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MEMORANDUM FOR: Council Members
North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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SUBJECT: Notices of Violation and Assessment Issued or Settled
from October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

The NOAA Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section (GCES) issued and served a Notice of Violation and Assessment (NOVA), or resolved a NOVA, in each of the following civil administrative cases between October 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026.

A NOVA is not evidence of liability; it is only an allegation. A respondent is entitled to a fair hearing before an administrative law judge at which the government must prove liability by a preponderance of the evidence. This report provides the final settlement amount where applicable. Settlements reflect a compromise of the penalty assessed in the original NOVA. Such reductions may be due to a number of factors, including acceptance of early settlement terms, newly discovered relevant information, a respondent's inability to pay the assessed penalty, as well as other matters as justice may require. Where no information is provided regarding resolution of the case, the matter remained open at the end of the reporting period (*i.e.*, March 31, 2026). For additional details about GCES' work, please visit <https://www.noaa.gov/general-counsel/gc-enforcement-section>.

1. AK2403682, Deep Blue Charters, Inc. – A Gustavus, Alaska company providing sport fishing guide services through the Alaska Anglers Inn was charged under the Northern Pacific Halibut Act with failing to retain Guided Angler Fish (GAF) permits and permit logs, failing to submit logbook information, and failing to record GAF confirmation numbers on GAF permit logs. A \$4,900 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$4,410.
2. AK2207018, F/V Foreigner – Owner Anastasia Basargin and Operator Arseny Reutov were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) with operating a vessel without an operable Vessel Monitoring System (VMS). A \$7,500 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$2,000.



3. AK2408352, F/V Arbiter – Owner F/V Arbiter, LLC and Operator Kirian I. Kuzmin were charged jointly and severally under the Endangered Species Act with unlawfully transiting through the Outer Island Steller Sea Lion Rookery Buffer Zone. A \$2,000 NOVA was issued. The NOVA became a final administrative decision due to default.
4. AK2408894, F/V Island Trader – Owner Anthony R. Smith was charged under the Endangered Species Act with unlawfully transiting through two Steller Sea Lion Rookery Buffer Zones. A \$2,000 NOVA was issued. The NOVA became a final administrative decision due to default.
5. AK2403761, F/V Equinox – Owner Schonbergsen, Inc. and Operator Jeffrey Alan Alberts were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to submit the vessel’s Daily Fishing Logbook (DFL) within the applicable time limits as required during two fishing seasons. A \$2,000 NOVA was issued. The NOVA became a final administrative decision due to default.
6. AK2403790, AK2408459, F/V Jaeger – Owner/Operator Benjamin D. Peters was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to submit the vessel’s DFL to OLE within the applicable time limits as required during two fishing seasons, failing to submit Electronic Monitoring (EM) data as required for three fishing trips, and failing to record required information in the vessel’s DFL for two fishing trips. A \$7,000 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$6,300.
7. AK2405721, F/V Marilyn J – Owner Marilyn J Vessel LLC and Operator Mark Charles Worley were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to redeploy or remove longline pot gear within five days of deploying the gear to fish IFQ sablefish in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska. A \$4,500 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$4,050.
8. AK2411642, F/V Akemi – Owner Akemi Group LLC was charged under the Endangered Species Act with unlawfully allowing its vessel to approach within three nautical miles of the Outer Island Steller sea lion rookery. A \$2,000 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$1,800.
9. AK2302329, F/V North Star – Owner North Star Vessel, LLC and Operators Joshua G. Buchan, Keith Pendleton, and Purser Harry Smiley were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and Northern Pacific Halibut Act with failing to comply with the requirements for halibut deck sorting, failing to comply with catch weighing and flow scale requirements, failing to retain video monitoring data for 120 days after the date the video was recorded, failing to return prohibited species to the sea immediately and with a minimum of injury, prohibiting or barring by refusal of reasonable assistance an observer from collecting samples or otherwise performing their duties, intimidating or interfering with an observer, discarding catch, or discarding an observer’s collected samples. A \$53,000 NOVA was issued.
10. AK2411765, F/V Shuyak – Owner PJJ, LLC and Operator Peter James Longrich were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with exceeding the maximum

retainable amount of skates in the Gulf of Alaska. A \$3,470.88 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$3,220.88.

