

# 17<sup>th</sup> COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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**List of Abbreviations**

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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	HFP – Health Force Partners
EPIRB- Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	

## I. High Seas Drift Net (HSDN) Enforcement

There were no HSDN enforcement activities conducted during the reporting period.

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

There was low activity along the MBL from October through November with an average of 2 vessels detected within 20 miles of the MBL. There have been no detected incursions by FFVs into the U.S. EEZ this season.

USCG participated in the 24th Annual Virtual Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea. The Allowable Harvest Level (AHL) was set at zero for 2020 because the minimum biomass level needed to trigger a non-zero AHL has not been reached in accordance with the Convention Annex. The Parties agreed to adopt the same terms and conditions for trial fishing in 2020 as agreed to at the 2010 Annual Meeting. There have been increased pressures from member nations to re-open fishing in the High Seas Pocket of the Central Bering Sea.

## 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.

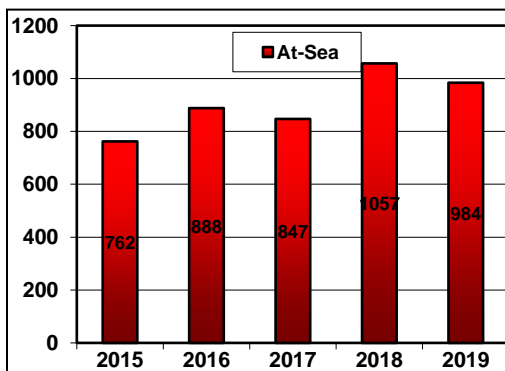
## IV. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement

The Coast Guard monitors more than 151 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. There were no request or flights in support of marine protected resources during the reporting period.

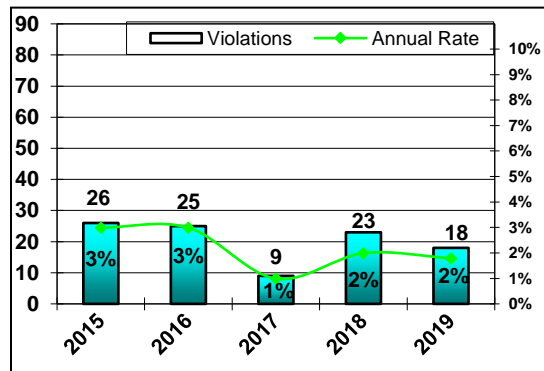
## V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 62 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 14 safety violations onboard 8 vessels, and 7 fisheries violations onboard 4 vessels. 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**



**Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year**



**Oct - Nov 2018 Boardings**

F/V Boardings (at sea): .....80  
Boardings w/fisheries violations: .....1  
Violation Rate: .....1.25%

**Oct - Nov 2019 Boardings**

F/V Boardings (at sea): .....62  
Boardings w/fisheries violations: .....7  
Violation Rate: .....11.3%

**VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement**

Coast Guard patrols completed 29 boardings on fishing vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. There were 11 boardings of IFQ halibut vessels, detecting 3 safety violations, and 6 fisheries violations. There were 7 boardings of IFQ sablefish vessels, with no violations detected. There were 7 boardings of vessels targeting both IFQ halibut and sablefish, with 1 safety violation detected and no fisheries violations. 1 voyage was terminated for significant safety concerns.

There was 1 boarding on a charter vessel targeting halibut, with no violations detected. There were 3 boardings on recreational vessels targeting halibut, with no violations detected.

**VII. Crab Fisheries**

Air Station Kodiak deployed an MH-60 to Cold Bay for the Bering Sea crab season opening. The MH-60 remained in Cold Bay through 8 November and is scheduled to return on 15 January 2020 as activity increases in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island crab and trawl fisheries.

