

COAST GUARD ARCTIC 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.
FOS – Forward Operating Site	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-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 – 87’ Patrol Boat

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

There were no IUU Fishing/HSDN enforcement events to report. Coast Guard Arctic District will be conducting counter-IUU Fishing operations this summer in conjunction with partner nations and federal enforcement partners.

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

During the reporting period, there was medium to high foreign-flagged longline and trawl fishing on the Russian side of the MBL. Coast Guard Arctic District patrols the MBL using both C-130 aircraft and surface vessels to deter and detect illegal incursions. There were 51 potential FF/V incursions by nine different Russian fishing vessels detected via electronic means during the period of May 20-27. No vessels were observed fishing over the line by Coast Guard aircraft or cutters. Coast Guard Arctic District has contacted the Russian Border Guard about each potential incursion, and is awaiting a response.

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

There was light Canadian fishing activity during the reporting period along the U.S.- Canada EEZ boundary in the vicinity of Dixon Entrance. All Canadian commercial fishing vessels sighted were south of the A-B line, and no fishing 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. Arctic District responded to no requests for marine survey flights in support of NOAA Protected Resources Division (PRD) during the reporting period.

On May 12, Coast Guard Station Juneau assisted the Marine Mammal Stranding Network with a humpback whale disentanglement near Endicott Arm. On May 27 and May 29, Coast Guard Air Station Juneau assisted the Marine Mammal Stranding Network with searching for a humpback whale entangled in fishing gear near the southern tip of Glass Peninsula.

V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

The Coast Guard conducted 40 federal fisheries boardings on commercial fishing vessels during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of 10 federal fisheries violations onboard six vessels. Violations included: failure to weigh catch as required (2), failure to retain and land rockfish as required (2), improper logging of catch as the wrong species (1), improper recordkeeping and reporting (1), improper careful release of halibut bycatch (1). Three additional fisheries violations were issued by NOAA OLE during a joint boarding for logbook discrepancies (1), not logging catch as required (1), and permit discrepancies (1).

VI. Charter, Recreational, and Subsistence Vessel Boarding Statistics

The Coast Guard conducted two federal fisheries boardings on charter halibut vessels finding no fisheries violations but two safety discrepancies. The Coast Guard conducted no federal fisheries boardings on recreational or subsistence vessel targeting halibut during the reporting period.

VII. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

The Coast Guard completed 14 boardings on commercial halibut/sablefish vessels and found four federal fisheries violations onboard three vessels. These violations included failure to retain and land rockfish as required (2), failure to weigh catch as required (1), and improper logging of catch as the wrong species (1). As stated above, the Coast Guard conducted two charter halibut boardings during the reporting period with no federal fisheries violations.

VIII. Forward Operating Sites (FOS) Summary

Arctic District continues to maintain fixed wing assets in Kodiak and rotary wing assets in Kodiak and Sitka. Additionally, Arctic District deployed assets to Forward Operating Sites in Cold Bay and Cordova based on operational requirements.

IX. Crab Fisheries

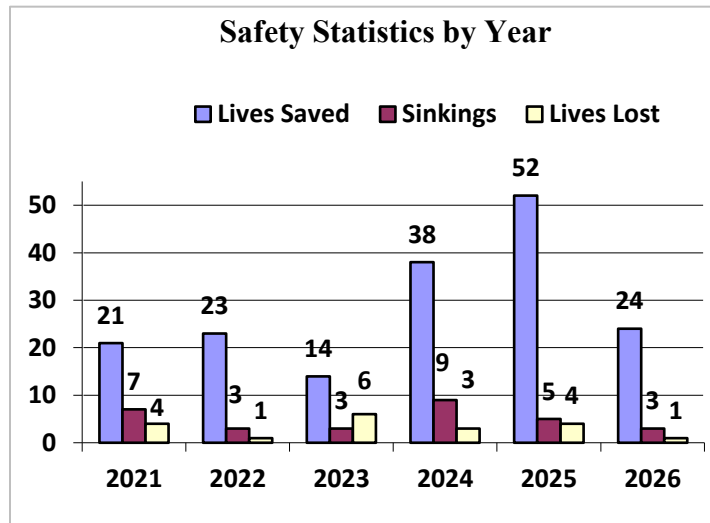
Coast Guard units conducted three boardings on fishing vessels participating in Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands crab fisheries during the reporting period. No safety or fisheries violations were observed during these boardings.

X. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

The Coast Guard conducted 40 federal fisheries boardings and 25 CFVS (state fishery) boardings on commercial fishing vessels during the reporting period. Arctic District detected seven safety violations onboard seven commercial fishing vessels. These violations included lack of required official markings (2), not transmitting AIS as required (2), personal use narcotics located onboard and seized (1), EPIRB expired hydrostatic release (1), and a voyage termination for lack of required PFDs (1).

During the reporting period, Arctic District conducted 25 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving commercial, charter, and recreational fishing vessels resulting in 13 lives saved, 33 lives assisted, one life lost, 10 vessels safeguarded, and two vessels lost. The graph below shows calendar year 2026 to date.

Figure 1. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics



XI. Coast Guard Resource Summary

Figures 2 - 5 show the annual aircraft law enforcement (LE) hours, major cutter days, and patrol boat hours. Data for calendar year 2026 includes resource hours/days through the end of the reporting period (May).

Figure 2. Annual Fixed Wing LE Hours

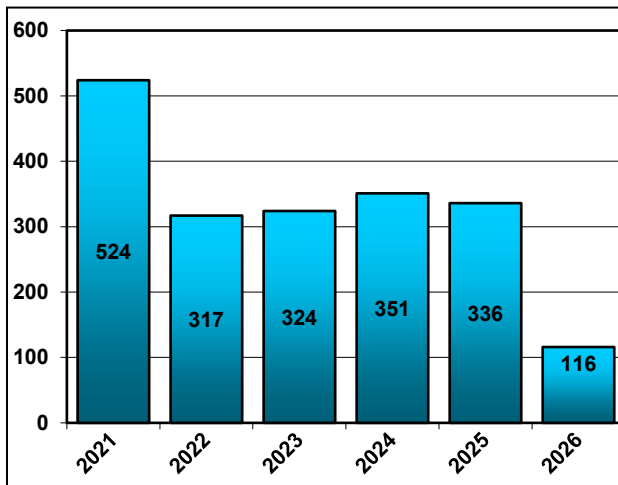


Figure 3. Annual Major Cutter Days

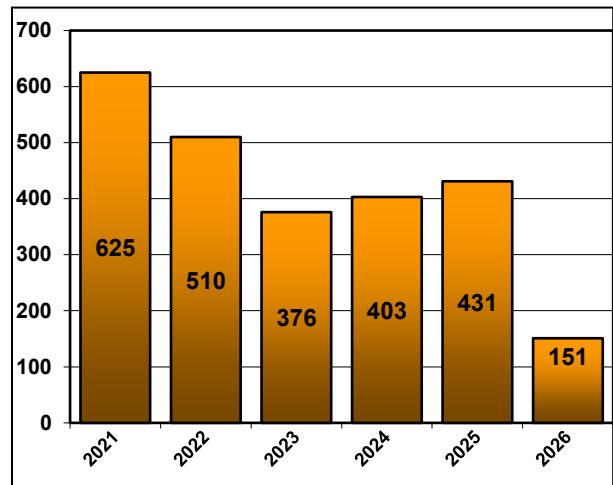


Figure 4. Annual Rotary Wing LE Hours

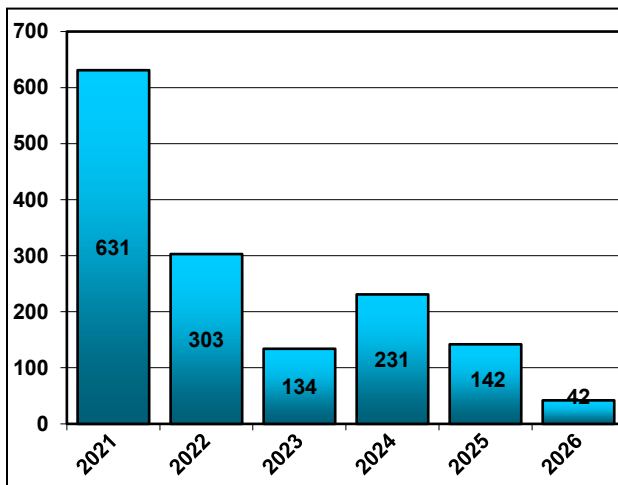


Figure 5. Annual Patrol Boat Hours

