

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



**01 DEC 09 - 31 MAR 10**

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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	WLB – 225ft Buoy Tender
WHEC/WMEC – High/Medium Endurance Cutters	WPB – 110ft Patrol Boat
HH65/60 – CG helicopter	

## I. US/Russian Maritime Boundary Line (MBL) Enforcement

There has been very little fishing activity along the MBL since December. Significant activity is not expected to resume until mid-May at which time Coast Guard units will be in position to respond to potential incursions.

This Seventeenth District maintains an open dialog with the Russian Northeast Border Directorate (NBD) command in order to jointly manage compliance with the Maritime Boundary. The NBD continues to demonstrate openness and eagerness to continue strengthening cooperation and substantive discussions.

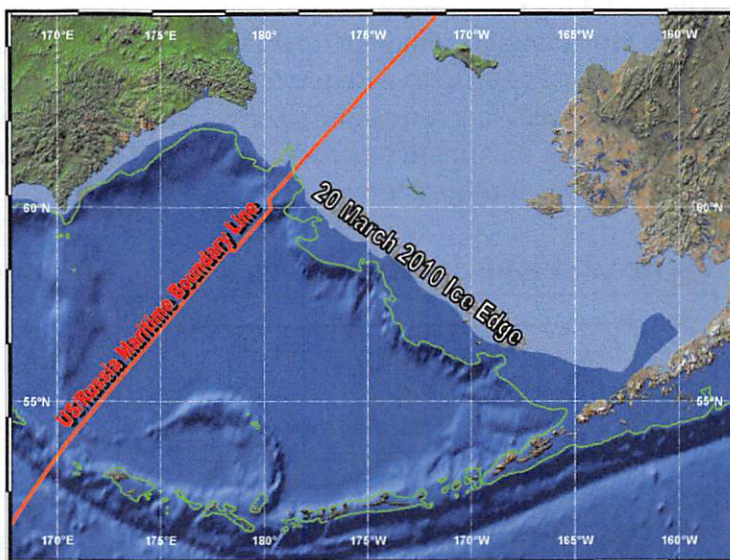


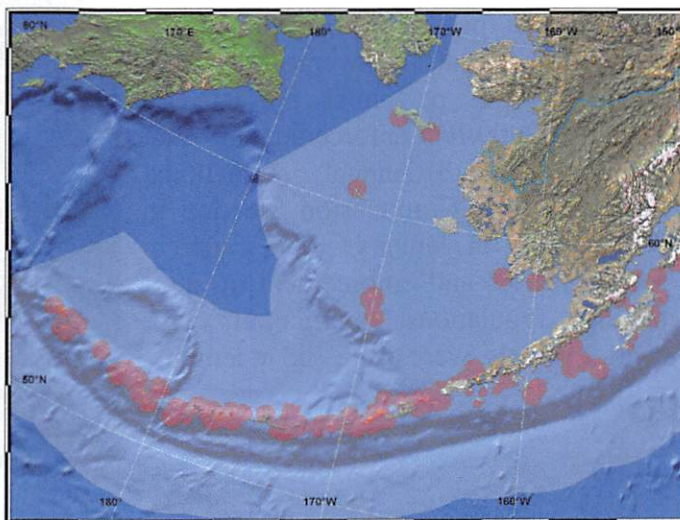
Figure 1. 20 MAR 2010 MBL Plot (No Activity)

## II. High Seas Drift Net Enforcement

There were no high seas drift net (HSDN) enforcement patrols, and no illegal HSDN activity was reported during this period. Operation North Pacific Guard, the USCG's HSDN enforcement planning cycle, starts in April. Aircraft and cutter deployments are still being coordinated with the NPAFC signatories. Aircraft flights, as well as the cutter deployment, serve not only to support the NPAFC but also the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum (NPCGF) and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). The USCG plans to dedicate 125 flight hours in the High Threat Area for 2010. The USCG has assigned the Honolulu-based, Coast Guard Cutter JARVIS as the North Pacific Engagement and Enforcement Patrol vessel for 2010.

## III. Steller Sea Lions and Critical Habitat Enforcement

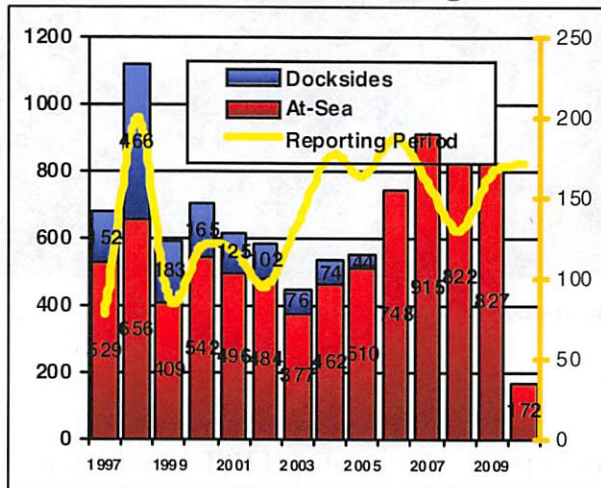
The Coast Guard continues to assist NMFS in management activities to ensure current groundfish fisheries are not adversely affecting Steller Sea Lions or impeding their recovery. The Coast Guard does this through continued patrols of Steller Sea Lion Critical Habitat Areas. Cutters logged 35 monitoring hours, and aircraft patrolled 15 hours in support of this mission. There were no significant violations observed.



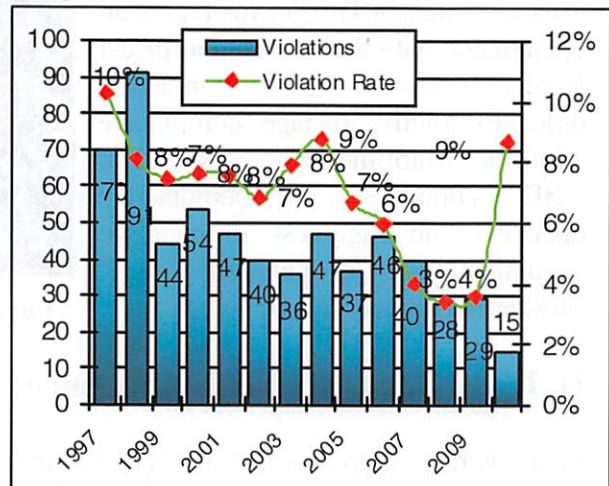
## IV. CGD17 Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

The following charts show boarding and fishery violation trends since 1997. There was a spike in the violation rate, although total violation numbers during the reporting period were still small and relatively consistent with previous years. During the reporting period there were 15 fisheries violations, including four significant violations. Three were issued for seabird avoidance and one for exceeding maximum retainable allowance. Appendices A and B contain a list of boardings and violations for the reporting period.