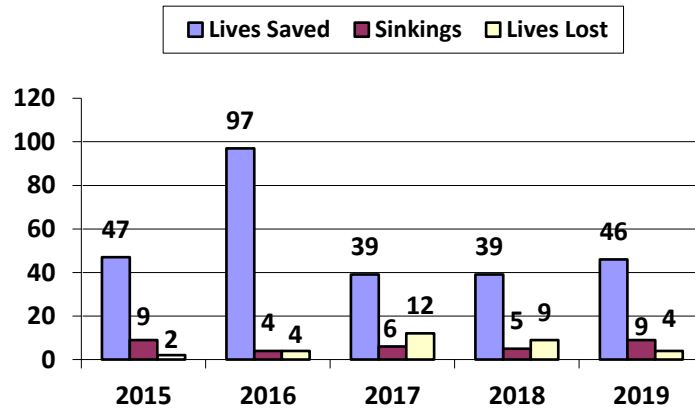
The CGC ALEX HALEY and JOHN MIDGETT conducted 3 boardings on fishing vessels targeting crab, and representatives from District 17's Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety division travelled to Dutch Harbor, AK prior to the crab opener to conduct courtesy safety exams and outreach.

**VIII. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases**

During the reporting period, 14 safety violations were detected on 8 vessels. There were 4 voyage terminations due to expired survival craft, expired hydrostatic releases, expired visual distress signals, and not having buoyant apparatus. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were 5 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in 2 lives saved, no lives lost, and one vessel lost. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

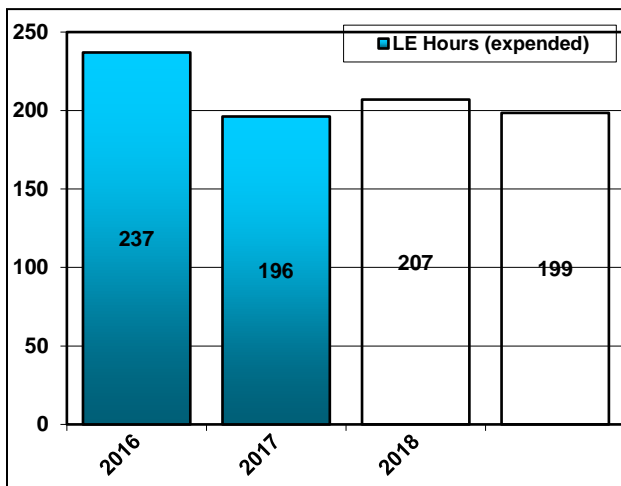
**Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics**  
**Safety Statistics by Year**



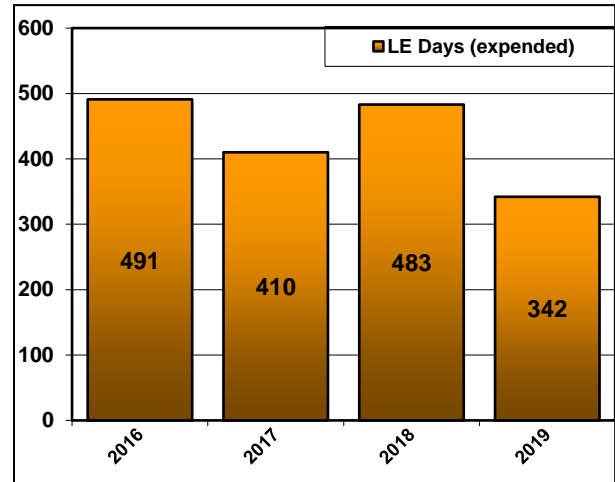
**XI. Coast Guard Resource Summary**

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**



**Oct - Nov 2018**

2 WHECs patrolled.....14 days  
 1 WMEC patrolled.....59 days  
 0 WLB patrolled .....0 days  
 5 WPBs/FRCs patrolled.....81 days  
**Total Cutter patrol.....154 days**

