



U.S. Coast Guard Arctic District

Operation Compliant Export

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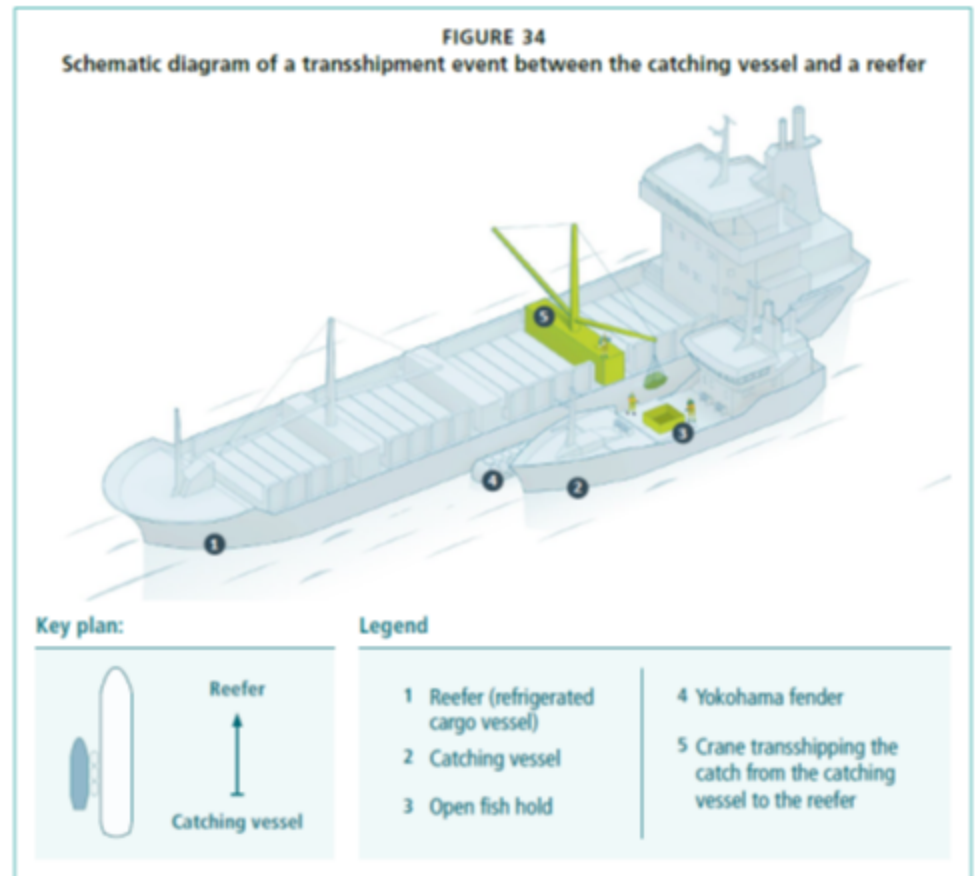
Overview

U.S. Coast Guard Arctic District and NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement have partnered on an operation to ensure the landing of processed Alaskan groundfish to foreign-flagged refrigerated cargo vessels occurs in accordance with all applicable federal laws and regulations.

Together, we routinely monitor the refrigerated cargo "trampler" vessels and the U.S. vessels that offload product to them. Our monitoring and enforcement operations have not found any evidence of trampers illegally operating in Alaska's waters.

What is a “trampler”?