**Figure 2. Fisheries Boardings**



**Figure 3. Fisheries Violations**



**DEC 2008 - MAR 2009**

All F/V Boardings (at sea):.....166  
 Boardings w/Fisheries Violations:.....6  
 Violation Rate:..... 3.6%

**DEC 2009 - MAR 2010**

All F/V Boardings (at sea):.....172  
 Boardings w/Fisheries Violations:.....15  
 Violation Rate:..... 8.7%

## V. IFQ Halibut/Sablefish At-Sea Enforcement

The 2010 IFQ season opened on schedule without incident. There had been only 18 boardings at press time for this report with no violations. Seventeenth Coast Guard District personnel presented a review of 2009 IFQ enforcement effort at the Eighty Sixth Annual International Pacific Halibut Commission Meeting in Seattle, WA in January. The catch in sport fisheries and enforcement of sport fishing regulations, particularly for charter vessels, were discussed at length.



## VI. CGD17 Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

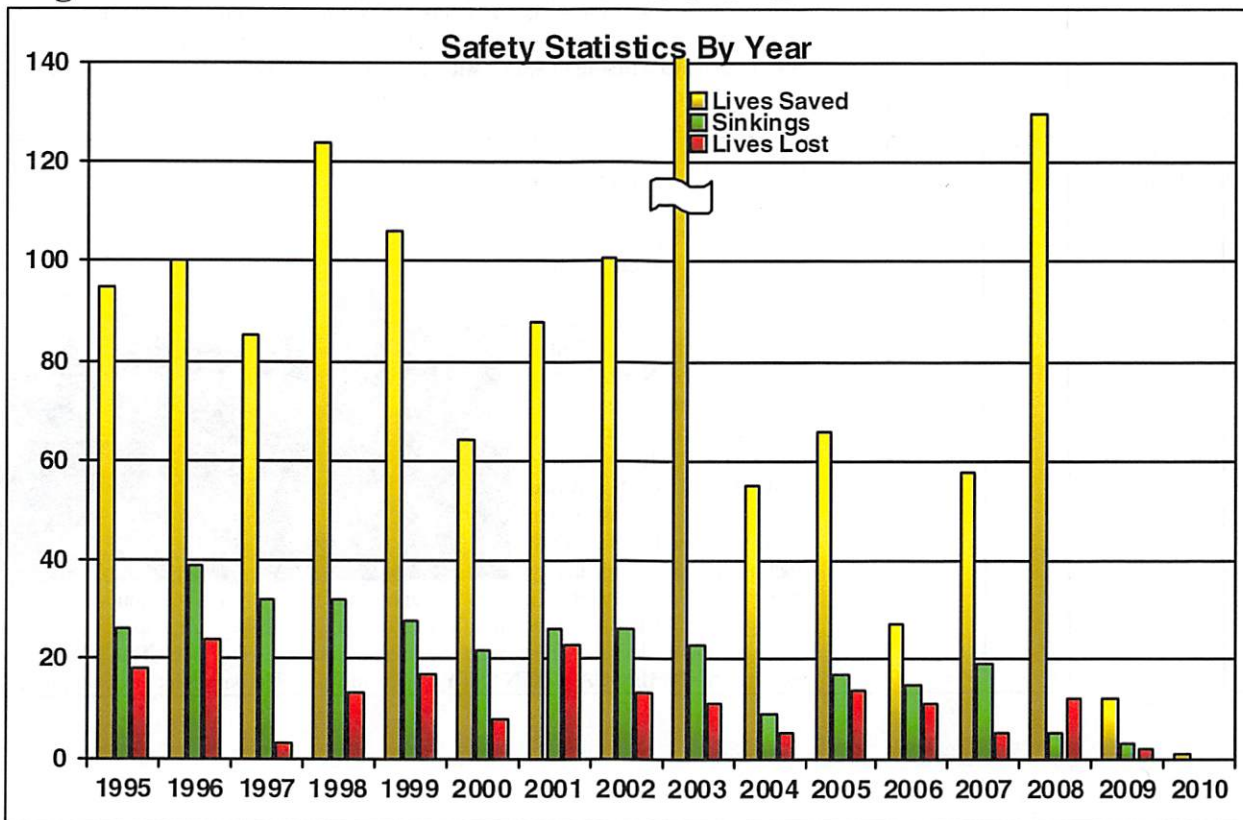
There were five *voyage terminations* (all on vessels participating in state fisheries) during the reporting period. The most common safety violations were for expired EPIRBs, expired EPIRB hydrostatic releases, and expired visual distress signals.

There were five SAR cases including one helo basket-hoist MEDEVAC. There were no fatalities and no vessels lost. There was one major marine casualty when the F/V AMERICAN DYNASTY fought a mechanical space fire that burned for more than three hours. The fire caused significant damage to the mechanical space, and the fire spread above decks before the crew was able to get it under control. Fortunately, numerous Good Samaritan vessels were able to respond quickly and assist and there were no significant injuries. Summaries of the more significant search and rescue cases are included in the table on the following page. The history of casualties and fatalities is summarized in Figure 4.




PHOTO: MSD personnel inspects liferaft expiration decal.

