

17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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List of Abbreviations

AVDET – Aviation Detachment	MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation
CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	MEDICO – Passing medical advice at sea by electronic communications
CGC – Coast Guard Cutter	NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator
DIW – Dead in the Water	NVG – Night Vision Goggles
EPIRB – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	PCC- Cabin Cruiser
FBS - Russian Federal Border Service	PD – Police Department
FCH- Charter Fishing Vessel	POB – Persons on board
FLL – Long Line Vessel	PRA- Pleasure craft, run about
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	SAR – Search and Rescue
FOL – Forward Operating Location	SARSAT – Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
FPB- Pot Fishing Vessel	SMC – SAR Mission Coordinator
FTS- Stern Trawl Vessel	UMIB –Urgent Marine Info Broadcast
GOA – Gulf of Alaska	WLB –225ft Buoy Tender
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	WPB – 110ft Patrol Boat
HEC/MEC – High/Medium Endurance Cutters	
HFP – Health Force Partners	
HH65/60 – CG helicopter	
HSDN – High Seas Drift Net	
IFQ – Individual Fishing Quota	
IUU – Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing	
IVO – In the vicinity of	
MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast	
MBL – US/Russian Maritime Boundary	

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

There were no HSDN enforcement activities conducted during the reporting period. Operation North Pacific Guard (NPG) is an annual high seas U.S. fisheries law enforcement operation designed to detect and deter all types of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing activity, including large-scale high seas pelagic drift-net (herein HSDN) fishing, in accordance with multilateral and bilateral international agreements to which the United States is party. Operation NPG advances U.S. goals for the conservation and management of high seas fisheries resources and is our at-sea enforcement contribution to a multilateral effort by North Pacific rim nations to eliminate IUU fishing activity from the North Pacific.

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

There was very low activity along the MBL in April, but rapidly increased in May. Overall there was an average of 3-4 vessel per day detected within 20 nautical miles of the MBL. There have been no detected incursions by FF/Vs into the U.S. EEZ this season. In April and May, US fishing activity, along the MBL, decreased significantly from the activity previously seen in March.

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 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 more than 151 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. One NOAA marine mammal survey flight with embarked NOAA agents was completed on 10 May by Air Station Kodiak. Additional NOAA Survey flights are scheduled for the next several months.

V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 104 federal fisheries boardings conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of 10 fisheries violations onboard 8 vessels. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations. Appendices B and C list the boardings that occurred during the reporting period.

Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year

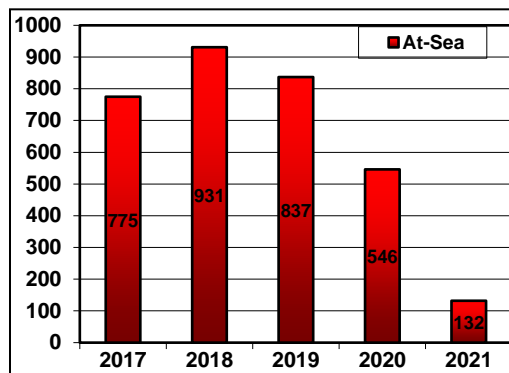
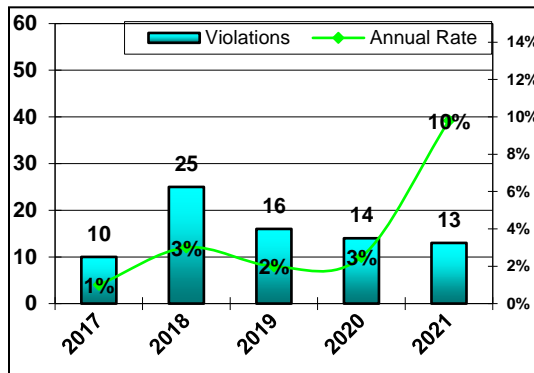


Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year



Apr - May 2020 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):44
 Boardings w/fisheries violations:2
 Violation Rate:4.5%

Apr - May 2021 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):107
 Boardings w/fisheries violations:8
 Violation Rate:7.5%

VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Coast Guard patrols completed 98 boardings on commercial, charter, and recreational vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. 75 boardings were of Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) halibut or sablefish vessels, detecting 9 fisheries violations on 7 vessels.

