

17th 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 | |

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

Activity along the MBL was low over the reporting period with an average of one vessel per day detected within 20 miles of the MBL. There was one shallow incursion detected using commercial satellite AIS data by the Russian factory trawler MYS CHUPROVA entering into the U.S. EEZ in early January. In response, a Coast Guard HC-130 patrolled the MBL sighting one foreign F/V operating on the Russian side of the MBL. The MYS CHUPROVA was not sighted and based on AIS data had already departed the area. Information on this detected incursion was passed to Russia for further investigation.

On 17 January, representatives from the Russian Border Guard Directorate (FSB) for the Eastern Arctic District contacted USCG District Seventeen for assistance with interdicting M/V VIRILE, a Togo flagged vessel, suspected of illegally transshipping crab in the Russian EEZ. A FSB cutter pursued the vessel into the U.S. EEZ before breaking off pursuit. A USCG HC-130 was launched to intercept the vessel and relocated M/V VIRILE in international waters (the Donut Hole). The vessel was queried and imagery forwarded to the FSB. On 29 January, the FSB notified USCG District Seventeen that they had intercepted and detained M/V VIRILE with 30 tons of illegally harvested live crab onboard. Live crabs were returned to the sea. The vessel was detained and escorted to Petropavlovsk – Kamchatsky, Russia for additional inspection and enforcement investigation. Upon request, USCG District Seventeen provided the FSB with the aircraft pilot statement of radio transmissions to bolster the Russian-led domestic case.

During the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum meeting in Japan in early March, the FSB relayed to the USCG District Seventeen representative that since June 2016, they have detained six other foreign fishing vessels suspected of Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported (IUU) fishing or large scale driftnet activity in the Russian EEZ. During these detainments, approximately 865 metric tons of salmon was seized as a result of administrative and criminal investigations. This joint operation and information sharing represents a significant increase in operational communications from the FSB at the regional level following an 18 month period of less activity. This is a potential springboard for deeper regional engagement with the FSB.

II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 124 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 12 vessels, and 1 federal fisheries violation. 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

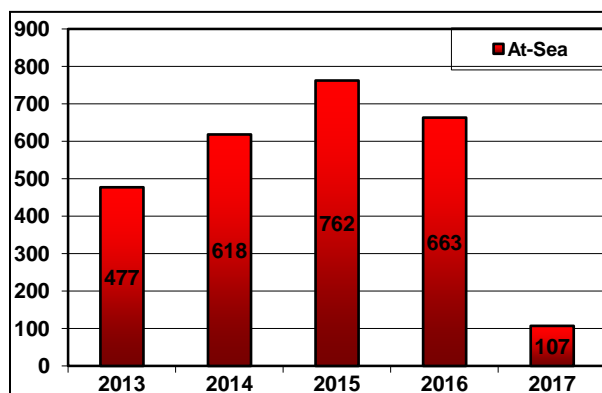
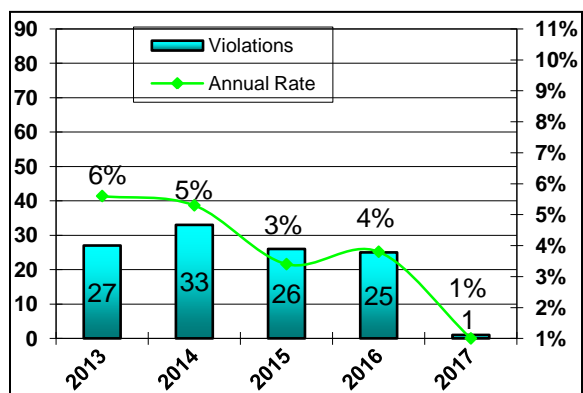


Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year



Dec 2015 - Mar 2016 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):112
Boardings w/fisheries violations:.....08
Violation Rate:7.3%

Dec 2016 – Mar 2017 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):.....116
Boardings w/fisheries violations:1
Violation Rate:0.8%

III. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

The IFQ halibut and sablefish fisheries opened at 1200 local time on 11 March. The Seventeenth District focused enforcement efforts around the region on monitoring the season opener. Air Station Kodiak, Air Station Sitka, and two patrol boats patrolled the Gulf of Alaska and Southeast Alaska during the weekend of the opener. There were ten boardings of vessels fishing IFQ halibut during the reporting period with one fisheries violation detected for failure to maintain required fishing log. There were also two boardings of vessels fishing recreationally for halibut with no violations detected.

