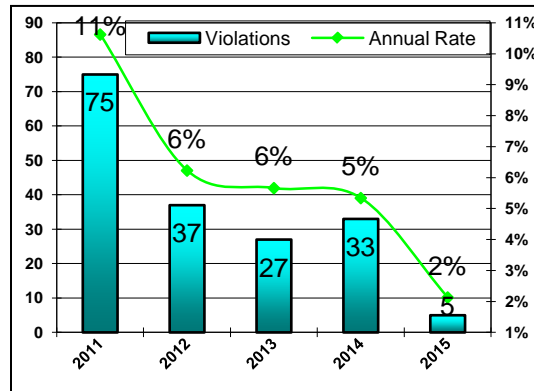
## **V. Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics**

There were 83 domestic fisheries and fishing vessel safety boardings conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of 34 safety violations onboard 22 vessels and three federal fisheries violations onboard three vessels. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations.

**Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year**



**Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year**



**Apr – May 2014 Boardings**

F/V Boardings (at sea):.....78  
 Boarding w/fisheries violations: .....01  
 Violation Rate:.....1.3%

**Apr – May 2015 Boardings**

F/V Boardings (at sea): .....83  
 Boardings w/fisheries violations: .....04  
 Violation Rate: .....4.8%

**VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement**

Following the IFQ season opening, Coast Guard patrols completed 39 boardings on fishing vessels targeting halibut and sablefish. There were 19 boardings of IFQ halibut vessels, detecting 1 fisheries violation for failure to possess a logbook onboard and 6 safety violations on four vessels. Two IFQ halibut vessels received voyage terminations for safety violations. There were six boardings on IFQ sablefish vessels, detecting no fisheries violations, and 1 boarding on a recreational vessel targeting sablefish in state waters, which received 3 safety violations. There were thirteen boardings on recreational vessels targeting halibut, of which six vessels received 11 safety violations and two voyages were terminated. No charter vessels were observed during the reporting period.

**VII. Crab Fisheries**

The Coast Guard continued commercial vessel safety enforcement activities on the Bering Sea crab fisheries, with CGC ALEX HALEY and CGC SHERMAN conducting six boardings on vessels targeting crab. There was one safety violation detected for lack of maintenance on a buoyant apparatus. One federal fisheries violation was issued for failure to provide a safe boarding ladder to facilitate an at-sea enforcement boarding.

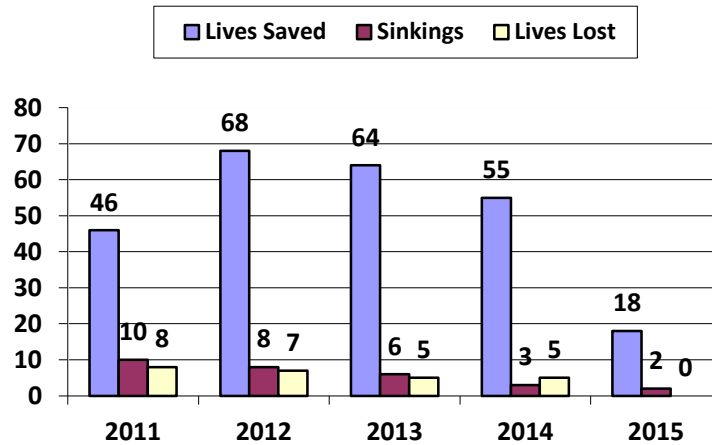
**VIII. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases**

During the reporting period, 34 safety violations were detected on 22 vessels. There were six voyage terminations during the reporting period. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were 10 SAR cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in 4 lives saved, no lives lost, and one vessel sinking. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of search and rescue cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

**Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics**

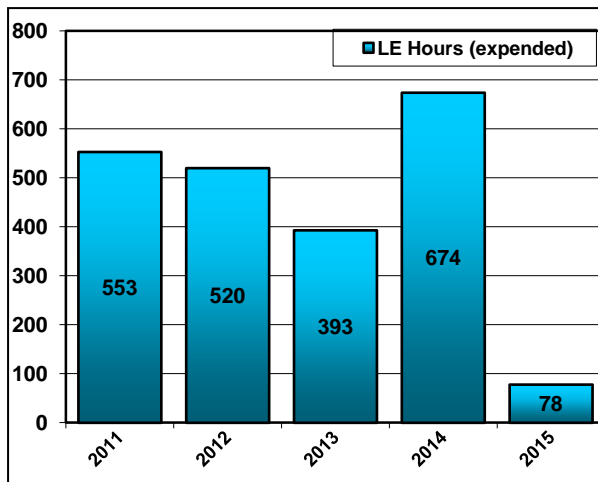
**Safety Statistics by Year**



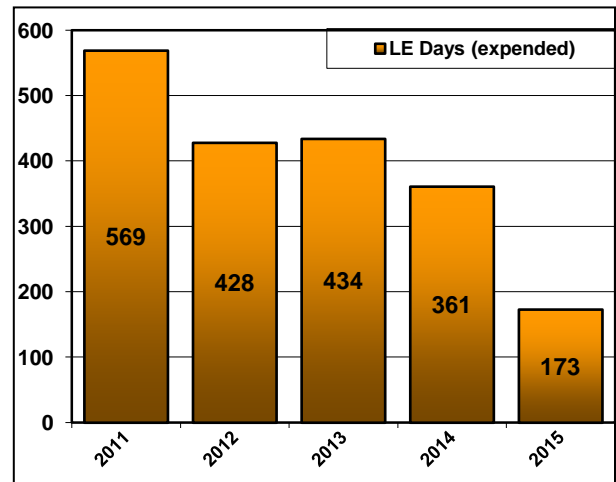
**IX. Coast Guard Resource Summary**

Figures 4 and 5 show the *annual* HC-130 aircraft law enforcement hours and Medium and High Endurance Cutter days used in the Seventeenth District. Figures 6 and 7 show the same information over the last three years for the *reporting period only*.

**Figure 4. Annual HC-130 Hours**



**Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days**



**Apr - May 2014**

3 WHECs patrolled.....102 days  
 0 WMECs patrolled ..... 00 days  
 2 WLBs patrolled..... 05 days  
 5 WPBs patrolled..... 68 days  
**Total Cutter patrol..... 175 days**

HC-130s flew ..... 164 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew..... 150 hours

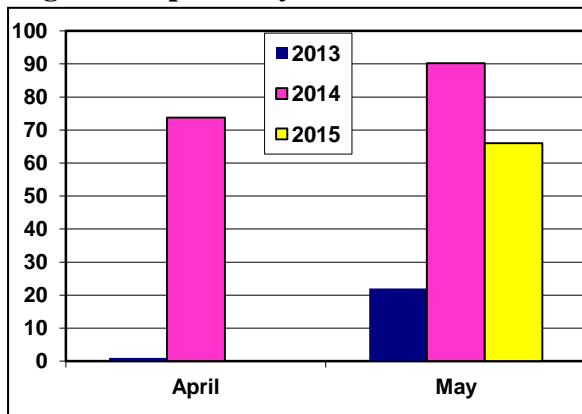
**Apr - May 2015**

2 WHECs patrolled.....34 days  
 1 WMECs patrolled .....41 days  
 1 WLB patrolled .....1 day  
 5 WPBs patrolled.....54 days  
**Total Cutter patrol.....130 days**