VII. Forward Operating Locations

Air Station Kodiak deployed one MH-60 to Cold Bay from mid January to April for the Bering Sea crab season. Air Station Kodiak deployed one MH-60 to Aviation Support Facility Cordova on 01 May for the increased vessel activity in Prince William Sound during the summer.

VIII. Crab Fisheries

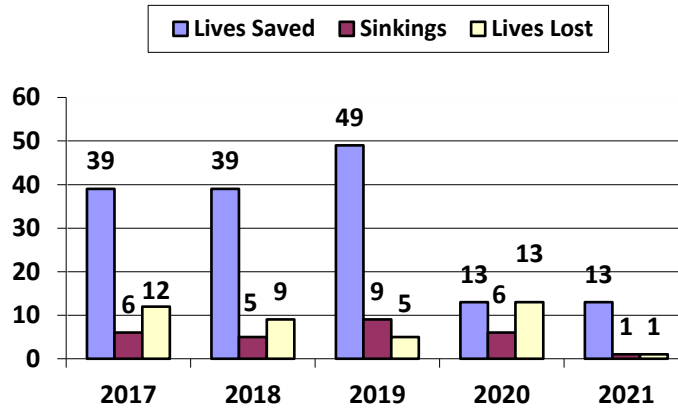
No boardings on crab boats were conducted during this period.

IX. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period on State and Federal fishing vessels, 23 safety violations were detected on 15 vessels. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were 4 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in 0 lives saved, 0 lives lost, and 0 vessels lost during the reporting period. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics
Safety Statistics by Year



X. Coast Guard Resource Summary

Figures 4 - 7 show the *annual* aircraft law enforcement hours, Medium and High Endurance Cutter days, and Patrol Boat hours used in the Seventeenth District. Figures 8-9 show the same information over the last three years for major cutters and patrol boats over the *reporting period only*.

Figure 4. Annual HC-130 Hours

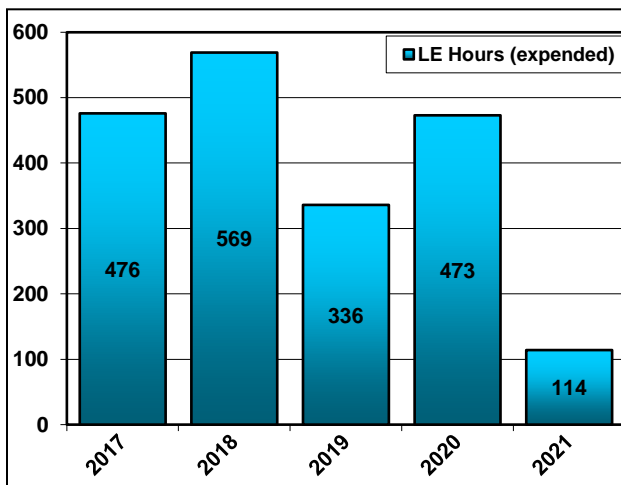
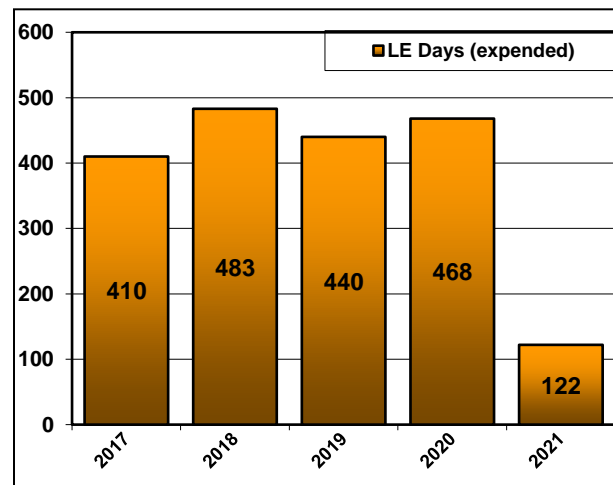


Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days



Apr - May 2020

0 WMSL patrolled.....0 days
 1 WHEC patrolled.....29 days
 1 WMEC patrolled.....38 days
 0 WLB patrolled0 days
 6 WPBs/FRCs patrolled.....99 days
Total Cutter patrol.....166 days

HC-130s flew114 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....95 hours

Apr - May 2021

1 WMSL patrolled.....47 days
 1 WMEC patrolled.....23 days
 2 WLB patrolled12 days
 7 WPBs/FRCs patrolled91 days

Total Cutter patrol.....173 days

HC-130s flew30 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....111 hours

