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U.S. COAST GUARD/NMFS JUNEAU FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT FOR PERIOD APRIL 01 TO MAY 31, 1991

ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

a. Seizures:

- (1) On April 4, a USCG C-130 from Air Station Kodiak observed the Polish fishing vessel Amarel and three other Polish fishing vessels engaged in fishing operations inside the U.S. EEZ. No CG cutters were available to respond to the sightings but photos were taken to document the violation. On May 27, FFV Amarel entered the U.S. EEZ to transfer an injured crew member ashore at St. Paul. A boarding team from CG Loran Station St. Paul boarded Amarel to further investigate the case and was relieved by a boarding team from Kodiak based CGC STORIS. The vessel was subsequently seized on 28 May for illegal fishing less than 1nm in the U.S. EEZ on 04 April 1991.
- (2) On April 19, USCGC MELLON seized the 303-foot Chinese fishing vessel Kai Chuang approximately 400 miles northwest of Dutch Harbor for illegal fishing in the U.S. EEZ, approximately 1nm outside the donut boundary. The vessel was escorted to Dutch Harbor to await judicial hearings. The Kai Chaung was released from custody on April 26, after agreeing to a settlement in excess of \$300,000.
- (3) On April 29, USCGC MELLON seized the 292-foot Polish fishing vessel Grinwal approximately 200 miles west of the Pribilof Islands for illegal fishing in the U.S. EEZ, less than 1nm outside the donut boundary. The vessel was escorted to Dutch Harbor to await judicial hearings. The bond was set at \$925,000 and to date the vessel has been unable to pay this sum. Grinwal remains anchored in Dutch Harbor.
- (4) On May 22, USCGC YOCONA seized the 335-foot Chinese fishing vessel Bai Ling Hai approximately 420 miles northwest of Dutch Harbor for illegal fishing in the U.S. EEZ, less than 1nm outside the donut boundary. The vessel was escorted to Kodiak to await judicial hearings. The vessel has now been released after reaching settlement with the U.S. Attorney for \$300,000.

b. Significant aircraft sightings:

(1) Since April O1, Coast Guard C-130's from Air Station Kodiak have detected 11 driftnet vessels conducting fishing operations outside of the authorized areas. Eight of these sightings were in April and the remaining three were in May. USCG District Seventeen has sent three telex messages to the Soviet Maritime Border Guard and the Soviets have responded by seizing three Taiwanese driftnet vessels to date.

2. PATROL SUMMARY.

- a. 1 High Endurance Cutter (HEC) patrolled for 51 days.
- b. 3 Medium Endurance cutters (MEC) patrolled for 95 days.
- c. 5 Bouy Tenders (WLB) patrolled for 30 days
- d. 4 patrol boats patrolled for 56 days
- e. C-130 aircraft conducted 86 long-range surveillance flights for 557.4 hours.
- f. CG helicopters conducted 38 coastal surveillance flights for 156.6 patrol hours.

3. RESULTS.

a. Foreign vessels:

Sightings: 465 (See below for list by nationality)

Boardings: 10 Violations: 11

b. Domestic vessels:

Sightings: 3276 Boardings: 328 Violations: 40

- c. <u>Unknown sightings</u>: 1540
- d. See enclosure (1) for a detailed list of fisheries violations.
- e. See enclosure (2) for a listing of all vessels boarded with no fisheries violations noted.
- f. See enclosure (3) for a plot of donut hole sightings.
- 4. Enclosure (4) is a summary of NMFS enforcement action.

FISHING VESSEL SIGHTINGS* FOR PERIOD 01 APR-31 MAY

COUNTRY	APR	MAY	TOTAL
JA	71	113	184
KS	07	78	85
UR	06	11	17
PL	89	57	146
CH	04	22	26
NL	00	00	00
PM	00	07	07
US	336	938	1274
UNKNOWN	766	774	1540
TOTAL	1279	2000	3279

*May be multiple sightings of one vessel.