**Figure 4. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics**



*There were one life saved, zero fatalities, and zero vessels lost during this reporting period.*

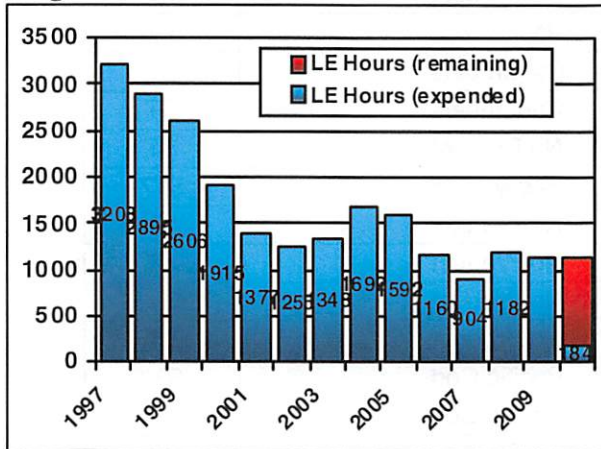
**Table 1. CGD17 CFVS/Search and Rescue Case Summaries**

Date	Vessel Name	POB	Death	VSL Loss	Specific Cause
02/05/10	Alaskan Leader	N/A	N	N	Communications Station Kodiak relayed a radio request to the District Seventeen Command Center for a MEDEVAC from the F/V ALASKAN LEADER which was operating approximately 240nm northwest of St. Paul. The master was requesting a MEDEVAC for a 40-year-old male crewmember suffering severe chest pains. The duty flight surgeon was consulted and concurred that a MEDEVAC was warranted. The two Air Station Kodiak HH-60 helos launched from St. Paul, but were unable to hoist the subject due to 20 foot seas and were forced to return to St. Paul. The two HH-60 helos returned to the vessel the following morning along with an Air Station Kodiak HC-130 flying cover. The helos safely basket hoisted the crewmember and delivered the subject to awaiting emergency medical services in St. Paul.
01/17/10	Butterfly	N/A	N	N	The master of the F/V BUTTERFLY radioed a MAYDAY, which was received by Sector Anchorage. The master stated that the vessel was taking on water in Ugak Bay (Kodiak Island). Sector Anchorage issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast (UMIB), and an Air Station Kodiak HH-60 helo launched to assist. The USCGC ACUSHNET and USCGC ROANOKE ISLAND diverted toward Ugak Bay to assist. The Good Samaritan F/V TEMPEST responded to the UMIB and was the first to arrive on scene. The helo arrived shortly thereafter and provided a dewatering pump for the F/V BUTTERFLY. The TEMPEST crew was able to assist the BUTTERFLY with stemming the flooding and dewatering the vessel. The F/V TEMPEST took the F/V BUTTERFLY in tow and transited safely to Old Harbor. The helo returned to base and the cutters stood down and resumed patrol.
12/22/09	Robyn	4	N	N	The designated float plan contact for the F/V ROBYN contacted District 17 Command Center reporting the vessel overdue on a trip from Sand Point to fish in Ivanof Bay 44nm to the northeast. The vessel was 24 hours overdue was last heard from four days earlier in Ivanof Bay. They had reported an exhaust leak in the cabin of the vessel during last contact. Weather in the area has been poor over the last 48 hours with strong winds out of the southwest. D17 issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast and the USCGC MORGENTHAU diverted toward the area to conduct a first light search with the embarked HH-65 helo. The helo located the vessel safely anchored awaiting a break in the weather. The vessel had inadvertently set their radio VHF CH-06 instead of VHF CH-16 and had not heard callouts as a result.
03/10/10	American Dynasty	137	N	N	<p>The master of the F/V AMERICAN DYNASTY radioed Communications Station Kodiak reporting a major fire in the engineering space. The vessel was operating approximately 110nm northeast of Dutch Harbor. The North Pacific SAR Coordinator issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast (UMIB) and the USCGC MUNRO diverted to assist. At least seven nearby Good Samaritan fishing vessels immediately responded to the UMIB. The crews fought the fire for over three hours before it was finally extinguished. The fire caused significant damage to the engineering spaces as well as additional damage above decks. There were no major injuries. The MUNRO arrived on scene and escorted the AMERICAN DYNASTY to port in Dutch Harbor under her own power.</p> 

## VII. CGD17 Resource Summary

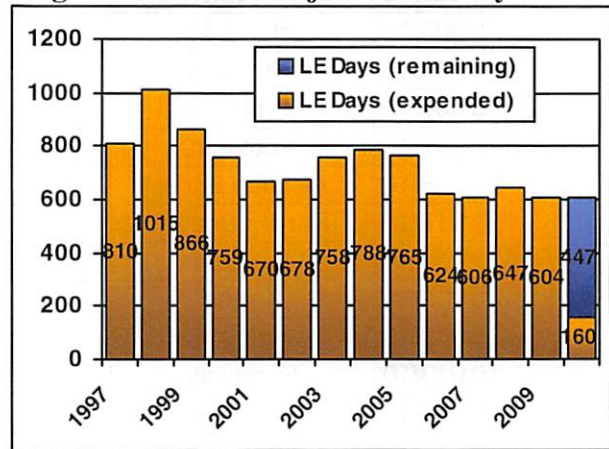
Figures 5 and 6 show the historical and projected *annual* HC-130 aircraft law enforcement hours and Medium and High Endurance Cutter days used within the Seventeenth District. Total projected major cutter days are expected to be comparable to last year. Flight hours for HC-130 aircraft are projected to be up about 100 hours this year. Figures 7 and 8 show the same information over the last three years for the *reporting period only*.

**Figure 5. Annual HC-130 Hours**



2009 includes projection through December.

**Figure 6. Annual Major Cutter Days**



2009 includes projection through December.