Figure 6. Annual H60/65 Hours

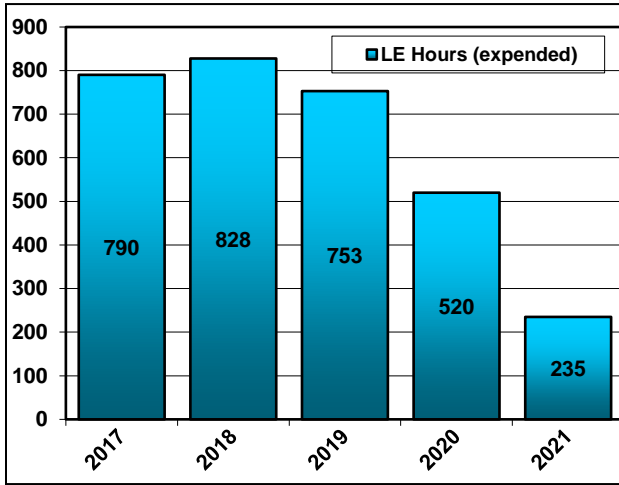


Figure 7. Annual Patrol Boat Hours

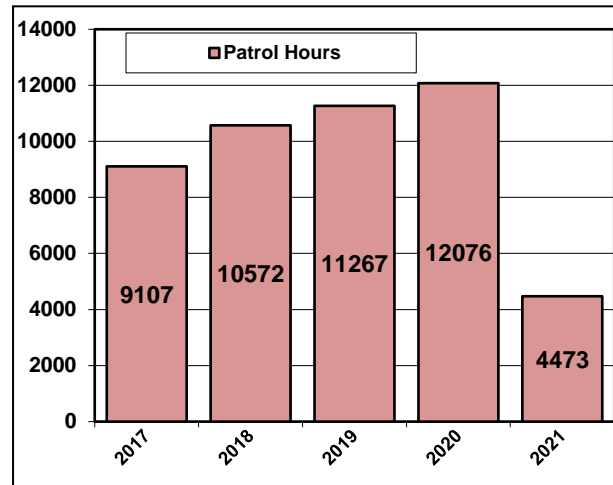


Figure 8. Apr-May Major Cutter Days

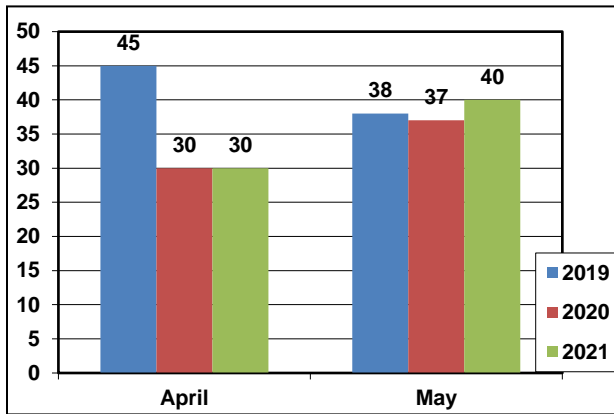
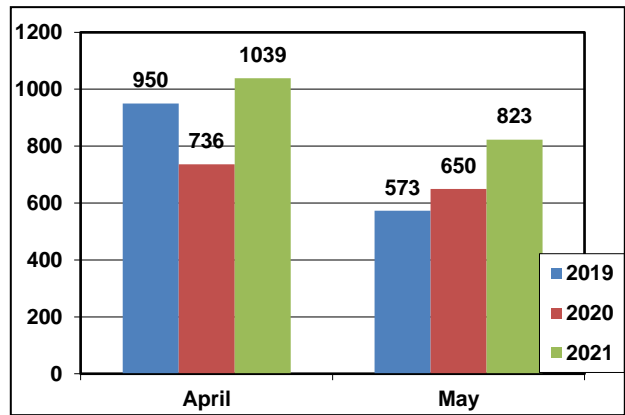


Figure 9. Apr-May Patrol Boat Hours



Appendix A
April - May 2021
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel Name	Case Specifics
4 Apr	ST NICHOLAS	Missed check-in with vsl owner. JRCC located vsl on AIS, cutter made contact with the vessel
11 Apr	ALASKA WARRIOR	MEDICO for injured crewmember
14 Apr	WILD ISLAND	EPIRB activated while Vsl in drydock. Numerous call-outs and helo directed to launch to locate vessel. Finally able to reach vsl owner.
16 May	CHISIK ISLAND	Vsl taking on water, helo provided additional dewatering pumps and cutter escorted vsl to pier in Seward.