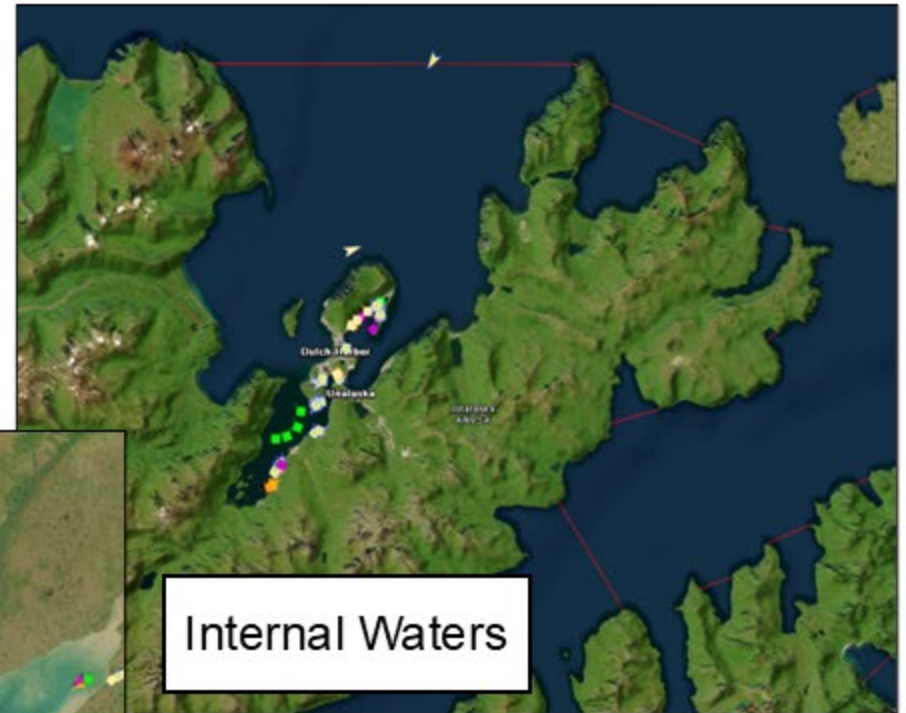
- Typically foreign flagged
- Refrigerated cargo vessel
- Receiving processed U.S. groundfish (products)
- Transporting seafood overseas



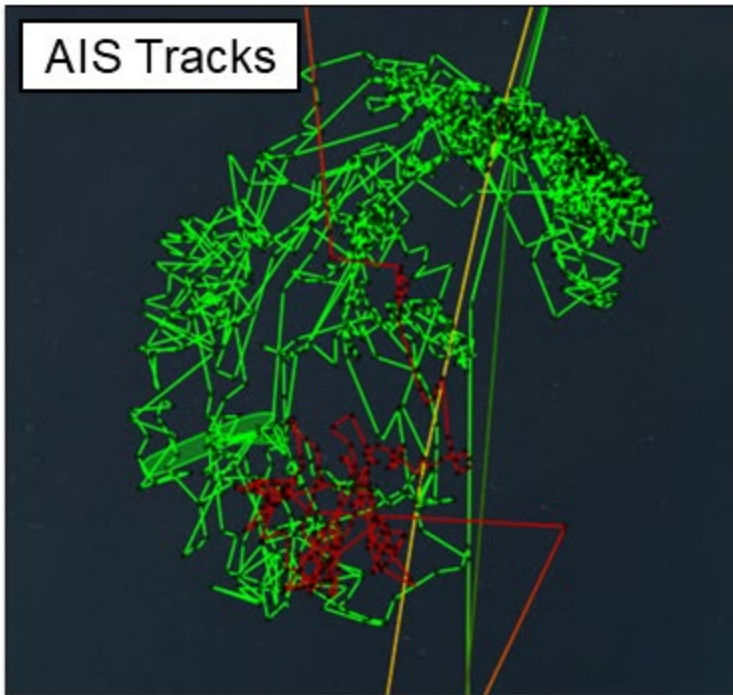
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Where is it allowed?