### DEC 2008 - MAR 2009

3 WHECs Patrolled 104 Days  
 1 WMECs Patrolled 61 Days  
 4 WLBs Patrolled 26 Days  
 4 WPBs Patrolled 111 Days

**Total Cutter Days 302 Days**

HC130s Flew 342 Hours  
 HH-60/65s Flew 131 Hours

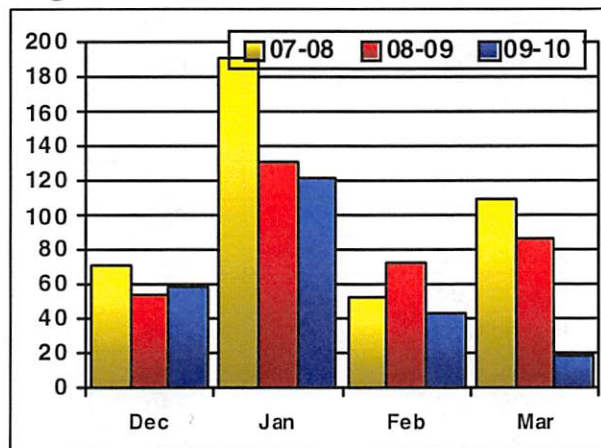
### DEC 2009 - MAR 2010

3 WHECs Patrolled 120 Days  
 2 WMECs Patrolled 58 Days  
 2 WLBs Patrolled 15 Days  
 5 WPBs Patrolled 171 Days  
 1 WAGB Patrolled 56 Days

**Total Cutter Days 420 Days**

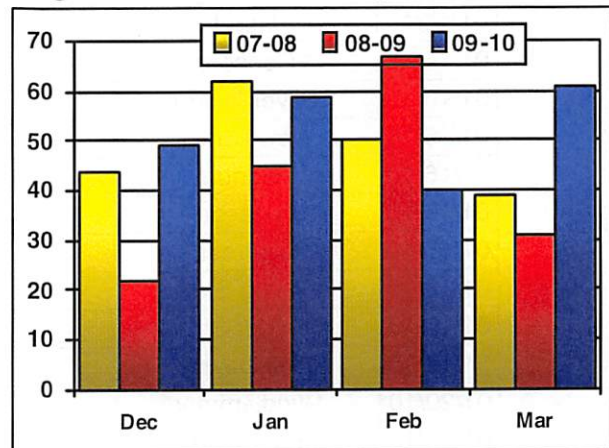
HC130s Flew 243 Hours  
 HH-60/65s Flew 297 Hours

**Figure 7. DEC - MAR HC-130 Hours**



NOTE: Flight hour data for reporting period ONLY.

**Figure 8. DEC - MAR Major Cutter Days**



NOTE: Patrol day data for reporting period ONLY.

# Appendix A

## Boardings Without Violations 01 DEC 2009 – 31 MAR 2010

Date	Vessel Name	Fishery	Area
01/01/10	Kjevolja	Pacific Cod	517
01/01/10	Clipper Express	Pacific Cod	521
01/01/10	Clipper Express	No Product	521
01/03/10	Amber Dawn	Pacific Cod	630
01/05/10	Winston Churchill	Cucumbers	ST
01/06/10	Typhoon	Cucumbers	ST
01/08/10	Kustatan	No Product	ST
01/08/10	Aleutian Spray	Pacific Cod	517
01/12/10	Raging Beauty	No Product	ST
01/12/10	Miss Linda	No Product	ST
01/12/10	Karma	No Product	ST
01/12/10	Halcyon	No Product	ST
01/13/10	Runaway	Pacific Cod	630
01/13/10	Reliance	Pacific Cod	630
01/13/10	North Sea	Crab	521
01/13/10	Faith	Pacific Cod	630
01/13/10	Destroyer	Pacific Cod	630
01/13/10	Cascade	Pacific Cod	630
01/13/10	Cascade	Pacific Cod	630
01/14/10	Sea Dream	Pacific Cod	630
01/14/10	Faith	Pacific Cod	630
01/14/10	Enterprise	Pacific Cod	630
01/15/10	Rip Tide	Pacific Cod	630
01/15/10	Resolution	Pacific Cod	630
01/15/10	Pacific Cloud	Pacific Cod	630
01/15/10	Norma Kay	Crab	630
01/15/10	Mu Rush	Pacific Cod	630
01/15/10	Investor	Pacific Cod	630
01/15/10	Coral	Pacific Cod	630
01/15/10	Concord	Pacific Cod	630
01/16/10	Silver Storm	Pacific Cod	630
01/16/10	New Dawn	Crab	630
01/16/10	Magnum	Pacific Cod	630
01/16/10	Legasea	Crab	630
01/17/10	Huntress	Pacific Cod	630
01/18/10	Viking Star	Pacific Cod	630
01/19/10	Sumner Strait	Pacific Cod	630
01/19/10	Rai Dawn	Pacific Cod	630
01/20/10	Windjammer	Pacific Cod	630
01/20/10	Peggy Jo	Pacific Cod	630
01/20/10	Mar Pacifico	Pacific Cod	630
01/20/10	Dawn	Pacific Cod	630



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Date	Vessel Name	Fishery	Area
01/20/10	Courageous	Pacific Cod	521
01/23/10	Lisa Melinda	Pacific Cod	630
01/23/10	Hazel Lorraine	Pacific Cod	630
01/23/10	Gold Rush	Pacific Cod	630
01/23/10	Bay Islander	Pacific Cod	630
01/24/10	Bristol Mariner	Crab	509
01/28/10	Seafreeze Alaska	Atka Mackerel	541
01/28/10	Lady Joanne	Pacific Cod	620
01/28/10	Decision	Pacific Cod	620
01/28/10	Champion	Pacific Cod	620
01/28/10	Alaska Knight	Atka Mackerel	541
01/28/10	Alaska Dawn	Pacific Cod	620
01/29/10	Terri Gail	Pacific Cod	541
02/01/10	St Dominick	Pacific Cod	519
02/02/10	Sunset Bay	Pacific Cod	519
02/02/10	Seadawn	Pacific Cod	519
02/02/10	Sea Storm	Pacific Cod	519
02/02/10	Royal American	Pacific Cod	519
02/02/10	Raven	Pacific Cod	519
02/02/10	Ocean Harvester	Pacific Cod	519
02/02/10	Amber Nicole	Pacific Cod	610
02/02/10	Alaskan Frontier	Pacific Cod	610
02/02/10	Alaska Victory	Crab	542
02/11/10	Western Dawn	Pollock	517
02/11/10	Sea Wolf	Pollock	517
02/11/10	Ocean Phoenix	Pollock	517
02/11/10	Nordic Fury	Pollock	517
02/12/10	Starbound	Pollock	517
02/12/10	Bering Rose	Pollock	517
02/13/10	Northern Jaeger	No Product	ST
02/13/10	Neptune	No Product	ST
02/14/10	Grace C	No Product	ST
02/20/10	Tempest	No Product	ST
02/22/10	Legacy	Rock Sole	509
02/23/10	Verdal	No Product	ST
02/23/10	Vaerdal	Rock Sole	509
02/23/10	Us Intrepid	Rock Sole	509
02/23/10	Enterprise	Rock Sole	509
02/24/10	Ocean Alaska	Rock Sole	509
02/24/10	Defender	Rock Sole	509
02/24/10	Constellation	Rock Sole	509
02/24/10	Cape Horn	Rock Sole	509

