

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



**October – November 2020**

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**List of Abbreviations**

AVDET – Aviation Detachment	NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator
CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	NVG – Night Vision Goggles
CGC – Coast Guard Cutter	PD – Police Department
DIW – Dead in the Water	POB – Persons on board
EPIRB – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	SAR – Search and Rescue
FBS - Russian Federal Border Service	SARSAT – Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	SMC – SAR Mission Coordinator
FOL – Forward Operating Location	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	
IUU – Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing	
IVO – In the vicinity of	
MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast	
MBL – US/Russian Maritime Boundary	
MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation	
MEDICO – Passing of medical advice at sea by electronic communications	

### I. IUU Fishing & 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 medium to low activity along the MBL through October and November. Overall there was an average of 1-2 vessels per day detected within 20 miles of the MBL. There have been no detected incursions by FFVs into the U.S. EEZ this season.

### 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.

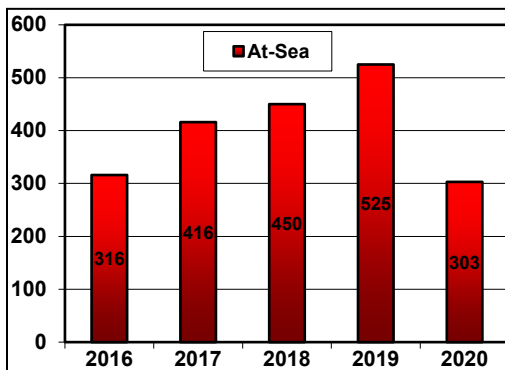
### IV. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement

The Coast Guard monitors more than 151 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. Since September 20<sup>th</sup> the Coast Guard conducted 3 flights out of Kodiak and Nome in support of Marine Protected Resources and NOAA’s Protected Resources Division. There were no violations detected on these flights, but assistance was provided in support of several ongoing open investigations by NOAA OLE.

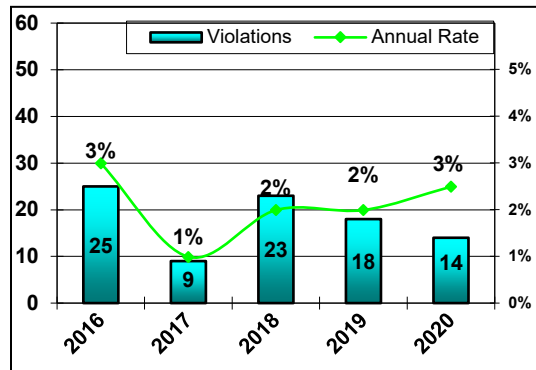
### V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 44 federal fisheries boardings conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of 6 safety violations onboard 6 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**



#### Oct – Nov 2019 Boardings

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

#### Oct – Nov 2020 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea): .....44  
 Boardings w/fisheries violations: .....0  
 Violation Rate: .....0%

## **VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement**

Coast Guard patrols completed 43 boardings on commercial, charter, and recreational vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. There were 39 boardings of IFQ halibut or Sablefish vessels, detecting 6 safety violations. There were 4 boardings on recreational vessels targeting halibut with no violations.

## **VII. Forward Operating Locations**

Air Station Kodiak also deployed two MH-60s to Kotzebue through November 1<sup>st</sup> to support Search and Rescue coverage, community engagement, and Protected Living Marine Resources activities.

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 6 November.

## **VIII. Crab Fisheries**

The CGC ALEX HALEY conducted 3 boardings on fishing vessels targeting crab. 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.

The MH-60 is scheduled to return to Cold Bay on 15 January 2020 as activity increases in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island crab and trawl fisheries.

## **IX. Continuing Operations during COVID-19**

In the early onset of the Coronavirus epidemic, there was a significant decrease in boarding activity due to early risk assessments in conjunction with medical and industry measures. Based on efforts in industry, abiding by the Alaska State Health Mandates, and the Coast Guard's own safety and health guidance and policy, the Coast Guard has resumed all enforcement efforts and patrols with the exception of circumstances that arise on a case by case basis. The Coast Guard has taken very measured precautions to ensure the safety of its members and the public while carrying out its mission sets. The Coast Guard is committed to ensuring the health and safety of the public and are closely monitoring local COVID-19 trends. Our crews are following all the latest CDC safety guidance as we continue to perform our statutory missions in Alaska. Boarding safety precautions include determining COVID-19 exposure risks by asking a series of pre-boarding questions and ensuring boarding team personnel are wearing full personal protection equipment including masks and gloves. We are committed to safely conducting critical operations while maintaining precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

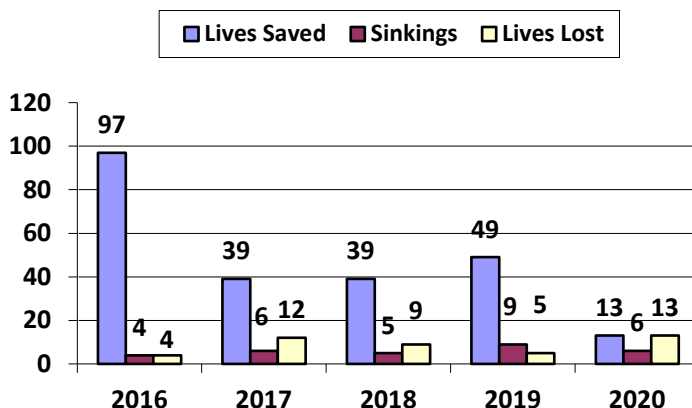
Multiple Coast Guard members participate in the weekly AFISHC and Alaska Industry calls to mesh best practices and work with State and Industry to build a safe working environment. Swift and decisive measures taken by the fishing industry and the State of Alaska have all assisted with Coast Guard actions to maintain operational readiness.

