

17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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List of Abbreviations

AVDET – Aviation Detachment	MBL – U.S./Russian Maritime Boundary
CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation
CGC – Coast Guard Cutter	MEDICO – Passing medical advice at sea
DIW – Dead in the Water	NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator
EPIRB – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	PD – Police Department
FBS – Russian Federal Border Service	POB – Persons on board
FCH – Charter Fishing Vessel	PRC – Peoples’ Republic of China
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	RFMO – Regional Fisheries Management Org.
FOL – Forward Operating Location	SAR – Search and Rescue
FRC – 154’ Fast Response Cutter	SARSAT – Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
GOA – Gulf of Alaska	SMC – SAR Mission Coordinator
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	TERM - Termination
MH-65/MH-60 – CG helicopter	UMIB – Urgent Marine Info Broadcast
HSDN – High Seas Drift Net	VDS – Visual Distress Signals
IFQ – Individual Fishing Quota	WLB – 225’ Buoy Tender
IUU – Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing	WMEC – Medium Endurance Cutter
IVO – In the vicinity of	WMSL – 418’ National Security Cutter
MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast	WPB – 110’ Patrol Boat

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

In October, the Coast Guard conducted aerial surveillance patrols in support of Operation North Pacific Guard to enforce high seas fisheries under North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), and North Pacific Anadromous Fisheries Commission (NPAFC) authorities. The Coast Guard will present an oral summary of Operation North Pacific Guard 2024 during the December Council Meeting.

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

During the last two months, there was consistent foreign flagged longline and trawl fishing on the Russian side of the MBL. Coast Guard District 17 patrolled the MBL using both aircraft and surface vessels to deter and detect incursions. There were no suspected fishing incursions by foreign flagged vessels during the reporting period.

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

There was light fishing activity during the reporting period along the U.S.-Canadian EEZ boundary in the vicinity of Dixon Entrance. All Canadian commercial fishing vessels sighted were south of the A-B line and no incursions into U.S. waters were detected.

IV. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement

The Coast Guard monitors 151 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. D17 received no assistance requests within these areas in the reporting period.

V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 48 boardings conducted on commercial fishing vessels by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of 11 fisheries violations onboard seven vessels and two safety violations onboard two vessels. Appendices B and C list the boardings with violations that occurred during the reporting period.

VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Coast Guard patrols completed 11 federal fisheries boardings on commercial, charter, and recreational vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. Of these boardings, 10 were commercial IFQ halibut or sablefish vessels resulting in one fisheries violation on one vessel. Recreational vessels targeting halibut constituted one boarding resulting in zero fisheries violations.

VII. Crab Fisheries

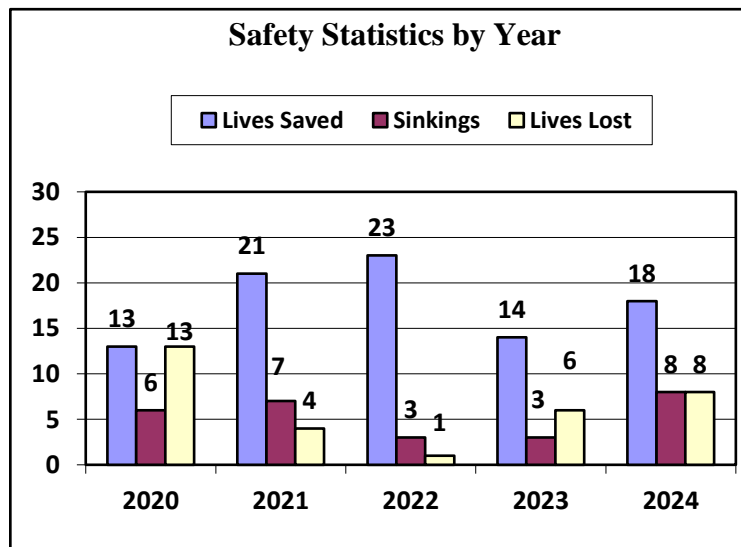
Coast Guard units conducted nine boardings of Bering Sea and Aleutian Island crab vessels during the reporting period. Coast Guard safety examiners also conducted shore-side stability and safety inspections. At-sea boardings found no safety or fisheries violations on the crabbers boarded.

VIII. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

There were 10 search and rescue (SAR) case involving commercial fishing vessels in U.S. waters during the reporting period. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

During the reporting period, two safety violations were detected on two commercial fishing vessels. A list of safety violations can be found in Appendix B.

Figure 1. Historical Overview of CFVS/SAR Statistics



Appendix A
 October - November 2024
 Commercial Fishing Vessel Search and Rescue Cases with USCG involvement

Date	Vessel Name	Case Details
10/03/2024	DIVE MASTER	A state commercial fisheries diver missed a check-in, and the body of the deceased diver was recovered by CG Station Ketchikan.
10/12/2024	NORTH STAR	A crewmember experienced an injury that was reported to the Coast Guard.
10/13/2024	JANUS	The vessel experienced an engine casualty and requested assistance. A good Samaritan towed the vessel to port.
10/14/2024	GALATEA	The vessel experienced an engineering casualty and requested assistance. CGC STRATTON arrived on scene and the boarding team was able to repair the casualty, allowing the vessel to return to port.
10/16/2024	MARILYN J	The vessel reported being disabled. A tug towed the vessel to port.
10/18/2024	ALASKAN LEGACY	The vessel reported a loss of propulsion and requested assistance. A good Samaritan towed the vessel to port.
10/19/2024	WIND WALKER	A crewmember experienced a medical issue, and the vessel requested a MEDEVAC. The vessel arrived in port prior to a Coast Guard response.
10/25/2024	MERCENARY	The vessel reported running out of fuel and requested assistance. Prior to a Coast Guard response, a good Samaritan provided the vessel with enough fuel to safely anchor in a cove. The vessel later safely transited to port.
11/10/2024	TSIU	The vessel experienced a mechanical issue and fire. A Coast Guard helicopter hoisted the three crewmembers onboard and transported them to safety. The vessel owner was organizing salvage operations.
11/21/2024	ARBITER	The vessel ran out of fuel and requested assistance. CGC LIBERTY responded and towed the vessel to port.

Appendix B
 October-November 2024
 Fisheries Boardings with Safety Violations (Commercial, Recreational, and Charter)

DATE	SPECIES	AREA	# SAFETY VIOS	ACTION	NOTES AND DETAILS
10/04/2024	200	2C	1	NOV	Unserviceable life raft
11/03/2024	110	513	1	NOV	Fail to broadcast AIS within 12NM

Appendix C

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Fisheries Boardings with Fisheries Violations (Commercial, Recreational, and Charter)

DATE	SPECIES	AREA	# FISHERY VIOS	NOTES AND DETAILS
10/08/2024	710	517	1	Failed to broadcast VMS as required
10/30/2024	110	517	1	Fail to use careful release methods while releasing halibut
11/03/2024	110	513	2	Retained fish for personal use that was logged as discarded at sea, covered Electronic Monitoring camera
11/04/2024	110	517	1	Discarding Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU) species
11/07/2024	110	524	1	Fail to log flowscale test in Electronic Logbook
11/11/2024	110	521	3	Fail to log flowscale tests in Electronic Logbook
11/19/2024	127	509	2	Discarding Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU) species

110 – Pacific Cod

127 – Yellowfin Sole

200 – Pacific halibut

710 – Sablefish (black cod)

WW – Written Warning

NOV – Notice of Violation

Term – Voyage Safety Termination