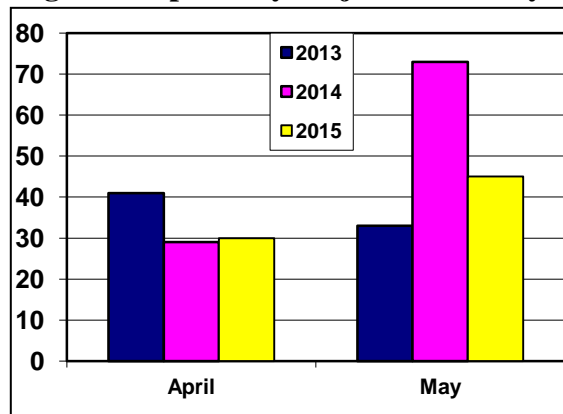
**\*For 2015, expected major cutter coverage is 419 days.**

HC-130s flew .....66 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew.....144 hours

**Figure 6. Apr – May HC-130 Hours**



**Figure 7. Apr– May Major Cutter Days**



**Appendix A**  
 March - May 2015  
 Search and Rescue Cases

| Date    | Vessel            | Case Specifics   |
|---------|-------------------|--|
| 3/20/15 | KODIAK ENTERPRISE | District 17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request for a crewmember on board F/V KODIAK ENTERPRISE. Case evaluated and SMC recommended vessel transport patient for medical evaluation at next port of call.  |
| 3/25/15 | MISS LEONA        | D17 Command Center received a report of F/V MISS LEONA disabled and adrift. D17 CC established communications and verified vessel was not in distress. MISS LEONA made tug arrangements and returned to Dutch Harbor. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.   |
| 3/25/15 | CHARISMA          | Sector Juneau received a report of F/V CHARISMA in possible distress and unable to be reached via radio communications. Sector assumed SMC and directed Air Station Sitka to launch CG-6032 and conduct search from last known position. Vessel was located, determined to not be in distress, and communications were established. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |
| 3/30/15 | INTREPID          | D17 Command Center received a report of a crew member experiencing illness on board F/V INTREPID and requesting MEDEVAC. Case evaluated and SMC recommended MEDEVAC. Air Station Kodiak CG-6503 launched and completed MEDEVAC to Cold Bay Clinic. HC-130 conducted patient transport to Kodiak for higher medical care.   |
| 3/31/15 | MAJOR             | Sector Juneau received a request for assistance from F/V MAJOR disabled and drifting towards shoal water. Sector assumed SMC, issued a MARB, and prepared to launch rescue boat. F/V MAJOR regained propulsion and safely moored. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.   |
| 4/9/15  | ALASKA ENDEAVOR   | CGC ALEX HALEY notified D17 Command Center of F/V ALASKA ENDEAVOR disabled and adrift north of Dutch Harbor. Assumed SMC and Tug MAKUSHIN BAY responded, taking ALASKA ENDEAVOR in tow. Air Station Kodiak CG-6006 launched to stand by in worsening weather. ALASKA ENDEAVOR safely moored in Captain's Bay. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.                       |
| 4/11/15 | ALASKA JURIS      | D17 Command Center received a report of an injured crewmember on board F/V ALASKA JURIS. Case evaluated and SMC recommended the vessel proceed to port for higher medical treatment within 24 hours. ALASKA JURIS proceeded to port and transferred the patient to onshore medical facility. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.  |

|         |                |   |
|---------|----------------|---|
| 4/21/15 | NORTHERN PRIDE | Sector Anchorage received a report of a MAYDAY hail from F/V NORTHERN PRIDE for fire on board. The vessel's crew was preparing to abandon ship into their liferaft. Assumed SMC and launched Air Station Kodiak CG-6011. CG-6011 successfully hoisted 03 crewmembers from the liferaft and safely transferred to EMS in Kodiak. The fishing vessel sunk. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |
| 4/26/15 | REGINA         | Sector Juneau received a report of F/V REGINA disabled with the potential for dragging anchor due to heavy weather. Sector Juneau assumed SMC and launched Station Ketchikan to conduct a welfare check. After arriving on scene, the vessel master confirmed that they had regained control and no further Coast Guard assistance was requested.   |
| 5/8/15  | US INTREPID    | D17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request from F/V US INTREPID for an injured crewmember. Case evaluated and SMC recommended vessel transport patient for medical evaluation at next port of call in Togiak.  |