IV. Crab Fisheries

The CGCs ALEX HALEY, MORGENTHAU, and WAESCHE conducted four commercial vessel safety boardings on vessels participating in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands crab fisheries during the reporting period with one detected safety violation.

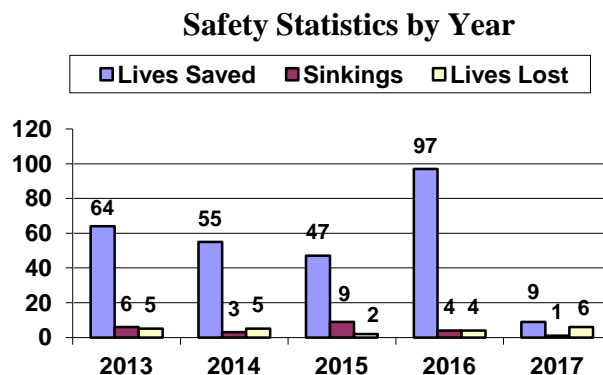
Air Station Kodiak deployed an MH-60 to Cold Bay for search and rescue standby on 08 January 2017. The MH-60 remained in Cold Bay through 15 March while fishing vessel activity was highest in the BSAI crab fisheries and trawl fisheries.

V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, 16 safety violations were detected on 11 vessels. There was one voyage termination for safety violations posing an especially hazardous condition. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were 14 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in eleven lives saved, six lives lost, and one vessel sinking. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics



VI. 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

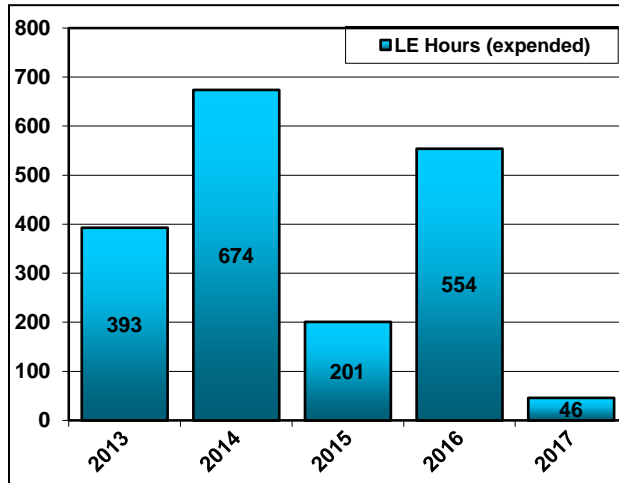
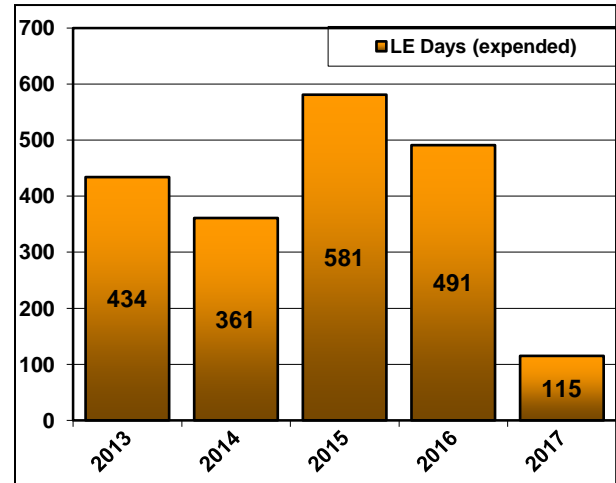


Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days



Dec 2015 - Mar 2016

4 WHECs patrolled.....114 days
 1 WMEC patrolled.....36 days
 1 WLB patrolled4 days
 6 WPBs patrolled.....121 days
Total Cutter patrol.....275 days

HC-130s flew92.1 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....351 hours

Dec 2016 - Mar 2017

4 WHEC patrolled.....92 days
 1 WMEC patrolled.....54 days
 1 WLB patrolled1 day
 4 WPBs patrolled.....60 days
Total Cutter patrol.....207 days

HC-130s flew57.7 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....219.8 hours

