

17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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List of Abbreviations

CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	HSDN – High Seas Drift Net
FBS - Russian Federal Border Service	MBL – US/Russian Maritime Boundary
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator
GOA – Gulf of Alaska	SAR – Search and Rescue
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	UMIB –Urgent Marine Info Broadcast
HEC/MEC – High/Medium Endurance Cutters	WLB –225ft Buoy Tender
HH65/60 – CG helicopter	WPB – 110ft Patrol Boat
MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast	POB – Persons on board
CGC – Coast Guard Cutter	IVO – In the vicinity of
SMC – SAR Mission Coordinator	MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation
NVG – Night Vision Goggles	AVDET – Aviation Detachment
FOL – Forward Operating Location	

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

Activity along the MBL was moderate over the reporting period and has increased since the Russian pollock fishery opened on 15 May. There was a daily average of three vessels operating within 20 miles of the MBL during April and May. One shallow incursion was detected by the Russian trawl vessel SHKIPPER entering into the U.S. EEZ on 18 May. In response, CGC MELLON patrolled the MBL for three days from 19-21 May, sighting three foreign F/Vs operating on the Russian side of the MBL with no detected incursions into the U.S. EEZ. The Russian trawler SHKIPPER was not sighted and based on AIS data had transited back to the Russian EEZ. Information on this detected incursion was passed to Russia for further investigation.

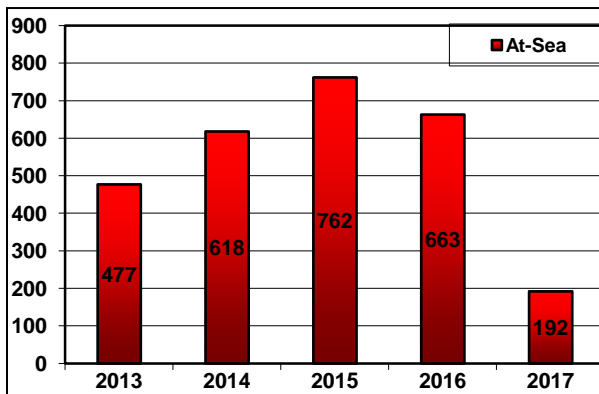
II. High Seas Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported (IUU) Enforcement

On 21 May, CGC MELLON detected M/V GENESIS, a Tanzanian-flagged vessel suspected of IUU transshipment activity, transiting the high seas in the convention area of the Commission for the Conservation of Pollock Stocks in the Central Bering Sea (“Donut Hole”). In response, CGC MELLON intercepted the vessel and conducted an extensive query to determine the nature of the vessel’s activity. Information collected from the interaction was shared with Russia and South Korea for further investigation and possible follow-up action.

III. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 102 domestic fisheries and fishing vessel safety boardings conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of 11 safety violations onboard seven vessels, and zero federal fisheries violations. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations. Appendices B and C list the boardings which occurred during the reporting period.

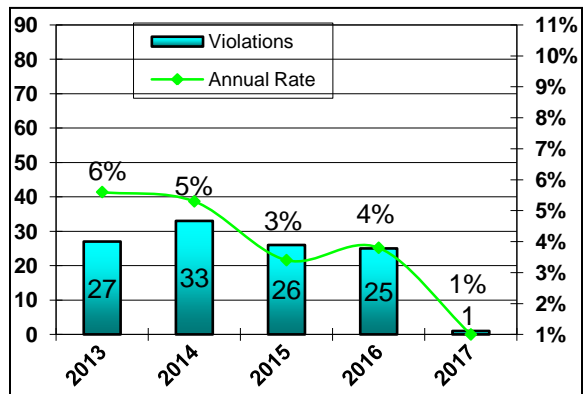
Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year



Apr 2016 - May 2016 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):87
Boardings w/fisheries violations:.....01
Violation Rate:3.4%

Figure 2. Fisheries Violations By Year



Apr 2017 – May 2017 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):.....85
Boardings w/fisheries violations:0
Violation Rate:0%

IV. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

The Coast Guard conducted 32 at-sea fisheries boardings on vessels fishing IFQ halibut and sablefish during the reporting period with no fisheries violations detected. There were also three boardings of charter vessels targeting halibut with no fisheries violations detected and 20 boardings of recreational vessels fishing for halibut with two safety violations detected on two of the vessels.

V. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement

The Coast Guard monitors more than 150 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. Additionally in April and May, the U.S. Coast Guard supported NOAA Office of Protected Resources and Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) with marine mammal mortality investigations on Sitkalidak Island and in the Copper River delta utilizing a MH-60 helicopter.