**Appendix B**  
March - May 2015  
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

| DATE    | VSL NAME          | SPECIES | AREA  |
|---------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| 3/20/15 | NORTHERN JAEGER   | 270     | 513   |
| 3/20/15 | ISLAND ENTERPRISE | 270     | 513   |
| 3/22/15 | NEKTON            | 710     | 659   |
| 3/23/15 | EVENING STAR      | 710     | 659   |
| 3/23/15 | VICTORY           | 931     | EBT   |
| 3/24/15 | COLUMBIA          | 270     | 519   |
| 3/24/15 | ROYAL AMERICAN    | 270     | 519   |
| 3/26/15 | POSEIDON          | 270     | 509   |
| 3/26/15 | COMMODORE         | 270     | 509   |
| 3/30/15 | ALASKA SPIRIT     | 141,193 | 541   |
| 3/30/15 | HAAKON            | 230     | 659   |
| 3/30/15 | ANGJENL           | 230     | 659   |
| 3/31/15 | UNIMAK            | 127     | 517   |
| 4/4/15  | VAERDAL           | 127     | 509   |
| 4/4/15  | ALEUTIAN BEAUTY   | 710     | AI    |
| 4/4/15  | INDIAN SUMMER     | 200     | 2C    |
| 4/5/15  | AK2365AL          | 200     | 2C    |
| 4/6/15  | VANGUARD          | 110     | 521   |
| 4/12/15 | KARELIA           | 200     | 3A    |
| 4/18/15 | AK9083N           | 410     | 659   |
| 4/18/15 | ALASKAN TROJAN    | 932     | 541   |
| 4/19/15 | SEA VENTURE       | 710     | AI    |
| 4/20/15 | GREEN HOPE        | 141     | 541   |
| 4/20/15 | OCEAN PEACE       | 193     | 541   |
| 4/22/15 | FAITH             | 200/710 | 2C    |
| 4/22/15 | LUCKY ISLAND      | 710     | BS    |
| 4/23/15 | MISS SUSAN        | 200/710 | 2C    |
| 4/23/15 | ACE               | 200     | 4A    |
| 4/24/15 | ALASKAN PATRIOT   | 110     | state |
| 4/24/15 | KONRAD 1          | 710     | BS    |
| 5/1/15  | CAPE KALEKTA      | 200     | 4A    |
| 5/1/15  | AK4694AP          | 200     | 2C    |
| 5/3/15  | AK7515AG          | 200     | 2C    |
| 5/3/15  | AK2084AA          | 410     | 659   |
| 5/3/15  | AK4099N1          | 200     | 2C    |

**Appendix B**  
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| DATE    | VSL NAME       | SPECIES | AREA |
|---------|----------------|---------|------|
| 5/5/15  | CASCADE        | 200     | 4A   |
| 5/5/15  | DELIVERANCE    | 200     | 4A   |
| 5/5/15  | LARISA M       | 200     | 4A   |
| 5/6/15  | KEMA SUE       | 200     | 4A   |
| 5/7/15  | OBSESSION      | 200     | 3A   |
| 5/8/15  | ROBERT MAGNUS  | 200/710 | CG   |
| 5/8/15  | CHANDALAR      | 200/710 | CG   |
| 5/8/15  | EVENING STAR   | 200/710 | CG   |
| 5/11/15 | CARE FREE      | 410     | 659  |
| 5/13/15 | LESLIE ANN     | 200     | 2C   |
| 5/13/15 | CONSTELLATION  | 123     | 514  |
| 5/13/15 | ENTERPRISE     | 127     | 514  |
| 5/13/15 | SEAFISHER      | 123     | 514  |
| 5/14/15 | AK3687AE       | 200     | 2C   |
| 5/15/15 | ZSEVEN         | NA      | NA   |
| 5/15/15 | AK9247         | NA      | NA   |
| 5/17/15 | LIBERATOR      | 110     | 508  |
| 5/17/15 | BLUE ATTU      | 110     | 521  |
| 5/17/15 | BERING PROWLER | 110     | 521  |
| 5/17/15 | PETROF         | 110     | 610  |
| 5/17/15 | AK3750AN       | 200     | 2C   |
| 5/17/15 | AK7946P        | 200     | 2C   |
| 5/17/15 | ARCTIC PROWLER | 110     | 521  |
| 5/18/15 | BARANOF        | 932     | 521  |
| 5/18/15 | KASATKA        | 200     | 3A   |
| 5/19/15 | PROWLER        | 110     | 521  |