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Date	Vessel Name	Fishery	Area
03/07/10	Talon	Halibut	2C
03/07/10	Haakon	Halibut	2C
03/07/10	Commander	Halibut	2C
03/09/10	Northern Jaeger	Pollock	521
03/09/10	American Triumph	Pollock	521
03/10/10	Seattle Enterprise	Pollock	521
03/10/10	Maranatha	Halibut	2C
03/10/10	Kodiak Enterprise	Pollock	521
03/11/10	Pacific Glacier	Pollock	521
03/11/10	Island Enterprise	Pollock	521
03/11/10	Arctic Fjord	Pollock	521
03/14/10	Jeanine Kathleen	No Product	ST
03/15/10	Talon	Halibut	2C
03/15/10	Southeast	Halibut	2C
03/16/10	Rebecca Irene	Rock Sole	509
03/16/10	Denae Marie	Halibut	2C
03/17/10	Kayleigh Ann	Halibut	2C
03/17/10	Heather Lee	Halibut	2C
03/17/10	Evening Star	Sablefish	SE
03/17/10	Bristol Explorer	Pollock	509
03/17/10	Blue Fox	Pollock	509
03/17/10	Arctic Explorer	Pollock	509
03/18/10	Provider	Halibut	3A
03/18/10	Ocean Explorer	Pollock	509
03/19/10	Roberta M	No Product	ST
03/19/10	Arctic Dawn	No Product	ST
03/20/10	Lake Bay	No Product	ST
03/20/10	Invincible	No Product	ST
03/21/10	Laura S	No Product	ST
03/21/10	Judy B	No Product	ST
03/21/10	Judi B	Sablefish	AI
03/22/10	Melanie	Halibut	3A
03/22/10	Larisa M	Halibut	3A
03/23/10	Strider	No Product	ST
03/23/10	Seadancer	No Product	ST
03/26/10	Navigator	Halibut	3A
03/26/10	Martina	Halibut	3A
03/26/10	Kema Sue	Halibut	3A
03/29/10	Skipjack	No Product	ST