VI. Crab Fisheries

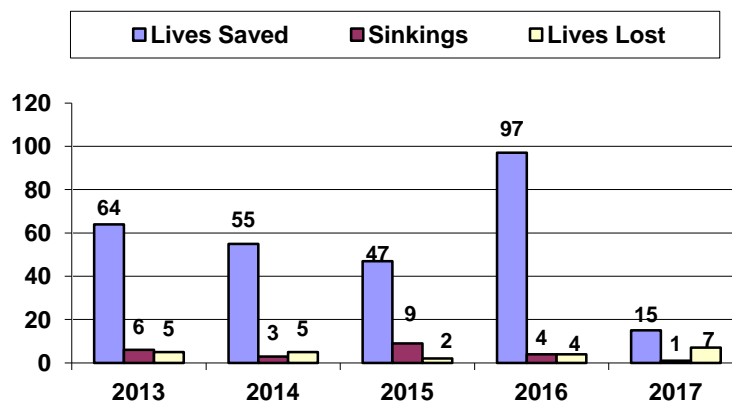
The Coast Guard continued commercial vessel safety enforcement activities on the Bering Sea crab fisheries, with CGC MELLON conducting one boarding on a vessel targeting Golden King crab. There were no detected safety violations.

VII. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, eleven safety violations were detected on seven vessels. There were four voyage terminations for safety violations posing an especially hazardous condition. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were eight search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in six lives saved, one life lost, and zero vessel sinkings. Figure 3 shows the historic safety statistics for fishing vessel SAR cases in Alaska. 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



VIII. Coast Guard Resource Summary

Figures 4 and 5 show the *annual* HC-130 aircraft law enforcement hours and Medium and High Endurance Cutter days used in the Seventeenth District. Figures 6 and 7 show the same information over the last three years for the *reporting period only*.

Figure 4. Annual HC-130 Hours

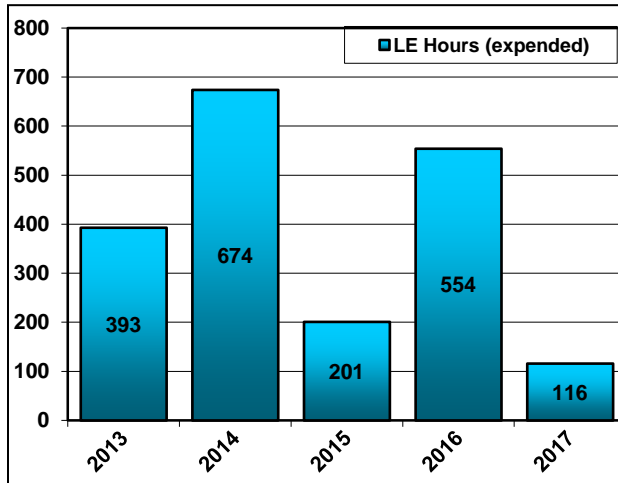
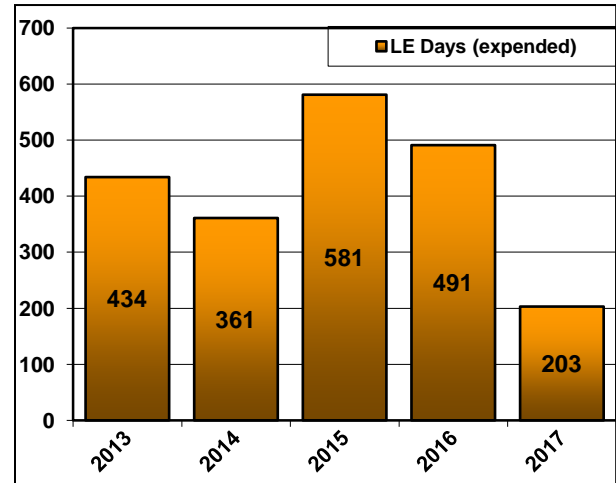


Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days



Apr - May 2016

3 WHECs patrolled.....81 days
 0 WMEC patrolled.....0 days
 1 WLB patrolled2 days
 4 WPBs patrolled.....69 days
Total Cutter patrol.....152 days

HC-130s flew69.8 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....133.1 hours

Apr - May 2017

3 WHEC patrolled.....88 days
 0 WMEC patrolled.....0 days
 1 WLB patrolled5 days
 5 WPBs patrolled.....36 days
Total Cutter patrol.....129 days

HC-130s flew64.9 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....117.6 hours

