



NMFS  
Office for Law  
Enforcement  
Alaska Enforcement  
Division

North Pacific Observer Program  
2016 Annual Report  
Compliance and Enforcement

# Observer Compliance Role

- **Document and Report Suspected Violations**
- **Where Feasible, Assistance with Compliance**

# Observer Program Law Enforcement Support

- NOAA OLE
- US Coast Guard
- Alaska Wildlife Troopers
- Local Law Enforcement

# Reports of Potential Violation

<b>Statements</b>	<b>Incidents</b>	
1,312 statements received and reviewed in 2016	622 new incidents forwarded to agents and officers	420 ongoing
		125 enforcement action taken
	554 existing incidents with one or more statements added	561 Closed
		70 referred to AWT

# Harassment and Interference

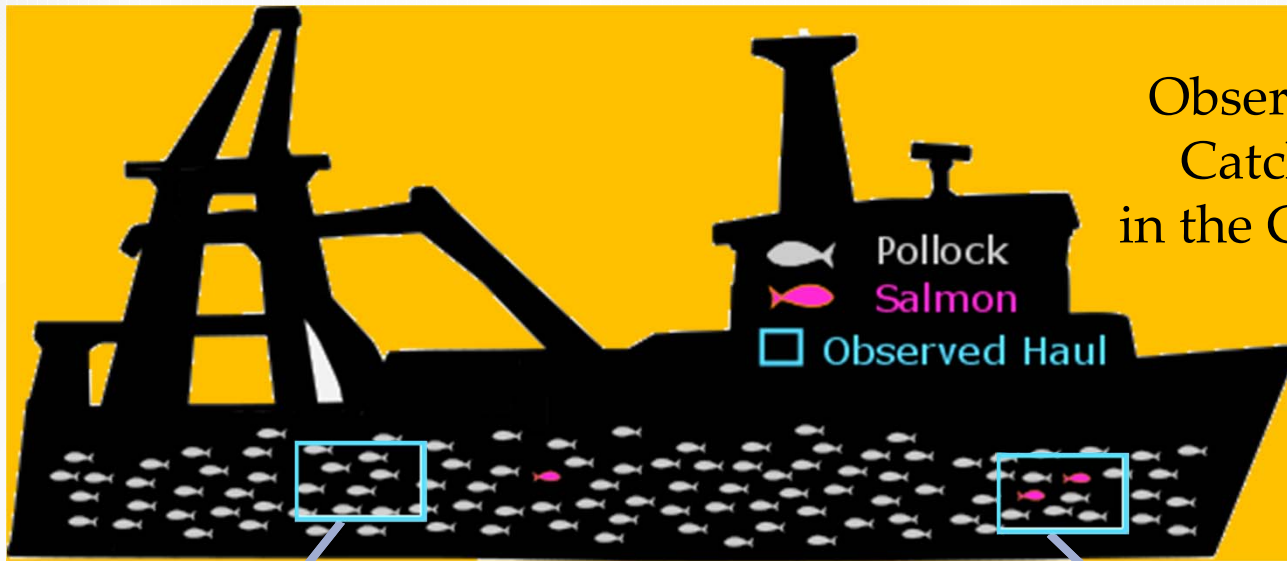
Victim Crimes = OLE Highest priority

## 2017 Categories

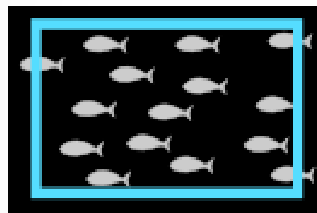
- Assault (1)
- Sexual Harassment (14)
- Intimidation/Coercion/Hostile Environment (52)
- Interference/Sample Bias (42)
- (NEW) Disruptive/Bothersome – Conflict Resolved (39)

Harass/Interfere total 2015 – 2016 (75 – 148)





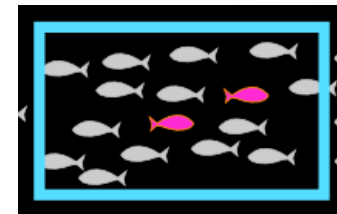
Observed Pollock  
Catcher Vessels  
in the Gulf of Alaska



Deliver to tender.  
Offload not monitored.

Zero salmon  
extrapolated to fleet.

*Change in behavior  
Biases data*



Deliver dockside.  
Offload monitored.

Haul salmon census  
extrapolated to fleet.

# Observer Safety Statements

(NMFS)\*

2015	2016
40	55

\*Excludes statements involving USCG exclusive authority

# Observer Coverage Complaints\* Partial Coverage

<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>139</b>	<b>88</b>

\*ODDS related complaints are received from Observer Program staff