## Appendix B

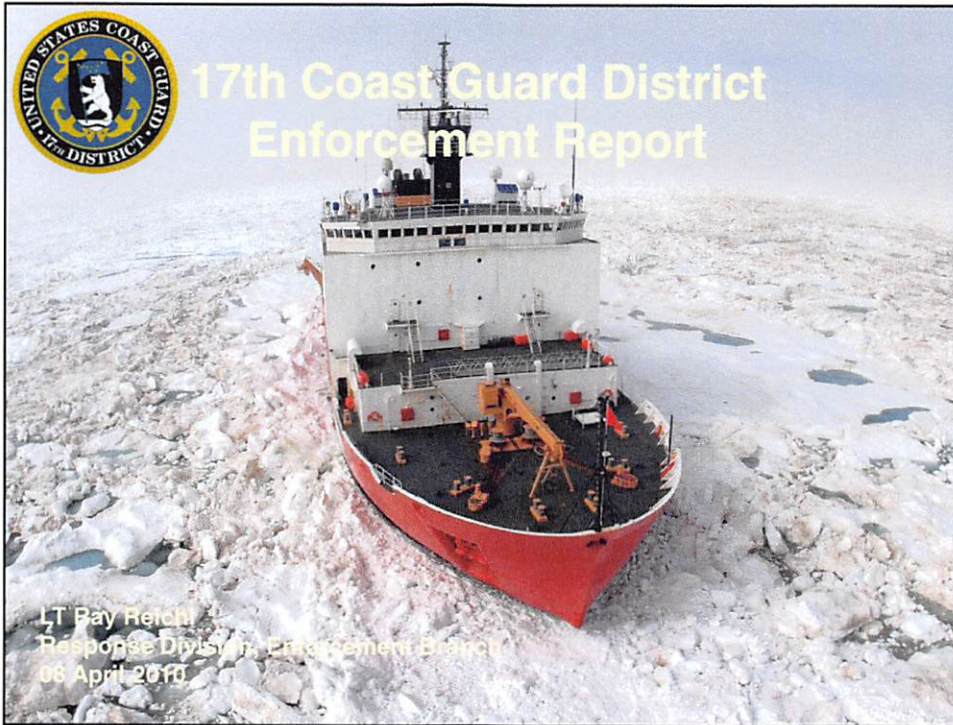
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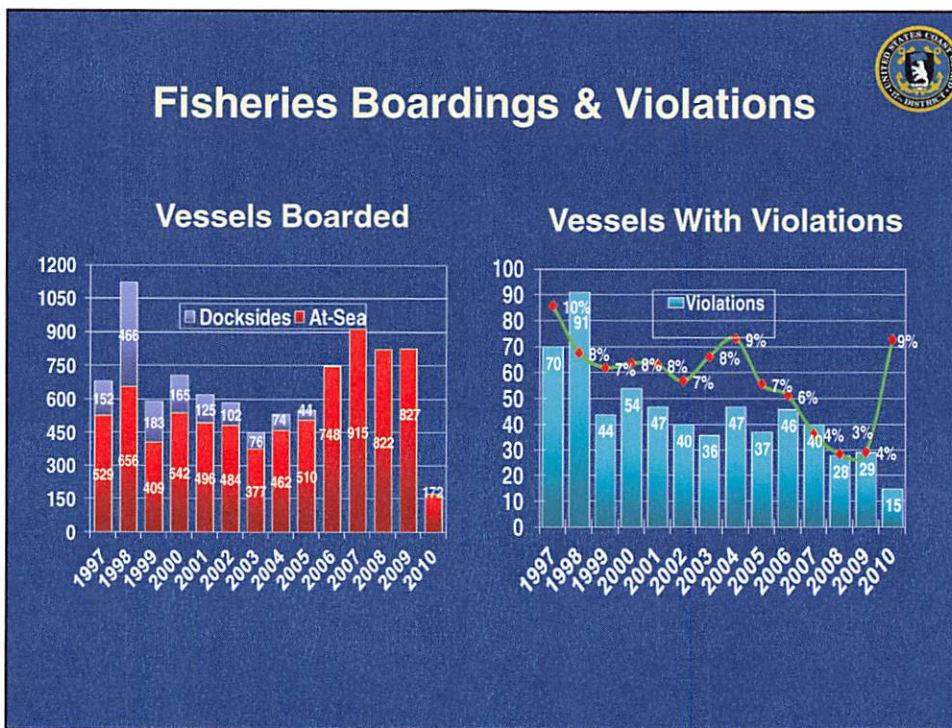
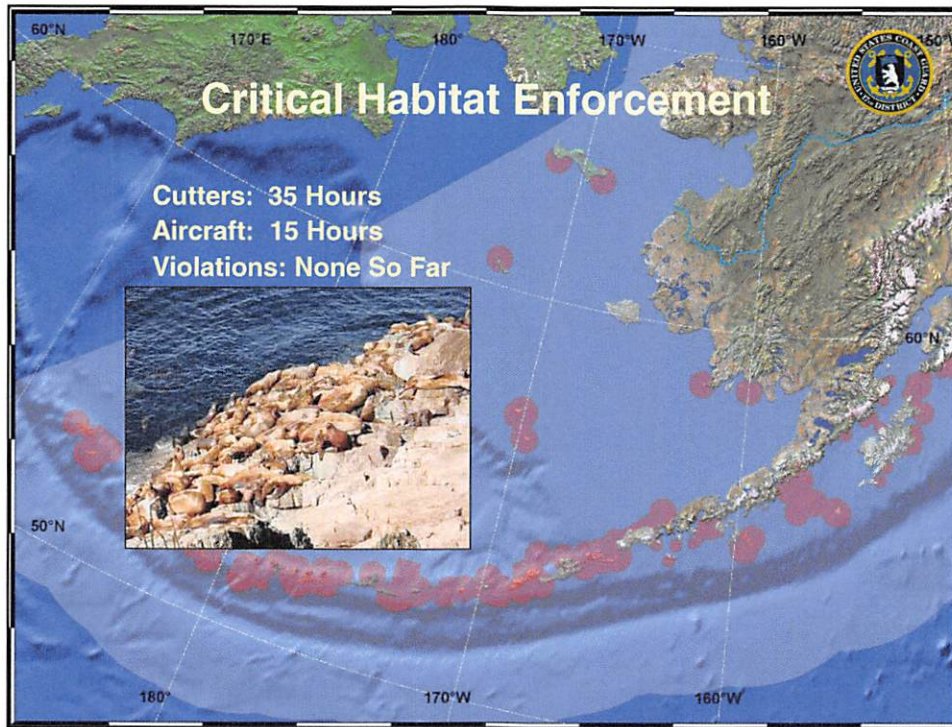
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01/06/10	Naushon	Bright Ray	Cucumbers	ST	Voyage terminated for insufficient liferaft and for failure to carry current certificate of documentation on board
01/06/10	Naushon	C Hawk	Cucumbers	ST	Safety violation issued for expired visual distress signals
01/06/10	Naushon	Christopher David	Cucumbers	ST	Voyage terminated for insufficient liferaft
01/06/10	Naushon	Katlian	Cucumbers	ST	Voyage terminated for insufficient liferaft and for failure to carry current certificate of documentation on board
01/08/10	Morgenthau	Kustatan	Crab	517	Fisheries violation issued for failure to maintain logbooks in a timely manner
01/13/10	Morgenthau	Arctic Sea	Crab	521	Fisheries violation issued for failure to provide safe boarding ladder
01/14/10	Acushnet	Topaz	Pacific Cod	630	Safety violation issued for insufficient immersion suits
01/14/10	Acushnet	Akula	Pacific Cod	630	Safety violation issued for insufficient immersion suit lights
01/14/10	Roanoke Island	Alaskan Pride	Pacific Cod	630	Safety violation issued for expired EPIRB registration
01/14/10	Roanoke Island	Defender	Pacific Cod	630	Safety violation issued for expired liferaft
01/14/10	Roanoke Island	Dona Lina	Pacific Cod	630	Fisheries violation issued for failure to use adequate seabird avoidance measures.
01/14/10	Acushnet	Lisa Gayle	Pacific Cod	630	Safety violation issued for expired EPIRB registration
01/15/10	Acushnet	Conquest	Crab	630	Safety violation issued for expired EPIRB registration
01/15/10	Acushnet	Butterfly	Pacific Cod	630	Fisheries violation issued for overage in excess of 20% for skate bycatch and safety violation issued for expired liferaft and expired visual distress signals.
01/15/10	Roanoke Island	Ocean Ranger	Pacific Cod	630	Fisheries violation issued for failure to use adequate seabird avoidance measures (2 counts).
01/20/10	Acushnet	Cape Kiwanda	Pacific Cod	630	Fisheries violation issued for failure to carry federal fisheries permit
01/20/10	Acushnet	Coho	Pacific Cod	630	Fisheries violation issued for failure to carry federal fisheries permit and safety violation issued for failure to carry current certificate of documentation on board
01/20/10	Acushnet	Lone Star	Pacific Cod	630	Safety violation issued for expired firefighting equipment
01/22/10	Acushnet	Resolution	Pacific Cod	630	Safety violation issued for negligent operation by failing to maintain a lookout and failing to give way.
01/23/10	Acushnet	Caravelle	Pacific Cod	630	Safety violation issued for expired liferaft hydrostatic release
01/23/10	Acushnet	Miss Sarah	Pacific Cod	630	Fisheries violation issued for failure to provide safe boarding ladder