Figure 6. Apr-May HC-130 Hours

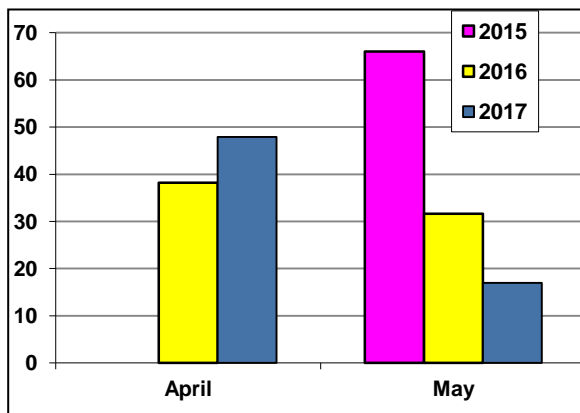
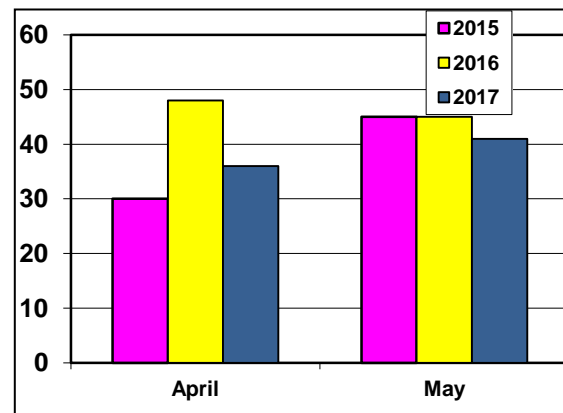


Figure 7. Apr-May Major Cutter Days



Appendix A
April 2017 – May 2017
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
3/30/17	ALASKA VICTORY	D17 Command Center received a report of a crewmember on board the F/V ALASKA VICTORY suffering a serious medical condition. SMC evaluated the case and it was recommended that the vessel make best speed to Adak. The crewmember was transferred to the Adak clinic and flown to Anchorage for higher medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
4/20/17	MICKEY V	Sector Juneau received a distress call from F/V MICKEY V taking on water in Chatham Straight due to a suspected blocked bilge pump. The Good Samaritan vessel ALEUTIAN DREAM towed MICKEY V to anchor to complete repairs to the bilge system. A C130 from Air Station Kodiak diverted for the case and served as a communications platform. Flooding was able to be contained, and CGC ANACAPA arrived on scene and safely escorted the vessel to Sitka. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
4/26/17	ALJAC	Sector Juneau received a report from F/V ALJAC reporting they were aground on Wyvill Reef in Neva Straight but did not request assistance. The vessel waited until high tide to refloat, and were towed back to Sitka by the Tug SALVATION. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
5/2/17	TUGIDAK	D17 Command Center received a report from Alaska State Troopers of F/V TUGIDAK taking on water due to hitting a rock. D17 issued a UMIB and launched a MH60 and C130 to deliver 2 dewatering pumps. F/V crewmembers were able to affect temporary repairs to a breach in the hull and transited safely back to Naknek with F/V INCENTIVE as an escort. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
5/4/17	REBECCA IRENE	D17 Command Center received a report of a crewmember onboard F/V REBECCA IRENE suffering a serious medical condition. SMC evaluated the case and recommended F/V REBECCA IRENE proceed to St. Paul Island. Upon safe arrival, the crewmember was safely transported to higher level care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
5/5/17	MARCY J	Sector Anchorage received a report F/V MARCY J disabled due to an engine overheating. F/V CAPE KIWANDA arrived on scene and towed the vessel back to Kodiak. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
5/7/2017	BIG BLUE	D17 Command Center received a report of F/V BIG BLUE taking on water 230 NM southwest of Dutch Harbor. The vessel was able to keep up with the flooding using one pump and was awaiting the arrival of F/V CONSTELLATION to establish a tow. SMC placed the vessel on a communications schedule to monitor the situation. F/V CONSTELLATION took the vessel in tow on 08 May and safely transported F/V BIG BLUE to Dutch Harbor on 09 May. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
5/12/17	LADY ANGELA	Sector Anchorage received notification that the master onboard F/V LADY ANGELA was found deceased in his stateroom, believed to be due from preexisting health conditions. The vessel transited to Seward and was met by Alaska State Troopers. No Coast Guard assistance was requested.