(1) List of Violations Encl:

- (2) List of Boardings with no Violations(3) Donut Hole Sighting
- (4) Summary of Enforcement Action (NMFS)

LIST OF VIOLATIONS

F/V NE	W WEST	03Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL.
F/V CA	PRICE	04Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to properly maintain DFL.
FFV AM	AREL(SQIN)	04Apr91	AIRSTA KODIAK	1-Conducting illegal fishing operations in U.S. EEZ.
FFV AW	IOR(SQGK)	04Apr91	AIRSTA KODIAK	1-Conducting illegal fishing operations in U.S. EEZ.
FFV AQ	UARIUS(SQMO)	04Apr91	AIRSTA KODIAK	1-Conducting illegal fishing operations in U.S. EEZ.
FFV AD	MIRAL EWSKI(SQHZ)	04Apr91	AIRS TA KODIAK	1-Conducting illegal fishing operations in U.S. EEZ.
BERING	ENTERPRISE	11Apr91	AIRSTA KODIAK	1-Operating within a sealion rookery buffer zone.
FFV JA	AI WON NO 27	13Apr91	STORIS	1-Conducting illegal fishing operations in U.S. EEZ.
FFV DA	AIAN MARU 128	13Apr91	STORIS	1-Conducting illegal fishing operations in U.S. EEZ.
F/V SA	AGA SEA	15Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to provide safe boarding ladder. 2-Failure to properly maintain DCPL.
AK PAC	CIFIC SEAFOOD	S 18Apr91	YOCONA	1-Failure to properly maintain Shoreside Processing Facility DCPL.
FFV K	AI CHUANG	18Apr91	MELLON	1-Conducting illegal fishing operations in U.S. EEZ.
FFV YA	AN YUAN NO 2	18Apr91	MELLON	1-Possession of prohibited species while in U.S. EEZ.
PACIF	IC ENTERPRISE	20Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL. 2-Failure to properly maintain product transfer log. 3-Failure to check in/out with NMFS. 4-Failure to submit weekly production reports to NMFS.

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ALEUTIAN CHALICE	22Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL.
PACIFIC TRAWLER	23Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL. 2-Failure to properly maintain product transfer log. 3-Failure to check in/out with NMFS.
F/V CONSTELLATION	24Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL. 2-Failure to properly maintain product transfer log. 3-Failure to check in/out with NMFS.
F/V NORTHERN HERO	26Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL. 2-Failure to properly maintain product transfer log.
PACIFIC GLACIER	26Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL.
OCEAN ENTERPRISE	26Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to provide safe boarding ladder.
F/V ARCTIC HERO	26Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to accurately report weekly production to NMFS. 2-Failure to properly maintain product transfer log. 3-Failure to submit transfer reports to NMFS.
F/V YUKON QUEEN	26Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL.
F/V SNOPAC	28Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to have required fisheries observer onboard. 2-Failure to properly maintain product transfer log.
ARCTIC ENTERPRISE	28Apr91	STORIS	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL.

FFV	GRINWAL(SQBZ)	29Apr91	MELLON	1-Conducting illegal fishing operations in U.S. EEZ.
F/V	ALICE H	03May91	AIRSTA KODIAK	1-Fishing for halibut during closed period.
F/V	U.S. DOMINATOR	05May91	YOCONA	1-Conducting fishing ops in area where not permitted. 2-Failure to properly maintain Daily Fishing Log. 3-Failure to maintain Marine Mammal Log.
F/V	TREMONT	05May91	RESOLUTE	1-Retention of prohibited species onboard. 2-Failure to properly maintain daily fisheries logbook.
HAR	VESTER ENTERPRI	SE 06May	YOCONA	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL. 2-Failure to retain product transfer receipt.
F/V	DESTINATION	07May91	YOCONA	1-Failure to properly maintain product transfer log. 2-Failure to submit DCPL to NMFS quarterly. 3-Failure to properly maintain DCPL. 4-Failure to return prohibited species quickly and with minimum injury.
F/V	NORTH STAR	07May91	YOCONA	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL.
F/V	JESSE LEIGH	08May91	WOODRUSH	1-Retention of undersized halibut.
F/V	JUSTY	08May91	ANACAPA	1-Retention of undersized halibut.
F/V	ОИҰХ	08May91	WOODRUSH	1-Improperly marked halibut gear.
F/V	LEPRECHAUN	09Мау91	WOODRUSH	1-Failure to have IPHC license onboard. 2-Improperly marked halibut gear. 3-Possession of an auto hook stripping device while

engaged in halibut fishery. 4-Failure to have separate IPHC logbook.