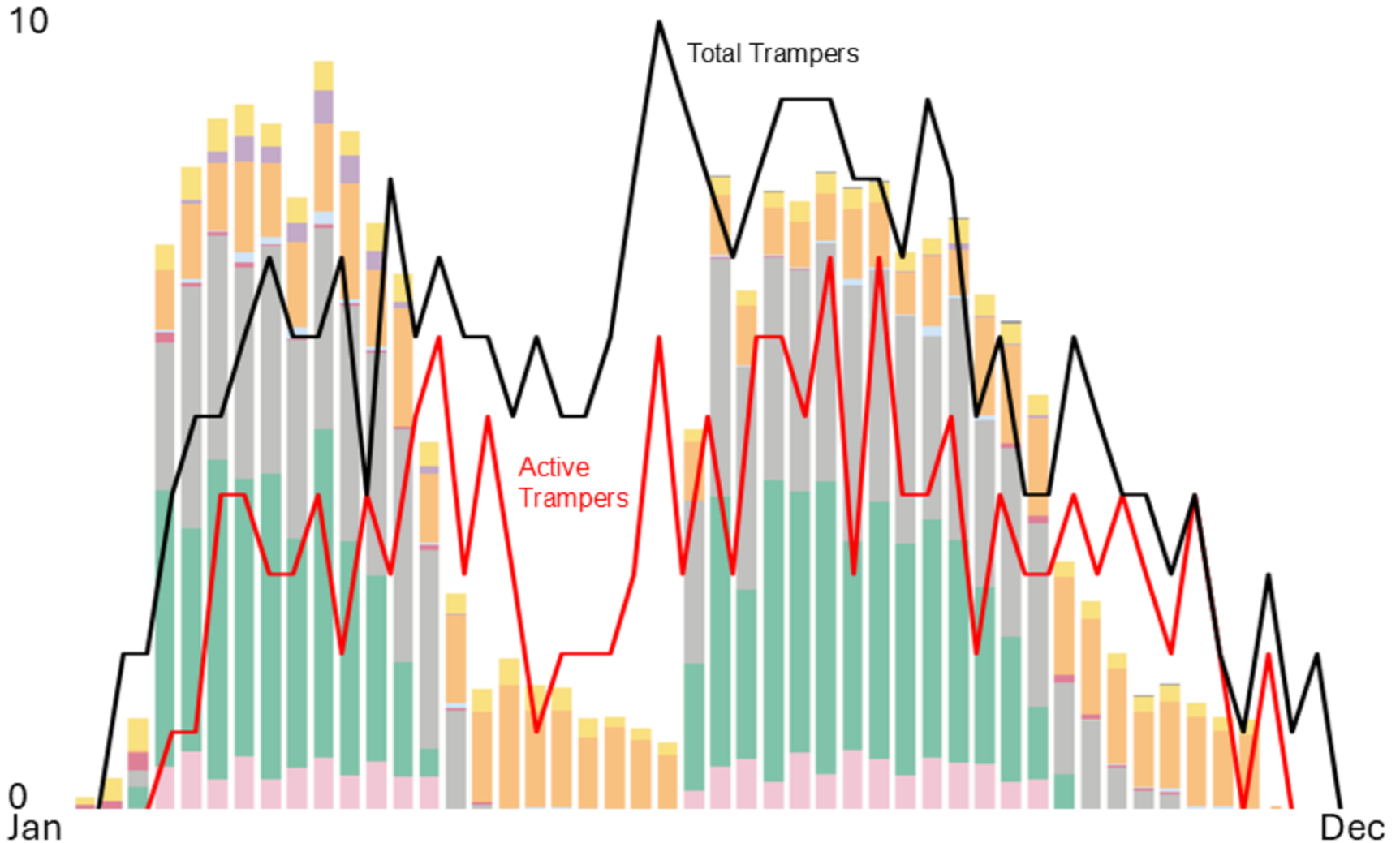
- Internal Waters
- Ports and Roadsteads
- In State Waters (0 to 3nm) with a permit
- In the EEZ (3 to 200nm) with a permit



What does it look like?