Appendix B
April 2017 – May 2017
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
3/20/17	VESTERAALEN	270	521
3/20/17	OCEAN LEADER	270	521
3/21/17	LIMITLESS	110	630
3/21/17	RIPTIDE	110	630
3/21/17	U.S. LIBERATOR	110	524
3/22/17	OCEAN PROWLER	110	523
3/23/17	SEADAWN	270	519
3/23/17	GOLDEN PISCES	270	519
3/24/17	MERCENARY	110	630
3/24/17	SINAI	110	630
3/25/17	BIG BLUE	200	3A
3/25/17	LADY SIMPSON	200	3A
3/26/17	CLYDE	200/710	CG/3A
3/26/17	VENUS	710	SEAK
4/2/17	JERSEY GIRL	200	2C
4/4/17	CUDA	200	3A
4/4/17	SEABROOKE	923	517
4/5/17	BERING PROWLER	110	521
4/5/17	NORTHERN LEADER	110	521
4/6/17	FRONTIER EXPLORER	110	521
4/6/17	BRISTOL LEADER	110	521
4/7/17	AICYON	200	3A
4/7/17	SEGEISTURA	200	3A
4/8/17	AK6765AN	200	2C
4/8/17	AK9077AG	200	2C
4/8/17	SKIPJACK	892	101-23
4/8/17	WESTERN DAWN	270	509
4/8/17	TRAVELER	270	509
4/8/17	ARICA	127	509
4/9/17	ARAOH	127	509
4/9/17	ALASKA ENDEAVOR	127	509
4/9/17	ALASKA KNIGHT	127	509
4/10/17	MARK 1	270	509
4/10/17	NORDIC FURY	270	509
4/10/17	HUNGRY RAVEN	200/710	3A/CG
4/13/17	TRIDENT	110	519
4/13/17	GAMBLER	110	519

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
4/14/17	FRISIAN	200	3A
4/14/17	STRESS PT	200	3A
4/15/17	OCEAN STAR	410	659
4/15/17	AK8207H	200	2C
4/18/17	STILLWATER	200	2C
4/18/17	MICKEY V	410	659
4/18/17	SEYMOUR	200	640
4/18/17	GULF DAWNING	430	3A
4/20/17	VICTORY	710	BS
4/20/17	ELIZABETH F	270	519
4/21/17	MAY RUN	430	649
4/21/17	GANDIL	200	649
4/21/17	EAGLE 1	430	649
4/21/17	GREEN HOPE	127	509
4/21/17	OCEAN PEACE	127	509
4/21/17	ALEUTIAN CHALLENGER	127	509
4/21/17	ALASKA VICTORY	127	509
4/22/17	AK2635AL	200	2C
4/22/17	AK1469AM	200	2C
4/23/17	AK3980AK	200	2C
4/23/17	UNIMAK	127	513
4/24/17	TERA LEE	200	2C
4/24/17	RELUCTANT	200	2C
4/26/17	TAMARAK	710	SE
4/26/17	KALISTE	200/710	2C/SE
4/26/17	JESSICA C	410	659
4/26/17	SILVER CONVENTION	410	659
4/26/17	PHILLIS ANN	410	659
4/26/17	ALSEK	410	659
4/27/17	PACIFIC SOJOURN	710	BS
4/28/17	ALEUTIAN BEAUTY	710	BS
4/29/17	WESTERN MARINER	710	BS
5/4/17	SHANNON HOPE	200	2C
5/4/17	STJILBE	200	2C
5/4/17	SEA HAWK	200	2C
5/6/17	AK1544AK	200	2C
5/6/17	AK8287AR	410	659
5/7/17	VIGOROUS	710	3A
5/7/17	SIERRA MAR	710	3A

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
5/7/17	QUEST	710	3A
5/7/17	CAPE FALCON	710	3A
5/10/17	NICKELODEON	200/710	2C/SE
5/10/17	CRUSADER	200/710	2C/SE
5/10/17	PEREGRINE	710	SE
5/11/17	MAGIA	710	SE
5/11/17	PACIFIC KNIGHT	710	SE
5/12/17	AK7799AN	200	2C
5/13/17	AK8286P	200	3A
5/13/17	AK7581AJ	200	3A
5/13/17	AK1358H	200	3A
5/13/17	HALIBUT HUNTER	200	3A
5/13/17	AK9230	200	3A
5/13/17	LARISA M	710	AI
5/13/17	KATIE JEAN	200	4B
5/14/17	BANDIT	200	3A
5/14/17	GREY HOUND	200	3A
5/14/17	AK9446L	200	3A
5/14/17	AK8530AN	200	3A

Appendix C
April 2017 – May 2017
Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
3/26/17	AK1626AR	200	2C	No Type IV on board
4/26/17	MIRAGE	410	659	Expired Documentation
4/26/17	NORTHERN STAR	410	659	Voyage terminated for lack of survival craft. Violation also issued for not having a tonnage certificate.
5/9/17	KING FISHER	410	659	Voyage terminated for lack of immersion suits on board and no visual distress signals.
5/10/17	AK6509M	410	659	Voyage terminated for no PFDs onboard and expired visual distress signals.
5/14/17	AK6171M	200	3A	Voyage terminated for no PFDs or visual distress signals onboard.
5/14/17	AK2756AR	200	2C	No registration on board.