Chapter 5: Compliance and Enforcement



Data Preparation

- Previously, summaries of potential violations were reported by number of statements received.
- Summaries will now be reported by number of occurrences; one statement may have documented multiple occurrences of a particular violation.
- Rate of potential violation is number of occurrences per 1,000 deployed days.
- For interpersonal statement types, occurrences per assignment is also assessed.



Overview of Occurrence Rates

					STATEMENT CATEGORY GROUP and INCIDENT OCCURRENCE RATE										
FACTOR COMBINATIONS				SUM TOTALS				OLE PRIORIT PERSO	Y: INTER-	OLE PRIORITY: SAFETY AND DUTIES	COAST GUARD	LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAMS	PROTECTED RESOURCE & PROHIBITED SPECIES	ALL OTHER STATEMENT TYPES	
COVERAGE TYPE	VESSEL TYPE	GEAR TYPE	MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	NMFS REGION	VESSEL/PLANT ASSIGNMENTS	DEPLOYED DAYS	STATEMENTS (all categories)		' Occurrences per 1000 Deployed Days						
			CDQ	BSAI	26	517	6	44	0	0	2.4	9.3	58.9	2.4	12.8
	CP/MS	HAL	IFQ	BSAI	3	33	0	1	0	0	0	3.6	36.4	0	0
				GOA	3	89	2	14	0	0	3.5	10.3	128.1	0	13.9
			OA	BSAI	73	3577	62	291	0.29	5.9	19.7	7.3	22.3	5.5	20.7
		NPT	A80	BSAI	167	9902	218	890	0.49	8.3	2.6	12.1	12.8	35.0	19.2
			CDQ	BSAI	75	1631	24	83	0.08	3.6	1.5	8.8	26.1	4.8	5.9
			OA	BSAI	67	1744	21	80	0.04	1.6	1.4	7.5	22.5	7.2	5.8
				GOA	26	635	10	119	0.18	7.2	2.0	5.1	7.4	5.2	160.5
			RPP	GOA	11	298	5	8	0.05	2.0	4.5	11.6	5.0	2.3	2.1
FULL		POT	CDQ	BSAI	7	179	2	4	0	0	0	22.3	0	0	0
			OA	BSAI	12	156	2	39	0	0	0	6.4	0	0	243.6
		PTR	A80	BSAI	5	28	0	0	0	0	0	2.6	0	6.5	0
			AFA	BSAI	94	5694	107	408	0.43	7.1	0.7	18.4	11.5	23.3	10.6
			CDQ	BSAI	56	1364	19	59	0.11	4.7	0	13.4	1.2	22.3	1.9
			RPP	GOA	4	43	1	2	0	0	3.6	24.0	9.6	0	0
	cv	NPT	OA	BSAI	33	530	9	32	0.18	11.1	3.5	6.7	0	32.0	7.3
			RPP	GOA	40	352	12	17	0.14	16.1	1.2	7.5	0	2.3	21.6
		PTR	AFA	BSAI	189	9103	145	761	0.33	6.8	7.8	11.8	0.2	10.1	46.8
			RPP	GOA	47	378	13	23	0.02	2.5	14.8	3.6	0	0.5	40.6
	PLANT	(N/A)	AFA	BSAI	69	4858	71	153		3.8		3.3	1.4	4.3	14.4
			OA	BSAI	13		2	4	0.00	2.4			0	6.3	8.4
				GOA	15	553	38			18.1	244.1	0			397.8
PARTIAL	PLANT		OA	GOA	6		11	18	0	0	0			21.3	42.6
	cv	HAL NPT	CDQ	BSAI	4	26	0					0		0	0
			L IFQ.	BSAI	6		2	3		0		47.6	6.8	0	5.8
			11 3	GOA	72		18					14.7	1.5	112.8	82.8
			OA	BSAI	16	78	5			51.3	12.8	0	0	0	64.1
				GOA	41	161	10			6.2	0	12.4	0	58.7	56.7
		РОТ	IFQ	BSAI	5		7	50		0	_	22.7	613.6	68.2	431.8
				GOA	24	167	13	60		25.5	131.7	0	12.0	0	187.2
			OA	BSAI	23	128	6			0	0	23.4	0	·	70.3
		PTR	· · ·	GOA	63	276	18	29	0.02	5.1	10.9	7.2	0	20.1	61.3