Figure 6. Dec-Mar HC-130 Hours

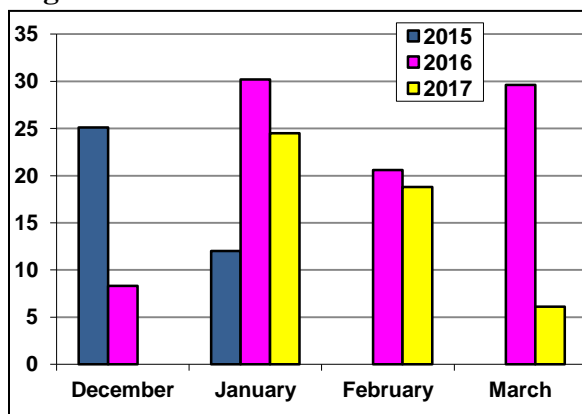
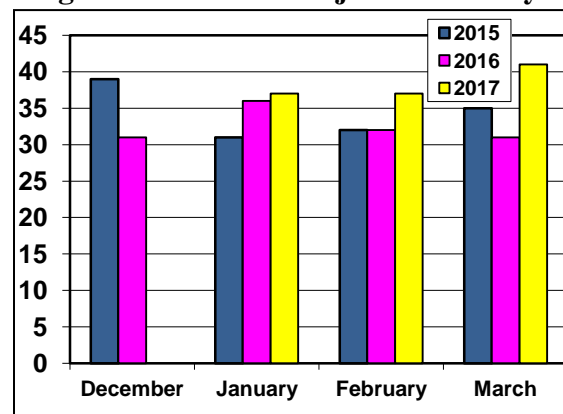


Figure 7. Dec-Mar Major Cutter Days



Appendix A
December 2016 – March 2017
Search and Rescue Cases

| Date | Vessel | Case Specifics |
|----------|-------------------|--|
| 12/6/16 | VENDER | Sector Juneau received a report from F/V VENDER of a crew member onboard with a lacerated ankle. Case evaluated and SMC recommended MEDEVAC. Air Station Sitka launched a MH60 which located the vessel and transported the crewmember to Sitka for higher level medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |
| 12/9/16 | SONJA | Sector Anchorage received a report that F/V SONJA was overdue. Sector Anchorage issued a UMIB and ordered the launching of a MH60. Prior to launch, Sector Anchorage received a report that the vessel had been contacted and was en route Kodiak due to bad weather. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |
| 12/18/16 | TRANSIT | Sector Anchorage received a report from F/V TRANSIT of a crewmember onboard experiencing medical difficulties. Case evaluated and SMC recommended MEDEVAC. Air Station Kodiak launched a MH60, which located the vessel and transported the crewmember to Kodiak for higher level medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |
| 1/5/17 | LADY GUDNY | D17 Command Center received a report that F/V LADY GUDNY was disabled 200 miles southeast of Kodiak due to bad fuel filters. D17 issued a UMIB, launched a C130 to attempt to air drop replacement filters, and diverted CGC SPAR. Four C-130 attempts to deliver fuel filters were unsuccessful. CGC SPAR arrived on scene and was unsuccessful taking the vessel in tow due to rough seas. A MH60 was launched, hoisted all four crewmembers, and transported to Kodiak. A commercial tug later towed the vessel to Kodiak. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |
| 1/24/17 | GOLDEN ALASKA | D17 Command Center received a report from F/V GOLDEN ALASKA of a crewmember onboard experiencing medical difficulties. While SMC was evaluating case, report was received that the crewmember was stable. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |
| 1/24/17 | KODIAK ENTERPRISE | D17 Command Center received a report from F/V KODIAK ENTERPRISE of a crewmember onboard suffering from possible appendicitis. Case evaluated and SMC recommended the vessel disembark the crewmember in Dutch Harbor. D17 CC established communications schedule for KODIAK ENTERPRISE's transit to port. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |
| 1/26/17 | AMERICAN DYNASTY | D17 Command Center received a report of a crewmember onboard F/V AMERICAN DYNASTY suffering from possible appendicitis. Case evaluated and SMC recommended a MEDEVAC. FOL Cold Bay MH60 arrived on scene, hoisted crewmember, and transported to Cold Bay for higher level medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |

| Date | Vessel | Case Specifics |
|---------|--------------|---|
| 1/27/17 | POLAR STAR | Sector Anchorage received a report from F/V POLAR STAR of a crewmember onboard experiencing medical difficulties. Case evaluated and SMC recommended the vessel proceed to Kodiak for higher level medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |
| 2/3/17 | PACIFIC STAR | Sector Juneau received a report that F/V PACIFIC STAR was taking on water with four persons onboard. Sector Juneau issued a UMIB, assumed SMC, and launched a MH60 from Air Station Sitka and a C-130 from Air Station Kodiak. The MH60 delivered dewatering pumps, and the C130 provided additional coverage while the crew attempted to control the flooding. Both aircrafts departed the scene after the crew indicated that flooding was stable and they were transiting towards Sitka. Sector Juneau maintained a communications schedule with the vessel during its transit. Good Samaritans, tug BERING TITAN and F/V SHERRIE MARIE, arrived on scene and escorted the vessel to Sitka. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |
| 2/11/17 | DESTINATION | D17 Command Center received an EPIRB activation alert for F/V DESTINATION, 3 miles north of St. George Island. After unable to contact the vessel, D17 CC issued an UMIB and launched one C130 and two MH60 aircraft to search for the vessel. The C130 and two Good Samaritans, F/V SILVER SPRAY and F/V BERING ROSE, located debris field and oil sheen. Coast Guard aircraft continued searching and CGC MORGENTHAU got underway from Dutch Harbor to assist with the search. After 60 hours of surface and air search patterns, the case was suspended and NOK were notified. D17 CC confirmed there were six crewmembers lost onboard DESTINATION. Case pending formal investigation as to the cause of the incident. |
| 2/13/17 | PREDATOR | Sector Anchorage received a distress call from F/V PREDATOR who had run aground and was taking on water. Sector assumed SMC and launched FOL Cold Bay to respond. The MH60 was diverted from St. Paul Island, arrived on-scene, hoisted all 3 crewmembers, and transported them to Akutan. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. The vessel owner oversaw salvage of the vessel. Case pends marine investigation. |
| 2/19/17 | ZIP | Sector Juneau received a distress call from F/V ZIP disabled in Dixon Entrance. Sector Juneau issued a MARB and launched a response boat from Station Ketchikan. CGC ANACAPA was also directed to get underway from Petersburg to respond. CG45767 arrived on scene and took F/V ZIP in tow. Tow was passed to Good Samaritan F/V LASQUETI ROSE; however, tow could not be maintained. Two Station Ketchikan response boats completed the tow of F/V ZIP to Ketchikan. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |

| Date | Vessel | Case Specifics |
|----------|----------------------|--|
| 3/8/17 | LEBID | Sector Anchorage received an EPIRB activation alert for F/V LEBID in Shelikof Strait. Sector Anchorage issued a UMIB, and then received notification from a vessel on scene that F/V LEBID was not in any distress. After confirming the information, the UMIB was cancelled. No further Coast Guard Assistance was requested. |
| 03/10/17 | KODIAK ENTERPRISE | D17 Command Center received a report of a crew member who experienced an injury onboard F/V SIBERIAN SEA. Case evaluated and SMC recommended MEDEVAC. A MH-65 (deployed on CGC WAESCHE) was launched from Dutch Harbor to respond. The MH-65 arrived on scene, hoisted, and transported the crewmember to Cold Bay for higher level medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. |

Appendix B
December 2016 – March 2017
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