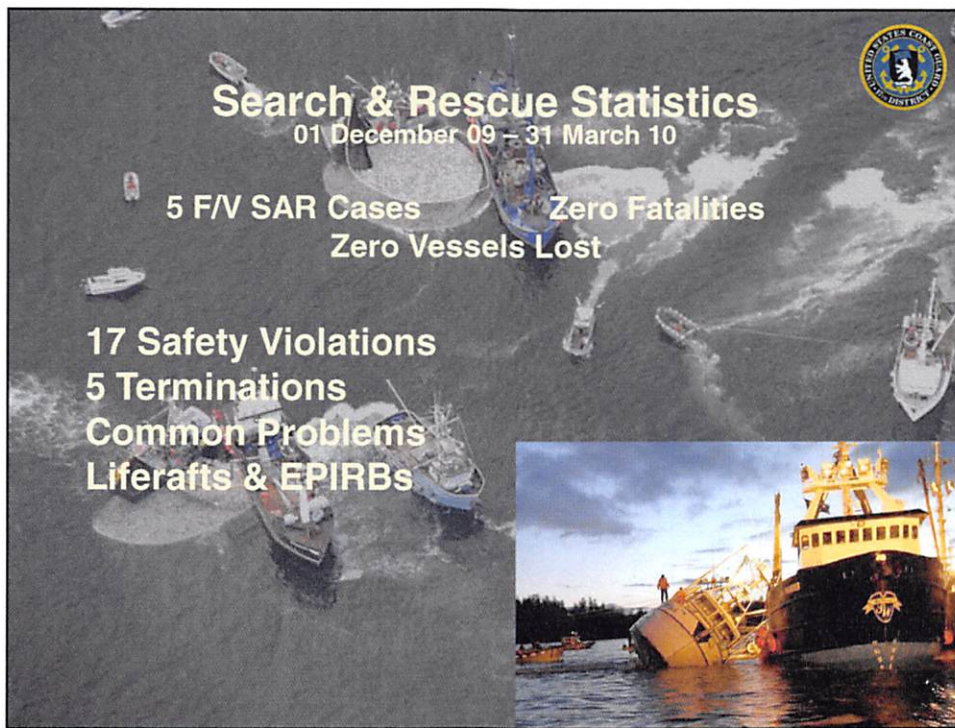
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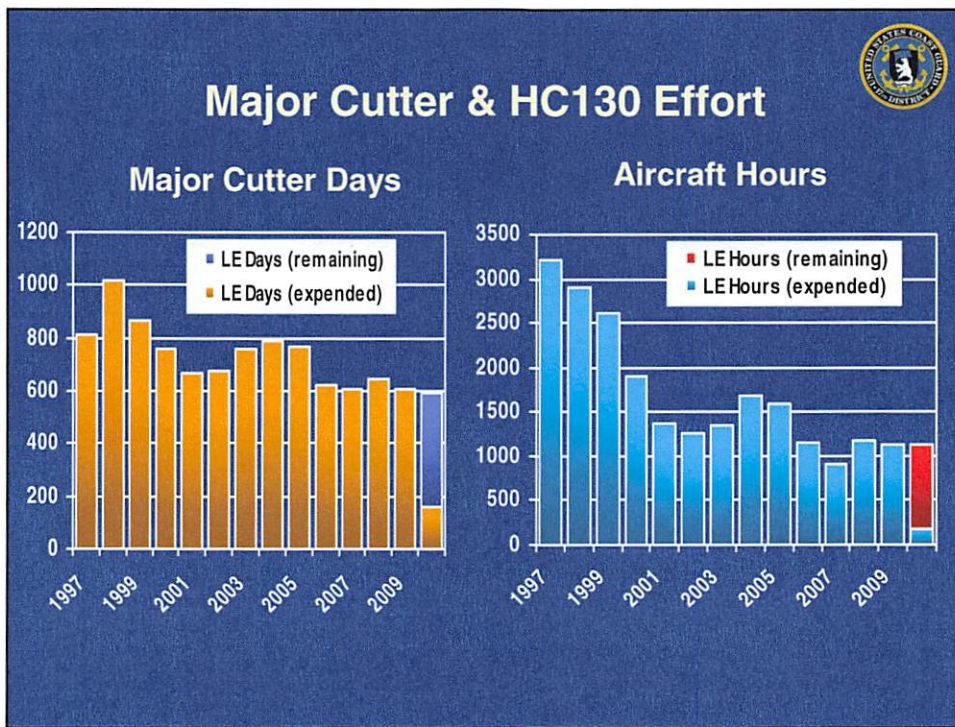
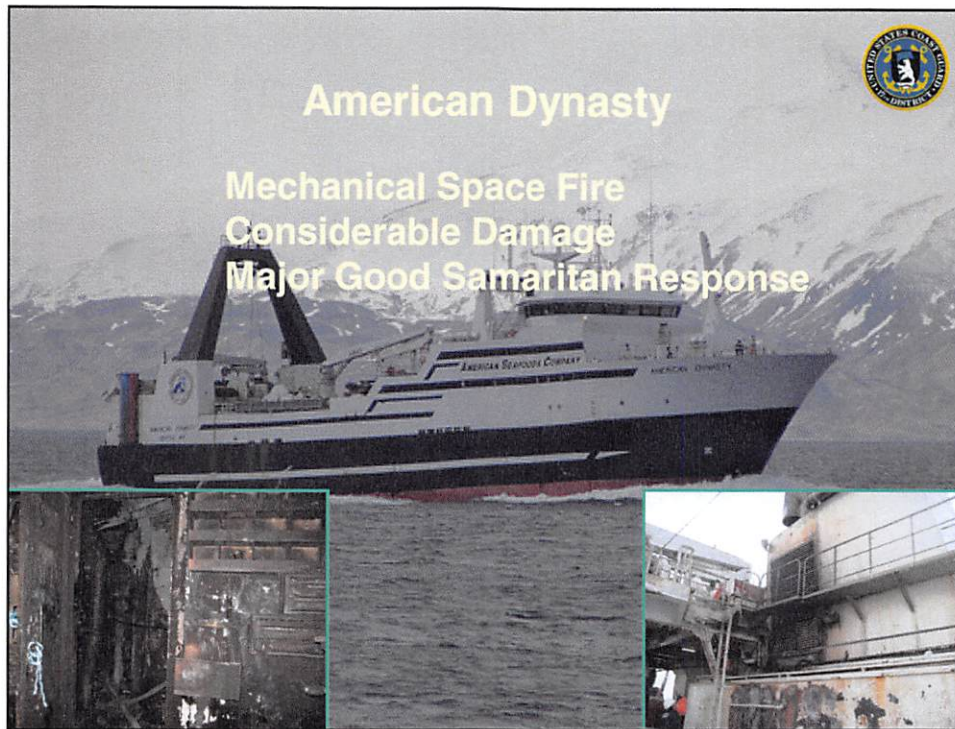
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Date	Cutter	Vessel Name	Fishery	Area	Violation Notes
01/23/10	Acushnet	Pacific Ram	Pacific Cod	630	Fisheries violation issued for failure to provide safe boarding ladder and failure to maintain logbook in a timely manner and safety violation issued for inoperative navigation lights
01/23/10	Acushnet	Walter N	Pacific Cod	630	Fisheries violation issued for failure to provide safe boarding ladder
01/27/10	Acushnet	Ruffian	Pacific Cod	620	Safety violation issued for expired EPIRB registration and failure to carry adequate sound producing device
01/28/10	Acushnet	Miss Brenda	Pacific Cod	620	Safety violation issued for unserviceable lifering
01/28/10	Acushnet	Northen Dawn	Pacific Cod	620	Fisheries violation issued for failure to carry federal fisheries permit
01/28/10	Acushnet	Tern	Pacific Cod	620	Safety violation issued for expired EPIRB registration
01/30/10	Acushnet	Sea Venture	Pacific Cod	541	Safety violation issued for failure to carry current certificate of documentation.
02/01/10	Munro	Pacific Venture	Pacific Cod	519	Fisheries violation issued for failure to provide safe boarding ladder
02/12/10	Acushnet	Alaska Rose	Pollock	517	Safety violation issued for expired visual distress signals
02/20/10	Liberty	Kelsey Nicole	Crab	ST	Voyage terminated for insufficient immersion suits
02/23/10	Munro	Ocean Cape	Rock Sole	509	Fisheries violation issued for failure to provide safe boarding ladder
03/16/10	Liberty	Lady Jo	Sablefish	SE	Safety violation issued for insufficient immersion suit lights
03/19/10	Anacapa	Copper Star	No Product	ST	Safety violation issued for insufficient hull markings
03/19/10	Anacapa	Traci C	No Product	ST	Safety violation issued for expired visual distress signals
03/20/10	Anacapa	Devotion	No Product	ST	Safety violation issued for expired EPIRB registration