## X. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, 6 safety violations were detected on 6 vessels. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were 6 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in 2 lives saved and 1 vessels lost during the reporting period. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

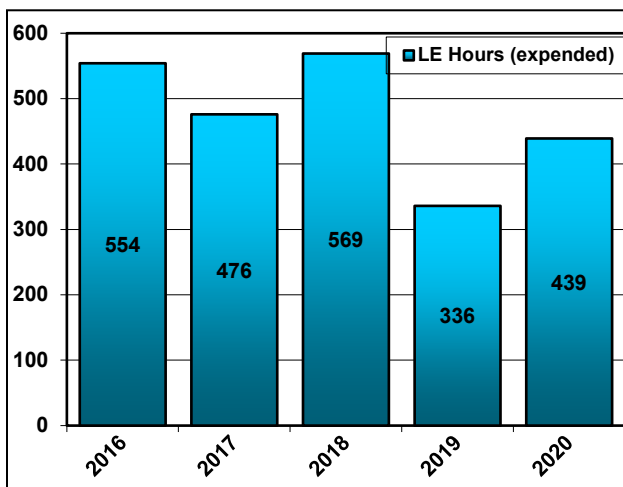
**Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics**  
**Safety Statistics by Year**



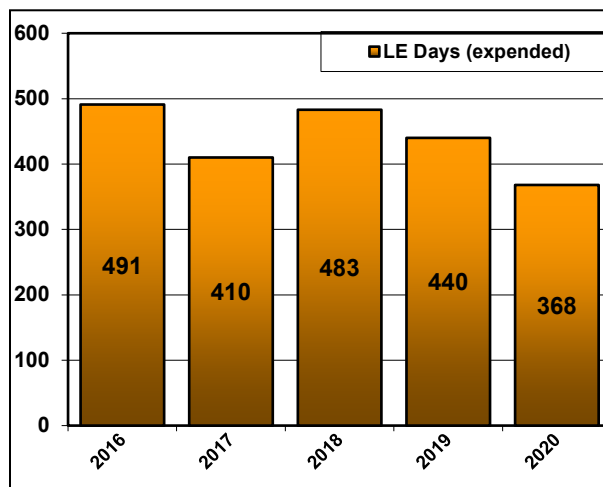
## XI. Coast Guard Resource Summary

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 2019**

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

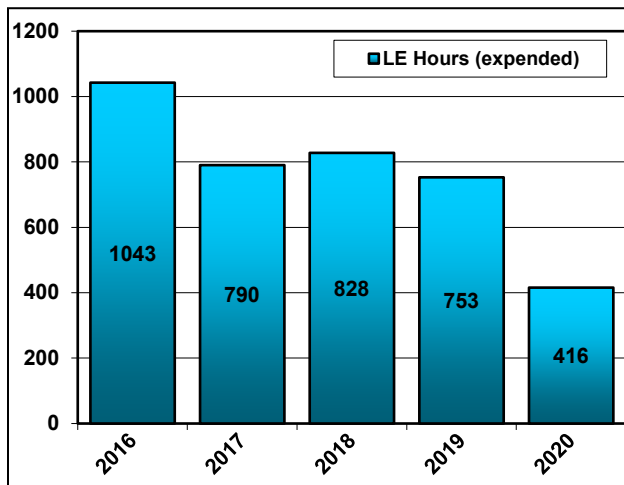
HC-130s flew ..... 40 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew..... 133 hours

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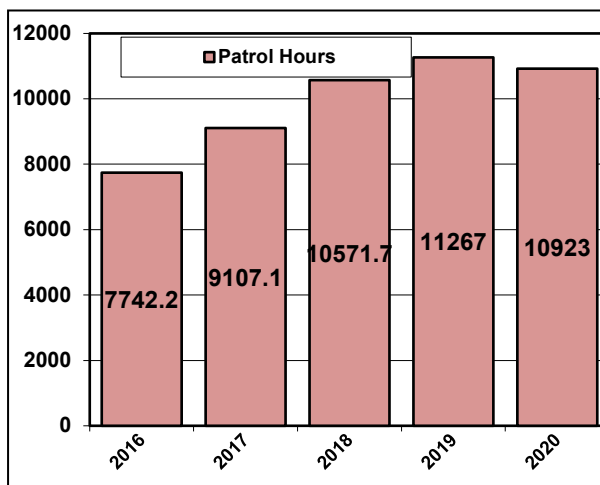
1 WHEC patrolled.....21 days  
 1 WMEC patrolled.....28 days  
 1 WLB patrolled .....4 days  
 6 WPB/FRCs patrolled .....50 days  
**Total Cutter patrol.....103 days**