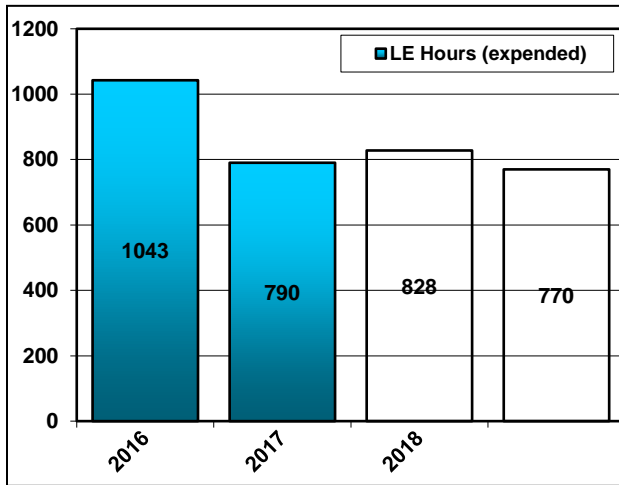
**Oct - Nov 2019**

1 WHEC patrolled.....30 days  
 1 WMEC patrolled.....30 days  
 0 WLB patrolled .....0 days  
 7 WPB/FRCs patrolled .....68 days  
**Total Cutter patrol.....128 days**

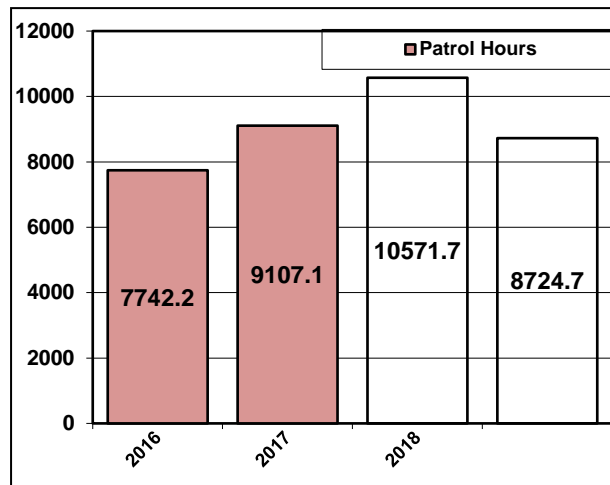
HC-130s flew ..... 38 hours  
HH-60/65s flew..... 88 hours