F/V	ANDREEV	08May91	SWEETBRIER	1-Failure to properly maintain IPHC logbook.
F/V	MAGNUM	09May91		1-Retention of undersized halibut.
F/V	RODEO	09May91	SEDGE	1-Engaged in halibut fishery with incorrect IPHC license.
F/V	GEORGIA	09May91		1-Failure to have IPHC license onboard.
F/V	SYLVIA	09May91	STATION KETCHIKAN	1-Retention of undersized halibut.
F/V	OCEANAIRE	09May91	WOODRUSH	1-Retention of undersized halibut.
F/V	BARBARA	10May91	RESOLUTE	1-Possession of auto hook stripping device while engaged in halibut fishery.
F/V	YAKUTAT	10May91	WOODRUSH	1-Possession of auto hook stripping device while engaged in halibut fishery.
F/V	ARICA	10May91	YOCONA	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL.
F/V	PROWLER	13May91	YOCONA	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL.
F/V	NW ENTERPRISE	14May91	YOCONA	1-Failure to properly maintain DCPL.
F/V	EVERGREEN	16May91	LIBERTY	1-Failure to have Federal Fisheries Permit onboard. 2-Failure to have onboard and maintain DCL.
F/V	CARRIE	16May91	LIBERTY	1-Failure to have Federal Fisheries Permit onboard.
F/V	PERSEVERANCE	17May91	RESOLUTE	1-Failure to submit DFL.
FFV	BAI LING HAI	21May91	YOCONA	1-Conducting illegal fishing operations in U.S. EEZ.
FFV	POLLUX(SQGL)	31May91	AIRSTA KODIAK	1-Transitting U.S. EEZ with fishing gear uncovered.

VESSELS WITH NO FISHERIES VIOLATIONS

The following vessels were boarded by U.S. Coast Guard personnel between 01 April and 31 May. None of these vessels had fisheries (MFCMA) violations detected during the boarding.

AALESUND AB&G ADMIRAL **AGGRESSIVE** ALASKA PACKER ALASKAN VENTURE ALEUTIAN SPRAY ALL ALASKAN ALYSA JUNE **AMERICANUS** AMIGO II AMY RAE ANGELA MARIE ARCTIC FOX ARCTIC DAWN AUK BAINBRIDGE BANYO MARU BEAVER BERING SEA BONNIE BROWNS POINT CAPE ALAVA CAPE CAUTION CAPE LOOKOUT CARIBOU CASINO CATHY C CAVALIER CHALLENGER CHARLES T CHILKAT CHINA COVE CHRISTINA CINMAR CINNAMON GIRL CORVA MAY CRICKET CRUSADER CRYSTAL D M FLEMING DEFIANT DELFIN DESPERADO

DOLPHIN

DONA OARTITA

EAGLE EILEEN ELLA **ENCHANTRESS** ERMAK **ESTELLA** ETIKA FAITH FAST LADY FIREWEED FOUR DAUGHTERS FRONTIER SPIRIT GLENNETE GOLONDRINA GYPSY LADY HAN KIL HO HAPPY HOOKER HARRIER HELEN T HIGHLAND LIGHT ICY QUEEN ISIS **JEANINE** JMB JUANITA C JUDI B KALILTNA KAMISHAK QUEEN KASILOF KATHLEEN KATRINA KESIA DAWN KIBITZER KJEVOLJA

LADY LISA LADY ALYCE LADY KIANE LADY JANE LADY LUANA LADY ELIZABETH LADY HELLEN LAUG LEEWARD LIAHONA LIN-J LINDSEY MARIE LINDY

LODESTAR LOBO LOGAN LORY LOUISE MAHALO **MAJESTO** MARLIN MARVA ANN MARY JANE MAVERICK **MELINA** MICHELLE LEE MINNIE ANN

MIRAGE MISS MICHELLE MOLNIA MONA LEE MONGOOSE MYSTERY MAID NANCY BARBARA NEVEDA

NEW DAY NIGHT MARE NISSA K NO. 1 KOTOKU NORCOASTER NORTH FORTY NORTH CAPE NORTHERN ALASKAN

NORWESTER

OCEAN NAVIGATOR

OLETT OMNISEA OUTLAW PACIFIC MIST

PACIFIC PRIDE PACIFIC QUEEN PACIFIC LADY PADGIE II PAGAN PALOMNIK PARAGON

PEREGRINE POLAR STAR PORTLOCK

PRINCESS FELIESHA

PROVIDER PT NOWELL RACHEL K RAGTIME RAMBLER RAPTURE RAVENS CHILD RE JOYCE RED BARON REFLECTION REIVER RUSH RUSTLER SEA FEVER SEA JAY SEABOARD BARGE SEYMOUR