HC-130s flew .....24 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew.....63 hours

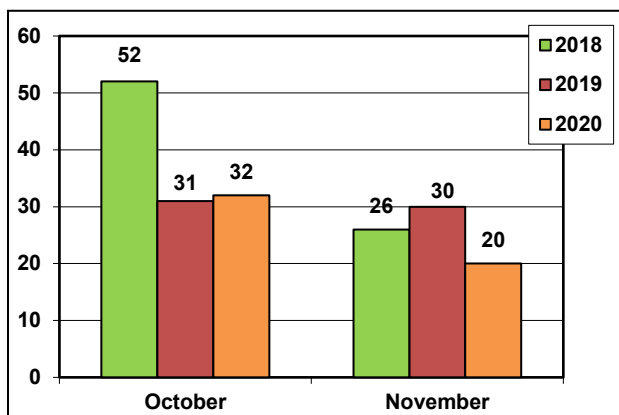
**Figure 6. Annual H60/65 Hours**



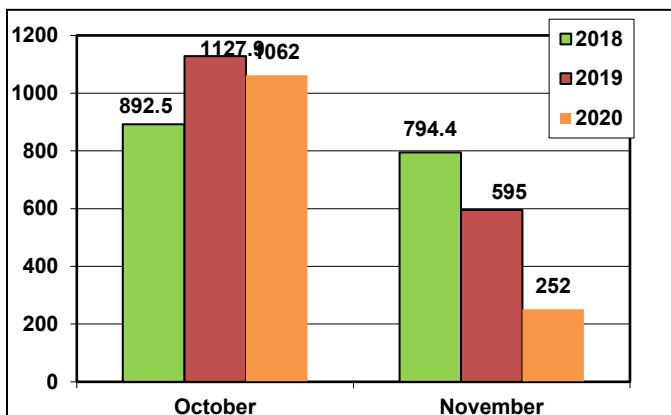
**Figure 7. Annual Patrol Boat Hours**



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



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



*Appendix A*  
October – November 2020  
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel Name	Case Specifics
10/16	DESTINY	Beset by weather
10/20	DEFENDER	Medical Evacuation for crewmember
10/22	ELISE MARIE	Disabled
10/22	NORTHERN EAGLE	Medical Evacuation for crewmember
11/2	IRONY	Vessel sinking

**Appendix B**  
October – November 2020  
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
10/1/20	AK5448AT	200	2C
10/5/20	CORAL LEE	200	3A
10/5/20	INTREPID	200	3A
10/6/20	AK7491AJ	200	3A
10/7/20	CARLYNN	710	SE
10/7/20	WEST BANK	710	SE
10/7/20	STILL WATERS	200	3A
10/7/20	DEFENDER	200	3A
10/8/20	VIS	200/710	2C
10/8/20	KARIEL	200/710	2C
10/10/20	SUSAN	200	3A
10/10/20	ORION	200	3A
10/10/20	MU RUSH	710	CG
10/12/20	MAJESTY	270	519
10/12/20	ARCTIC WIND	270	519
10/14/20	DIVE MASTER	815	659
10/14/20	SIREN	200	2C
10/14/20	TALIA	200	3A
10/15/20	MAGNUS MARTENS	710	SE
10/15/20	INTANGIBLE	710	SE
10/15/20	REPUBLIC	710	WY
10/16/20	BILLIKIN	921	509
10/17/20	MAJOR	710	SE
10/17/20	NETTA ROSE	200	3A
10/18/20	CHARIOT	200	3A
10/18/20	LINNEA	200	3A
10/18/20	AMBASSADOR	200	3A
10/18/20	CHIKAMIN	200	2C
10/20/20	KASATKA	200	3A
10/22/20	LADY SIMPSON	200	3A
10/22/20	CHANDALAR	200	3A
10/22/20	CORAL	200	3A
10/24/20	VALLE LEE	710	SE
10/24/20	IDA JUNE	710	SE
10/24/20	AK4874AA	710	659
10/25/20	SAGA	921	516
10/25/20	VALIANT	921	516
11/3/20	MISS BEHAVING	895	659
11/3/20	KAIJAV	895	659
11/8/20	INDIGO	710/200	SE
11/9/20	MIDDLETON	200	2C
11/13/20	SILVER TIP	200	2C
11/13/20	CARLYNN	200	2C
11/13/20	CHILKAT	200	2C
11/15/20	DANGEROUS CAPE	710	SE
11/15/20	JAEGER	710	SE



*Appendix C*  
 October – November 2020  
 Fisheries Boardings with Violations (Commercial, Recreational, and Charter)

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b>VIOLATIONS</b>
10/1/20	200	2C	No valid/current Certificate of Documentation
10/1/20	200	2C	EXPIRED VDS
10/12/20	910	650	Expired VDS and no light on buoyant apparatus
10/12/20	710	BS	Expired VDS
10/15/20	710	SE	2 expired fire extinguishers
10/28/20	895	659	Expired hydrostatic release and expired EPIRB registration