*Appendix C*  
 March - May 2015  
 Fisheries Boardings with Violations

| DATE    | UNIT           | VSL NAME        | SPECIES | NOTES AND DETAILS   |
|---------|----------------|-----------------|---------|---|
| 3/20/15 | CHANDELEUR     | SYDNEY MORGAN   | 230     | No sound producing device   |
| 3/21/15 | CHANDELEUR     | GOLD DUST       | 410     | EPIRB registration expired  |
| 3/23/15 | ALEX HALEY     | SEABROOKE       | 931     | Unserviceable life vests  |
| 3/27/15 | ALEX HALEY     | LEGACY          | 123     | Did not log sablefish bycatch in required time frame  |
| 3/30/15 | ALEX HALEY     | TRAILBLAZER     | 931     | Did not provide a boarding ladder to facilitate at-sea enforcement  |
| 4/24/15 | STA KETCHIKAN  | SWEET LISA      | 110     | Registration expired  |
| 4/30/15 | ROANOKE ISLAND | FISHIN MAGICIAN | 110     | Unserviceable flotation device and expired hydrostatic release  |
| 4/30/15 | ROANOKE ISLAND | LEBID           | 110     | Voyage terminated for no life raft, unserviceable immersion suit, expired flares, unserviceable flotation device, and expired EPIRB |
| 4/30/15 | SECTOR JUNEAU  | AK4400AP        | 200     | Registration not on board   |
| 5/1/15  | ALEX HALEY     | ALASKAN CATCH   | 200     | Voyage terminated for insufficient immersion suits  |
| 5/2/15  | STA KETCHIKAN  | AK4521AP        | 200     | Voyage terminated for no VDS, Type IV flotation device, or fire extinguisher on board   |
| 5/3/15  | STA KETCHIKAN  | AK0001D         | 200     | Registration and Type IV flotation device not on board  |
| 5/8/15  | STA KETCHIKAN  | AK1530AK        | 710     | Registration, VDS, and Type IV flotation device not on board  |
| 5/9/15  | SHERMAN        | ALEUTIAN SABLE  | 110     | Insufficient VDS  |
| 5/9/15  | STA KETCHIKAN  | AK9575N         | 200     | Voyage terminated for immersion suits, VDS, and sound producing device not on board   |

*Appendix C*  
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| DATE    | UNIT          | VSL NAME | SPECIES | NOTES AND DETAILS   |
|---------|---------------|----------|---------|---|
| 5/10/15 | STA KETCHIKAN | AK1491E  | 200     | Voyage terminated for no fire extinguisher on board and expired VDS |
| 5/11/15 | CHANDELEUR    | NONA S.  | 410     | Expired life raft service and vessel name improperly marked         |
| 5/11/15 | CHANDELEUR    | FAITH C  | 410     | Voyage terminated for no serviceable fire extinguishers on board    |
| 5/13/15 | CHANDELEUR    | AK3606AF | 200     | No halibut logbook on board   |
| 5/17/15 | STA KETCHIKAN | JB30678  | 200     | Registration not on board and no vessel numbering                   |
| 5/17/15 | STA KETCHIKAN | AK1348AE | 200     | Type IV flotation device not on board                               |