SILVER LADY SNOW DRIFT SOUTHEASTERN SPAWN SPIRIT ST JAMES STARBOUND STARSHINE STJILBE STONEHAMMER STORM PETROL SUDS SUMNERSTRAIT SUPER FLY SURF SWAMP FIRE

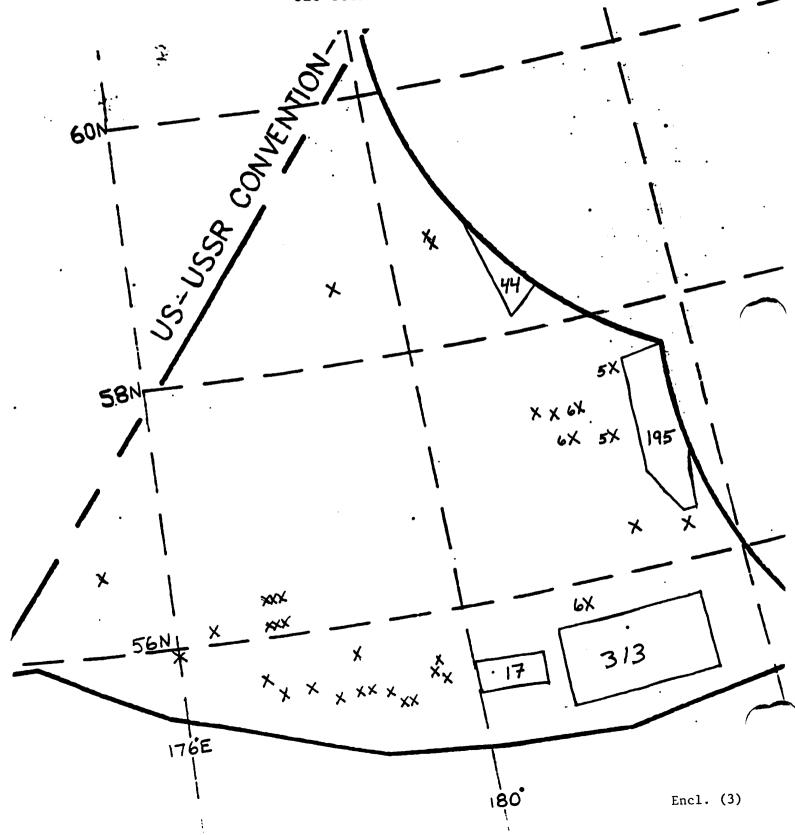
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TAI PAN **TEMPTATION** THOR THUNDER TRACY ANNE TRAVELER II UNIMAK URSA MINOR VOSHTE LYNN WESTERN PIONEER WHISKY RIVER WILLIWAW WILSON WOBBYS WAFT WOLF KILL WOODBINE YANKEE

FV SIGHTINGS BY USCG IN BEARING SEA "DONUT HOLE"

APRIL 1, 1991 - MAY 31, 1991

626 TOTAL SIGHTINGS



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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE ENFORCEMENT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1 THROUGH MAY 31, 1991

During the period April 1 through May 31, 1991, the NMFS Office of Enforcement in Alaska expended 33 agent days in direct support of U.S. Coast Guard air and surface patrol efforts. Agents accompanied 32 aerial surveillance flights. The Alaska Region Enforcement staff has again been augmented by agents from other regions. These agents have primarily been assigned to high seas driftnet surveillance flights.

During the reporting period, NMFS and the Coast Guard opened a total of 680 investigations. NMFS independently initiated 607 investigations. NMFS has completed a preliminary review of the last three quarters' 1990 logbook and observer records. NMFS reviewed records from a number of independent sources.

Records from 2,989 vessels have been reviewed for the year 1990. Of that number, investigative files were opened on 784 vessels for failure to submit logbooks. Investigative files for failure to obtain observer coverage numbered 68 and files for failure to obtain a federal fisheries permit numbered 50. Based on first quarter files, we project that 75 percent of these cases will be closed without punitive action due to submission of exonerating evidence or late submission of the required log.