11. AK2532701, Gary Edward Anderson – A charter vessel guide was charged under the Northern Pacific Halibut Act with failing to record the length and date one halibut was caught on the Guided Angler Fish (GAF) permit log immediately upon retaining the GAF halibut. A Written Warning was issued.

12. AK2201034, F/V Carlynn – Owner Carlynn, Inc. and Owner/Operator Robert Becker were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to maintain safe conditions for the protection of observers, failing to provide adequate accommodations for observers, and intimidating and harassing observers. A \$28,500 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$20,000.

13. AK2302327B, F/V Baranof – Crewman Jamar Strain was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with intimidating, sexually harassing, harassing, and interfering with an observer onboard a vessel. A \$9,500 NOVA was issued.

14. AK2310538, F/V Dock Holiday – Charter Vessel Guide and/or Charter Vessel Operator Scott Lefoy Jones and Business Operator Scotty's Seafood, LLC were charged jointly and severally under the Northern Pacific Halibut Act with being a charter vessel guide and/or charter vessel operator with charter vessel anglers on board without a charter halibut permit. A \$2,965 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$2,745.

15. AK2408451, F/V Tsiu – Owner Bae Olney-Miller, Operator/IFQ Permit Holder Dane C. Tebo, and IFQ Permit Holder Loren Lensegrav were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with fishing with bottom contact gear in a Gulf of Alaska Coral Habitat Protection Area; Owner Bae Olney-Miller, Operator/IFQ Permit Holder Dane C. Tebo were charged, jointly and severally, under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to retrieve and remove longline pot gear within five days of deploying the gear to fish IFQ sablefish in the Southeast Outside District of the Gulf of Alaska as required and submitting inaccurate information on an ADF&G Fish Ticket. A \$12,542 NOVA was issued.

16. AK2413468, F/V Sea Racer – Owner/Operator Varnavy N. Basargin was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with fishing for groundfish in the Gulf of Alaska without a valid Federal Fisheries Permit, inaccurately reporting statistical areas fished, and failing to put the proper markings on marker buoys. A \$10,250 NOVA was issued.

17. AK2312814, F/V Advancer – Owner Full Advance, LLC and Operator Norman E. Johannessen were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to log two fishing trips in the Observer Deploy and Declare System (ODDS) as required. A \$5,750 NOVA issued.

18. AK2403811, Northern Victor – Owner Westward Seafoods, Inc. and Manager Jacob L. Courson were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with failing to timely submit three product transfer reports. A \$2,250 NOVA was issued.

19. AK2412417, Silver Bay Seafoods-Kodiak, LLC – A shoreside processor was charged under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for utilizing a scale to weigh groundfish that failed to display a valid State of Alaska sticker indicating that the scale was inspected and approved within the previous 12 months. A \$21,000 NOVA was issued.

20. AK2307659, C/P Defender – Owner O’Hara Corporation and Operator Dean Slater were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with directed fishing in an Atka Mackerel no fishing zone. An \$89,834 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$44,834.

21. AK2307659B, C/P Defender – Owner O’Hara Corporation and Operator Michael Burgett were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with directed fishing in an Atka Mackerel no fishing zone. A \$102,137 NOVA was issued, and the case settled for \$45,000.

22. AK2308111, F/V Alaskan Lady – Owner Alaskan Lady, LLC and Operator Keith M. Williams were charged jointly and severally under the Magnuson-Stevens Act with directed fishing in pollock and Pacific cod no fishing zones and exceeding the maximum retainable amounts of pollock and Pacific cod in the Gulf of Alaska. A \$36,441 NOVA was issued, and the case was dismissed.