HC-130s flew ..... 40 hours  
HH-60/65s flew..... 133 hours

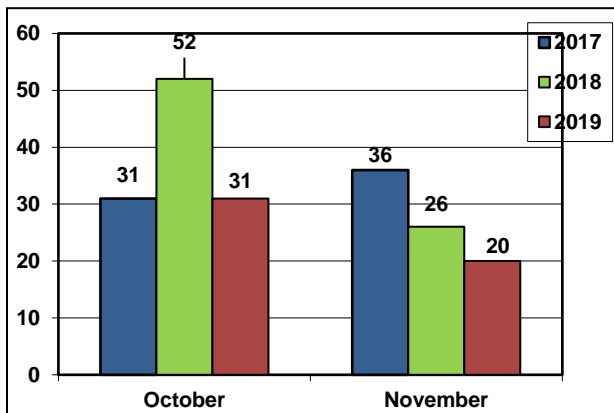
**Figure 6. Annual H60/65 Hours**



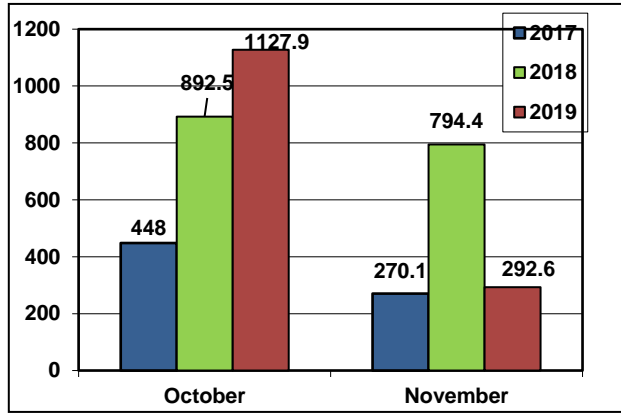
**Figure 7. Annual Patrol Boat Hours**



**Figure 8. Oct-Nov Major Cutter Days**



**Figure 9. Oct-Nov Patrol Boat Hours**



*Appendix A*  
 October – November 2019  
 Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
9/28/19	ALASKA VICTORY	D17 received a MEDEVAC request for a crew member on board. CGC ALEX HALEY launched the helicopter on board, hoisted the crew member and transferred them to Cold Bay.
10/12/19	GUARDIAN ANGEL	Sector Anchorage received a notification that FV GUARDIAN ANGEL had lost steering. Sector contacted an AST vessel in the area to assist in towing to a safe anchorage to make repairs.
10/23/19	DIANA JEAN	Sector Juneau received a report that FV DIANA JEAN was disabled and adrift in heavy seas. Station Ketchikan was launched and a UMIB was issued. Other vessels in the area responded to the UMIB and assisted FV DIANA JEAN to a safe anchorage to effect repairs.
11/6/19	IRENE H	D17 received a MEDEVAC request for an injured crewmember. Air Station Kodiak was launched, hoisted the crewmember and transferred them to Kodiak.
11/9/19	ONYX	Sector Juneau received a distress call of a vessel taking on water. CGC ANTHONY PETIT was diverted and Air Station Sitka was launched. Master was able to beach the vessel and Air Station Sitka hoisted the survivor from the beach.

**Appendix B**  
October – November 2019  
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
10/2/19	MARGARET LYN	270	517
10/2/19	MISTY DAWN	270	517
10/2/19	EXCELLENCE	270	517
10/2/19	ROSE LEE	200	2C
10/4/19	ROBERT MAGNUS	200	2C
10/4/19	KRUZOF	200	2C
10/4/19	JODI MARIE	200	2C
10/7/19	INVISIBLE	710	CG
10/7/19	LAURA S	710	CG
10/8/19	DEVA	200	3A
10/8/19	TRIBUTE	710	SE
10/9/19	VIEKODA BAY	110	610
10/9/19	WHITE CAP	430	659
10/9/19	ALEUTIAN ISLE	200/710	3A/SE
10/9/19	BUCK & ANN	710	SE
10/9/19	KALLISTE	200/710	2C/SE
10/9/19	STORMBRINGER	200/710	2C/SE
10/10/19	OBSESSION	200/710	3A/WY
10/10/19	SPICY LADY	200/710	3A/SE
10/13/19	AK9265AG	200	2C
10/13/19	AK1220AK	200	2C
10/13/19	AK4293AB	200	2C
10/16/19	ERLA N	923	EAG
10/20/19	PACIFIC HORIZON	450	659
10/21/19	HULA GIRL	200	2C
10/21/19	LISA JEAN	710	SE
10/21/19	NOLAN MICHEAL	895	659
10/26/19	SAINT PETER	710	BS
10/28/19	ARCTIC LADY	921	BS
10/28/19	PARAGON	921	BS
10/29/19	MAJOR	710/200	SE/3A
10/31/19	RAVEN BAY	110	519
11/4/19	INTANGIBLE	710	SE
11/9/19	CYNOSURE	110	509
11/10/19	LADY JO	200	2C



DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
11/10/19	WINTER BAY	110	509
11/12/19	MARY LOU	895	659
11/12/19	SAGACIOUS	895	659
11/12/19	JOHN BOY	895	659
11/16/19	CERULEAN	110	519
11/18/19	TRIDENT	110	519

***Appendix C***  
 October– November 2019  
 Fisheries Boardings with Violations

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VSL NAME</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
10/4/19	TEASHA	200	Expired Visual Distress Signals
10/4/19	HULA GIRL	200	Registration and IFQ permit not on board
10/8/19	HALCYON	110	LLP not onboard
10/17/19	MYSTERY	200	2 logbook violations, discarding PCOD, SAG violation
10/18/19	PERSISTENCE	200	Not having buoyant apparatus
10/20/19	CAMOSUN	430	Not in compliance with exemption letter
10/22/19	AGILE	710/200	No current drills or safety orientation
10/26/19	CINDRIA GENE	200	IFQ permit not on board
11/12/19	FIRE WOLF	895	Expired VDS
11/12/19	DAUNTLESS	895	Expired survival craft, improper stowage of survival craft, expired EPIRB
11/19/19	JANUS	895	Expired life raft, expired life raft hydrostatic release, expired EPRIB hydrostatic release, expired VDS, no survival suit strobe lights