A summary of NMFS initiated enforcement actions follows:

- MFCMA Groundfish Violations:
- (a) April 2, 1991 The 63' hook & line vessel TRIDENT was cited for failure to carry an observer during the 1st quarter of 1991. The case has been referred to General Counsel.
- (b) April 14, 1991 The factory trawler SEAFISHER was cited for exceeding shortraker rockfish bycatch limitations in the Gulf of Alaska. Overage was less than 4 tons. The vessel voluntarily notified NMFS enforcement of the overage. The case is pending.
- (c) April 30, 1991 The International Seafoods plant at Kodiak, Alaska, was cited for failure to submit weekly production reports in a timely manner (7 counts). Summary settlement was offered. The case has been referred to General Counsel.

- (d) May 8, 1991 The hook & line vessel GROM was cited for retention of excess Pacific cod bycatch, failure to maintain a groundfish log and failure to maintain a IPHC halibut log. The case is pending.
- (e) May 20, 1991 The 66' trawler MAGNUM FORCE was cited for failure to carry an observer during the 1st quarter of 1991. The case has been referred to General Counsel.
- (f) May 24, 1991 The factory longliner SEATTLE STAR was cited for failure to submit weekly production reports in a timely manner. A \$1,500 summary settlement was offered.
- (g) On May 1, 1991, the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands opened to flatfish fishing. Concurrent with that opening, a number of vessels, apparently assuming that all areas of th Bering Sea were opened, entered no trawl zones in Bristol Bay and fished for yellowfin sole.

To date, eight vessels have voluntarily surrendered to NMFS. Six prior to our knowledge of the incident and two after a NMFS press release encouraging all vessels that fished in the area to surrender prior to at-sea boarding. Four of the cases that involved significant quantities of product have been settled expeditiously by NOAA General Counsel with forfeiture of the value of all catch and punitive damages. Particulars of the settlements are as follows:

Vessel Settlement Amount
SAGA SEA \$ 42,500
STARBOUND \$ 70,000
ALEUTIAN SPEEDWELL \$ 200,000
MORNING STAR (catcher vessel
ENDURANCE pending
SPEEDWELL pending
DISTANT WATER (catcher vessel)
MUIR MILACH (catcher vessel)

Additional vessels have been alleged to have also fished in the area. Investigation of these allegations is continuing.

2. Halibut Violations:

- (a) May 7, 1991 The hook & line vessel GREY MIST was cited for possession of one undersize halibut. The vessel paid a \$150 summary settlement.
- (b) May 9, 1991 The hook & line vessel RODEO was cited for no IPHC license. A \$750 summary settlement was offered.

- (c) May 9, 1991 The hook & line vessel HI SEAS I was cited for retention of 7 undersize halibut and unmarked halibut gear. The vessel was offered a \$1,050 summary settlement.
- (d) May 9, 1991 The hook & line vessel HAIDA WARRIOR was cited for possession of two undersize halibut. The vessel paid a \$300 summary settlement. The vessel was additionally cited for failure to maintain a groundfish log. That case is pending.
- (e) May 10, 1991 The St. Elias Ocean Products plant at Cordova, Alaska, was cited for possession of 4 undersize halibut. The plant paid a \$600 summary settlement.
- (f) May 13, 1991 The hook & line vessel JADE ALASKA was cited for no IPHC license. The vessel paid a \$750 summary settlement.
- (g) May 14, 1991 The hook & line vessel EVENTIDE was cited for no IPHC license. The vessel paid a \$750 summary settlement.
- (h) May 15, 1991 The hook & line vessel KRISTINE was cited for retention of 5 undersize halibut. A \$750 summary settlement was offered.
- 3. Marine Mammal Violations:
- (i) On April 26, 1991, the U.S. District Court in Anchorage sentenced Wayne LOFTMAN. LOFTMAN had plead guilty earlier in the year to shooting killer whales from the F/V CONSTITUTION. LOFTMAN was sentenced to 60 days in jail and placed on one year supervised probation. LOFTMAN is prohibited from owning, transporting, or possessing any firearms during the probationary period. LOFTMAN must also perform 120 hours of community service and pay a \$3,500 fine.
- (j) May 16, 1991 The factory trawler GOLDEN FLEECE was cited for failure to log takes of Stellar sea lions. Case is pending.