Significant Occurrence Rates

PLANT GOA

- Interpersonal
 - Rate of .67 per assignment
 - When reported to plant management, management assisted observers.
- Safety and Interference
 - 244.1/1,000 deployed days
- Protected Resources & Prohibited Species
 - Rate of 267.7/1,000 deployed days
- "Other"
 - 397.8/1,000 deployed days
 - Reasonable assistance and restricted access



Significant Occurrence Rates

- CP NPT BSAI A80
 - Interpersonal
 - Rate of .49 per assignment.
 - Often reported in-season, to vessel management.
- CP PTR BSAI AFA
 - Interpersonal
 - Rate of .43 per assignment.
 - Observers were less likely to report occurrences to vessel management.



Significant Occurrence Rates

CV POT BSAI IFQ

- Limited Access category
 - 613.6/1,000 deployed days.
 - Discard of sablefish (black cod)
- "Other" category
 - 431.8/1,000 deployed days.
 - Record keeping and reporting inaccuracies

CV POT GOA IFQ

- Safety and Interference category
- 131.7/1,000 deployed days.
 - Interference with observer's sampling methods.
 - Intimidation
 - Failure to conduct wheel watch/lookout (Coast Guard Rule 5)



Status of Statements and Incidents

Statements	Incidents	Statuses					
		43 Ongoing (142 statements)					
619 Statements received and reviewed in 2020		2 Forwarded for prosecution (2 statements)					
39 statements did not	223 new incidents created (532 statements)	7 Written Warnings issued (44 statements)					
document an actual violation	40 -4-4	8 Summary Settlements issued (24 statements)					
580 statements were	48 statements were added to 19 open incidents	64 Compliance assistance provided (157 statements)					
forwarded to agents and officers		118 Closed - No OLE Action (211 statements)					
Excludes 60 Observer Coverage potential violations reported by Agency Staff.	Multiple statements are often combined into a single incident if the same vessel, operator, or company is involved.						



Meetings with Industry

- 10 collaborative meetings with 10 companies
 - Fleet wide and management program concerns
 - Company and vessel specific concerns
 - Safety and observer work environment
- Amendment 80 co-op meeting
- Halibut Deck Sorting check in meetings
- GOA catcher vessel fleet meeting



Enforcement Operations

In February 2021, four OLE agents and officers deployed to the port of Dutch Harbor for a pulse operation, targeting open investigations from 2020.

The operation started with 59 individual incidents containing 219 individual statements involving 50 separate vessels or processing facilities.

- 37 were resolved with compliance assistance
- 10 summary settlements were issued, 29 written warnings were issued
- 25 statements were closed due to lack of evidence.
- 91 statements remain open and are still currently under investigation.
- Three additional investigations were opening involving the safety or work environment of observers.



NOAA General Counsel

- AK1701779; F/V Seafisher. Iakopo Jake Vae was issued a \$60,000 NOVA for forcibly assaulting and sexually harassing an observer.
- AK1802015; F/V Alaskan Lady. Eliman Bah was issued a \$24,000 NOVA for harassing a fisheries observer by conduct that had sexual connotations, the purpose or effect of interfering with the observer's work performance, or otherwise created an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.
- AK1804012; FV Seafisher. Ioane Ioane was issued a \$24,000 NOVA for harassing a fisheries observer by conduct that had sexual connotations, the purpose or effect of interfering with the observer's work performance, or otherwise created an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.



Questions?