# High Seas Driftnet Operations

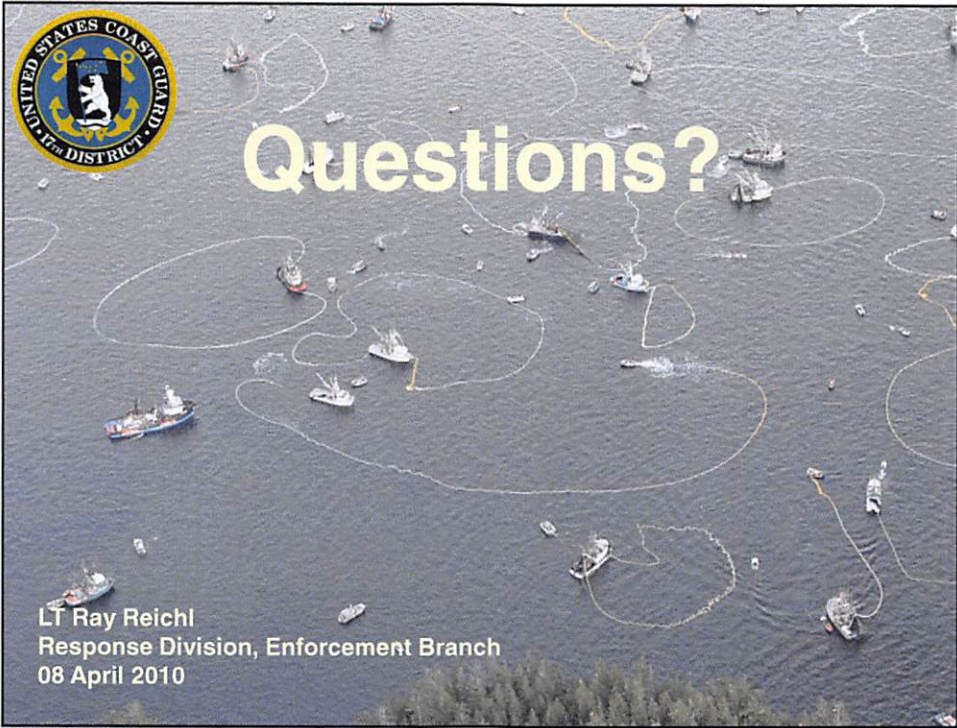
Coordinated Resource Deployments  
Jarvis Patrol  
Shiprider Agreement Renewed



# Arctic Operations

Cutter Patrols Near Barrow, Prudhoe  
Small Boats & Aircraft  
Public Health Service Logistics





# Questions?

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## REPRESENTATIVE BILL THOMAS

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April 1, 2010

Dear Mr. Olsen,

I would like to express my strong support for Naukati Bay, Inc to be added to the list of those being considered for Community Quota Entity (CQE) eligibility.

Originally, Naukati was left off the list due to some challenges locating supporting documentation. I understand an application had been submitted by Naukati Bay to the National Marine Fisheries Service and pertinent supporting documentation has been supplied.

Being listed as a CQE would be a great benefit to Naukati Bay and assist in moving them toward greater economic self-sufficiency and stability.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Thomas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Representative Bill Thomas  
House District 5