Seasonal Activity (2025)



Governing Laws

Lacey Act

MSFCMA



Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

As Amended Through January 12, 2007



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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lammiman, Jr., USN (Ret.)
Under Secretary for Ocean and Atmosphere

National Marine Fisheries Service
William T. Hagarth, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries

PUBLIC LAW 100-653—NOV. 14, 1988 102 STAT. 3825

Public Law 100-653
100th Congress

An Act

To reauthorize and amend certain wildlife laws, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Nov. 14, 1988
(16 U.S.C. 609)

Conservation,
Fish and Fishing.

TITLE I—LACEY ACT AMENDMENTS

SEC. 101. PROHIBITED ACTS.
Section 3 of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3372) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1) (16 U.S.C. 3372(a)(1)) by striking "taken or possessed" and inserting in lieu thereof "taken, possessed, transported, or sold";

(2) by striking subsection (a)(4) (16 U.S.C. 3372(a)(4)) and redesignating subsection (a)(5) as subsection (a)(4); and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(c) **SALE AND PURCHASE OF GUIDING AND OUTFITTING SERVICES AND INVALID LICENSES AND PERMITS.**—

"(1) **SALE.**—It is deemed to be a sale of fish or wildlife in violation of this Act for a person for money or other consideration to offer or provide—

"(A) guiding, outfitting, or other services; or

"(B) a hunting or fishing license or permit;

for the illegal taking, acquiring, receiving, transporting, or possessing of fish or wildlife.

"(2) **PURCHASE.**—It is deemed to be a purchase of fish or wildlife in violation of this Act for a person to obtain for money or other consideration—

"(A) guiding, outfitting, or other services; or

"(B) a hunting or fishing license or permit;

for the illegal taking, acquiring, receiving, transporting, or possessing of fish or wildlife.

"(d) **FALSE LABELING OFFENSES.**—It is unlawful for any person to make or submit any false record, account, or label for, or any false identification of, any fish, wildlife, or plant which has been, or is intended to be—

"(1) imported, exported, transported, sold, purchased, or received from any foreign country; or

"(2) transported in interstate or foreign commerce."

SEC. 102. PENALTY.

(a) **CIVIL PENALTY.**—Paragraph (1) of section 4(a) of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3373(a)(1)) is amended by inserting "and any person who knowingly violates section 3(d), after "any underlying law, treaty, or regulation,".

(b) **CRIMINAL PENALTY.**—Subsection (d) of section 4 of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3373(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

Import,
Export,
Commerce and
Trade,
Plants.

PSMA

129 STAT. 664

PUBLIC LAW 114-83—NOV. 3, 2015

SEC. 101. ENFORCEMENT.

"For enforcement of this Act, see section 606 of the High Seas Drifted Fishing Moratorium Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1806g)."

SEC. 102. AMENDMENT OF RESEARCH.

Section 15 (16 U.S.C. 902) is amended by striking "vessel" and inserting "vessels".

SEC. 103. REPEAL OF EASTERN PACIFIC TUNA LICENSING ACT OF 1984.

The Eastern Pacific Tuna Licensing Act of 1984 (16 U.S.C. 972 et seq.) is repealed.

TITLE III—AGREEMENT ON PORT STATE MEASURES TO PREVENT, DETER AND ELIMINATE ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED FISHING

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Port State Measures Agreement Act of 2015".

SEC. 102. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this title is to implement the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.

SEC. 103. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this title:

(1) The term "Agreement" means the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, done at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in Rome, Italy, November 22, 2009, and signed by the United States November 22, 2009.

(2) The term "IUU fishing" means any activity set out in paragraph 2 of the 2001 FAO International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.

(3) The term "IUU vessel" means a vessel that is included in a list of vessels having engaged in IUU fishing or fishing-related activities in support of IUU fishing that has been adopted by a regional fisheries management organization of which the United States is a member, or a list adopted by a regional fisheries management organization of which the United States is not a member if the Secretary determines the criteria used by that organization to create the IUU list is comparable to criteria adopted by RFMOs of which the United States is a member for identifying IUU vessels and activities.

(4) The term "Magnuson-Stevens Act" means the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).