| DATE | VSL NAME | SPECIES | AREA |
|----------|--------------------|---------|------|
| 11/17/16 | VIGILANT | 110 | 517 |
| 11/21/16 | DEEP PACIFIC | 110 | 521 |
| 12/3/16 | APRIL LANE | 110 | 519 |
| 12/3/16 | CLAIRE OCEANA | 110 | 519 |
| 12/5/16 | CLIPPER EPIC | 110 | 513 |
| 12/6/16 | BARANOF | 110 | 517 |
| 12/6/16 | CLIPPER ENDEAVOR | 110 | 521 |
| 12/21/16 | FARWEST LEADER | 110 | 517 |
| 12/21/16 | KAIA | 110 | 517 |
| 1/2/17 | KONA KAI | 110 | 509 |
| 1/2/17 | ARCTIC LADY | 110 | 509 |
| 1/3/17 | COURAGEOUS | 110 | 509 |
| 1/3/17 | NORDIC MARINER | 110 | 509 |
| 1/3/17 | ARCTIC MARINER | 110 | 509 |
| 1/3/17 | ZONE FIVE | 110 | 509 |
| 1/3/17 | ALEUTIAN MARINER | 110 | 519 |
| 1/4/17 | CAPE CAUTION | 110 | 509 |
| 1/4/17 | OCEAN FURY | 110 | 519 |
| 1/5/17 | RAMBLIN ROSE | 110 | 509 |
| 1/5/17 | VALIANT | 110 | 509 |
| 1/5/17 | KODIAK | 110 | 509 |
| 1/9/17 | CLIPPER SURPRISE | 110 | 517 |
| 1/9/17 | ALASKAN LADY | 110 | 517 |
| 1/11/17 | CASCADE MARINER | 932 | BSS |
| 1/12/17 | CASCADE | 110 | 519 |
| 1/12/17 | MINION | 110 | 649 |
| 1/21/17 | FREYJA | 110 | 620 |
| 1/23/17 | ALEUTIAN SABLE | 110 | 509 |
| 1/24/17 | BERING SEA | 110 | 509 |
| 1/24/17 | KEVLEEN K | 110 | 509 |
| 1/24/17 | PACIFIC EXPLORER | 270 | 509 |
| 1/30/17 | SEATTLE ENTERPRISE | 110 | 519 |
| 1/30/17 | DEFENDER | 110 | 519 |
| 2/1/17 | BRISTOL EXPLORER | 110 | 519 |
| 2/1/17 | PEGASUS | 270 | 519 |
| 2/1/17 | PACIFIC GLACIER | 270 | 519 |
| 2/1/17 | KODIAK ENTERPRISE | 270 | 519 |

| DATE | VSL NAME | SPECIES | AREA |
|---------|--------------------|---------|------|
| 2/2/17 | BERING ROSE | 270 | 519 |
| 2/2/17 | WIZARD | 932 | 519 |
| 2/2/17 | OCEAN HUNTER | 110 | 519 |
| 2/3/17 | NORTHERN JAEGER | 270 | 519 |
| 2/7/17 | ROYAL AMERICAN | 110 | 517 |
| 2/7/17 | PERSEVERANCE | 110 | 517 |
| 2/7/17 | PEGGY JO | 110 | 517 |
| 2/7/17 | GLADIATOR | 110 | 517 |
| 2/7/17 | HALFMOON BAY | 110 | 517 |
| 2/7/17 | SEA STORM | 110 | 517 |
| 2/7/17 | ROSELLA | 110 | 517 |
| 2/7/17 | GOLDEN PISCES | 110 | 509 |
| 2/7/17 | SEADAWN | 110 | 517 |
| 2/7/17 | PREDATOR | 110 | 517 |
| 2/8/17 | PACIFIC CHALLENGER | 110 | 517 |
| 2/8/17 | KATIE ANN | 110 | 517 |
| 2/8/17 | ARCTIC WIND | 110 | 517 |
| 2/8/17 | SEEKER | 110 | 517 |
| 2/8/17 | CARAVELLE | 110 | 517 |
| 2/8/17 | ANITA J | 110 | 517 |
| 2/13/17 | BUCCANEER | 110 | 630 |
| 2/13/17 | LAURA | 270 | 630 |
| 2/13/17 | TOPAZ | 270 | 630 |
| 2/13/17 | ODIN'S EYE | 110 | 630 |
| 2/14/17 | WALTER N | 270 | 630 |
| 2/14/17 | LISA MELINDA | 270 | 630 |
| 2/14/17 | PACIFIC STAR | 270 | 630 |
| 2/14/17 | ALASKA DAWN | 270 | 630 |
| 2/14/17 | MAR DEL NORTE | 270 | 630 |
| 2/15/17 | ERICA RENEE | 110 | 630 |
| 2/15/17 | MISS SARAH | 270 | 630 |
| 2/16/17 | DANGEROUS CAPE | 110 | 630 |
| 2/16/17 | NICHOLE | 270 | 630 |
| 2/16/17 | LEGACY | 110 | 517 |
| 2/17/17 | SEA DREAM | 110 | 630 |
| 2/18/17 | JENOAH | 110 | 630 |
| 2/18/17 | ENTERPRISE | 123 | 517 |
| 2/19/17 | CORAL | 110 | 649 |
| 2/19/17 | NORTHERN PATRIOT | 270 | 513 |