Appendix B
April - May 2021
Federal Fisheries Boardings without Violations

TYPE	FISHERY INFO	
	SPECIES	AREA
FLL	200/710	2C/SE
FLL	710	SE
FLL	710	SE
FLL	200	3A
FLL	200	2C
FLL	200	2C
FLL	200	2C
FLL	200	2C
FLL	200	2C
FPB	710	SE
FPB	710	CGOA
FLL	200	3A
FPB	710	CGOA
FTS	127	509
PRA	200	2C
PRA	200	2C
FTS	141	630
FTS	270	517
FLL	200	3A
FPB	710	SE
FLL	710	SE
FLL	710	SE
PRA	200	2C
PCC	200	2C
FPB	710	SE
FLL	710	SE
FLL	200	3A
FLL	200/710	3A/SE
FLL	110	521
FLL	200	2C
FLL	110	521
FLL	200/710	3A/SE
FLL	110	521
PRA	200	2C
PRA	200	2C
PCC	200	2C
PRA	200	2C
PRA	200	2C
FLL	710	SE
FLL	710/200	SE/2C
FLL	710/200	SE/2C

FLL	710/200	SE/2C
FLL	200	2C
FLL	200	2C
FLL	200	3A
FLL	200	3A
FLL	200/710	3A/WY
FLL	200	3A
FLL	200	3A
FLL	200	3A
FPB	200	2C
FLL	200	2C
FLL	200	3A
FLL	200	3A/CGOA
FPB	710	3A/CGOA
FLL	200/710	3A/WY
FPB	710	3A/WY
FPB	710	3A/WY
FLL	710	3A/WY
FLL	710	3A/WY
PCC	200	2C
FLL	200/710	3A/WY
FLL	200/710	3A/WY
FCH	200	3A
FCH	200	3A
FCH	200	3A
FCH	200	3A
FCH	200	3A
FLL	200	2C
FCH	200	3A
FCH	200	3A
FCH	200	3A
FCH	200	3A
PRA	200	3A
FCH	200	3A
FLL	200	2C
FLL	200	2C
FLL	200	2C
FLL	200	3A
FPB	200/710	3A/SE
FLL	200/710	3A/SE
PCC	200	2C
FPB	200/710	2C/SE
FLL	200/710	2C/SE
FLL	200	2C
FLL	200	2C
FTS	127	519
FLL	200	2C
PCC	200	3A

Appendix C
April - May 2021
Federal Fisheries Boardings with Violations (Commercial, Recreational, and Charter)

TYPE	SPECIES	AREA	# SAFETY	ACTION	# FISHERY	ACTION2	NOTES AND DETAILS
FLL	200	4A	2	NOV	2	NOV	Improperly constructed sea bird avoidance and improperly marked longline buoys / Survival craft past servicing date and improperly stowed without hydrostatic release
FLL	200	4A	3	NOV	2	NOV	EPRIB improperly stowed under gear, Life raft improperly stowed, drills not conducted in proper intervals, VMS appeared to be operational (indicator light) but was not being received, buoys not properly marked.
FLL	710	SE	1	NOV			Expired VDS
FPB	710	SE	1	NOV			No EPIRB documentation
FLL	200	2C	1	NOV			Homeport and Name not on stern
PCC	200	2C	1	TERM			PFDs not onboard
FCH	200	3A	1	WW			Sound producing device not functioning
FPB	710/200	SE/3A	1	NOV			Inop high water alarm
PCC	200	2C	1	NOV			COD not onboard
FLL	200	4A	4	NOV			No sound producing device, no drills conducted, expired VDS, unsecured MSD within 3nm of shore
FLL	200/710	3A			1	NOV	Logbook discrepancies
FPB	710	CGOA			1	NOV	No biodegradable mesh on pot panels
FPB	710	CGOA			1	NOV	Vsl did not have a boarding ladder. Boarding team unable to embark.
FPB	710	SE			1	NOV	No FFP on board
FPB	710	SE			1	NOV	Failure to complete logbook
FTS	270	521			1	NOV	Incomplete Logbook