(5) The term "person" has the same meaning as that term has in section 2 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1802).

Authority

16 USC 1861. Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation & Management Act

Enforcement – Powers of Authorized Officers

(b)(i) Any officer who is authorized (by the Secretary, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating [...] to enforce the provisions of this chapter may— (A) with or without a warrant or other process—

(ii) **board, and search or inspect, any fishing vessel** which is subject to the provisions of this chapter;

(iii) **seize any fishing vessel** (together with its fishing gear, furniture, appurtenances, stores, and cargo) used or employed in, or with respect to which it reasonably appears that such vessel was used or employed in, the violation of any provision of this chapter;

(iv) **seize any fish** (wherever found) taken or retained in violation of any provision of this chapter;

(v) **seize any other evidence** related to any violation of any provision of this chapter; and

*Note: 16 USC 1802(18) (18) The term “**fishing vessel**” means any vessel, boat, ship, or other craft which is used for, equipped to be used for, or of a type which is normally used for— (A) fishing; or (B) aiding or assisting one or more vessels at sea in the performance of any activity relating to fishing, including, but not limited to, preparation, supply, **storage, refrigeration, transportation**, or processing.

Prohibitions

16 USC 1857(1)(G) – MSFCMA

It is unlawful - for any person - to ship, transport, offer for sale, sell, purchase, import, export, or have custody, control, or possession of, any fish taken or retained **in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, or agreement;**

Prohibitions cont.

50 CFR 600.725(b) - Prohibition of US Vessel from Transshipment to FFV Lacking a Permit

It is unlawful for any person to do any of the following –

Transfer or attempt to transfer, directly or indirectly, any U.S.-harvested fish to any foreign fishing vessel, **while such vessel is in the EEZ (3 to 200nm)**, unless the foreign fishing vessel has been **issued a permit** under section 204 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which authorizes the receipt by such vessel of U.S.- harvested fish.

***Note: Transshipment Permit authorizes a vessel other than a vessel of the US to engage in fishing consisting solely of transporting fish or fish products at sea from a point within the EEZ or, with the concurrence of a State, within the boundaries of that State, to a point outside the United States; State Governor may grant permission for the vessel to engage in processing a specific species within the internal waters of a state.

Prohibitions cont.

16 USC 1857(2) - Prohibition of Foreign Receipt of Fish from US vessel in US EEZ

It is unlawful for any vessel other than a vessel of the United States, and for the owner or operator of any vessel other than a vessel of the United States, to engage —

(a) in fishing within the boundaries of any State, EXCEPT transshipment at sea of fish or fish products **WITHIN the boundaries of any State in accordance with a permit approved under section 1824(d) of this title;**

(b) in **fishing within the exclusive economic zone** unless such fishing is authorized by, and conducted in accordance with, **a valid and applicable permit**

Prohibitions cont.

50 CFR 679.5(l)(3)(i) - Transshipment Authorization

No person may transship processed IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, IFQ sablefish, or CR crab between vessels without authorization by a local clearing officer. Authorization from a local clearing officer must be obtained for each instance of transshipment at least 24 hours before the transshipment is intended to commence.

Prohibitions cont.

16 USC 3372(d) - Reporting/Labeling of Fish (Lacey Act)

It is unlawful for any person to make or submit any **false record, account, or label for, or any false identification of, any fish, wildlife, or plant** which has been, or is intended to be —

(2) transported in interstate or foreign commerce.



Prohibitions cont.

16 USC 3372(b) – Lacey Act

It is unlawful for any person to import, export, or transport in interstate commerce any container or package containing any fish or wildlife unless the container or package has previously been **plainly marked, labeled, or tagged** in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to paragraph (2) of section 3376(a) of this title

50 CFR 679.7(a)(10)(i) – Lacey Act; False Labeling

It is unlawful for any person to do any of the following - Fail to comply with or fail to ensure compliance with requirements in §679.4 (permits) or 679.5 (reports)

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Questions?

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