| DATE | VSL NAME | SPECIES | AREA |
|---------|-------------------|---------|--------|
| 2/19/17 | ISLAND ENTERPRISE | 270 | 513 |
| 2/19/17 | ALASKA ROSE | 270 | 513 |
| 2/20/17 | GOLDEN ALASKA | 270 | 509 |
| 2/21/17 | STILLWATER | 110 | 630 |
| 2/21/17 | REDOUBT | 110 | 630 |
| 2/21/17 | AK6698AK | 962 | 659 |
| 2/21/17 | AK6010 | 200 | 659 |
| 2/21/17 | KODIAK | 962 | 659 |
| 2/22/17 | RUFF&REDDY | 110 | 630 |
| 2/23/17 | KUSTATAN | 110 | 630 |
| 2/26/17 | AK2920AJ | 200 | 2C |
| 3/2/17 | ALASKA MIST | 110 | 521 |
| 3/2/17 | ALEUTIAN LADY | 932 | 521 |
| 3/3/17 | CAITLIN ANN | 270 | 513 |
| 3/3/17 | DOMINATOR | 270 | 513 |
| 3/3/17 | SEAFISHER | 127 | 513 |
| 3/4/17 | OCEAN PHOENIX | 270 | 516 |
| 3/7/17 | STARBOUND | 270 | 509 |
| 3/9/17 | SIBERIAN SEA | 110 | 509 |
| 3/11/17 | SPIRIT | 200 | 2C |
| 3/13/17 | CHRISTINA DAWN | 200 | 2C |
| 3/13/17 | KAYLEIGH ANN | 200 | 2C |
| 3/14/17 | FORTUNE | 200 | 2C |
| 3/14/17 | HAAKON | 200 | 2C |
| 3/14/17 | TALON | 200 | 2C |
| 3/16/17 | STILLWATER | 110/200 | 630/3A |
| 3/16/17 | CORAL | 110/200 | 630/3A |
| 3/17/17 | LAST ONE | 110 | 630 |
| 3/17/17 | MISLEAD | 200/110 | 603/3A |
| 3/17/17 | CASCADE | 110 | 630 |
| 3/18/17 | SUNSET BAY | 270 | 509 |
| 3/18/17 | RAVEN | 270 | 509 |
| 3/19/17 | ALASKA PROVIDER | 127 | 513 |
| 3/19/17 | SEAFREEZE ALASKA | 127 | 513 |
| 3/19/17 | US INTREPID | 127 | 513 |

Appendix C
 December 2016 – March 2017
 Fisheries Boardings with Violations

| DATE | UNIT | VSL NAME | SPECIES | NOTES AND DETAILS |
|---------|---------------|----------------|---------|--|
| 1/5/17 | ALEX HALEY | FARRAR SEA | 110 | Expired hydrostatic release on EPIRB. |
| 1/14/17 | ANACAPA | SILVER TIP | 110 | Certificate of Documentation not onboard. |
| 1/20/17 | ALEX HALEY | STELLA | 110 | Visual distress signals expired. |
| 2/15/17 | SPAR | KATHERINE | 110 | Expired hydrostatic release on EPIRB and one life ring not onboard. |
| 2/20/17 | STA KETCHIKAN | ZIP | 110 | One fire extinguisher not onboard. |
| 2/22/17 | MUSTANG | ICELANDER | 110 | Expired hydrostatic release on survival craft. |
| 2/23/17 | MUSTANG | TEMPEST | 110 | Expired hydrostatic release on EPIRB. |
| 2/25/17 | MUSTANG | DEFENDER | 110 | Expired hydrostatic release on EPIRB. |
| 2/25/17 | MUSTANG | INVISIBLE | 110 | Expired hydrostatic release on EPIRB. |
| 2/25/17 | MUSTANG | MARIA S.A. | 110 | Missing light on survival suit. |
| 3/2/17 | WAESCHE | CORNELIA MARIE | 932 | Visual distress signals expired. |
| 3/16/17 | CHANDELEUR | ELION | 110/200 | Expired visual distress signals and expired Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examination decal. |
| 3/16/17 | CHANDELEUR | STILLWATER | 110/200 | Failure to produce fishery logbook for inspection while on a fishing trip with an IFQ halibut permit holder onboard. |