

17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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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	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 during March and April with an average of one vessel per day detected within 20 miles of the MBL. The Russian pollock trawl season opened on May 15; since then, there has been an average of six vessels per day detected within 20 miles of the MBL.

On 24 April, the Russian Border Guard (RBG) notified D17 of a suspected IUU transshipment vessel possibly entering the U.S. EEZ between 27-30 April. D17 requested additional information regarding the vessel; unfortunately, Russia was unable to provide any additional details on the vessel. No further CG action was requested.

On 24 – 25 May, the USCGC MELLON and the RBG Vessel PS-919 conducted a joint IUU fisheries patrol along the MBL for 450 nautical miles. The joint patrol included IUU flag signaling, flight operations, man overboard drills, and vessel information code exercises which enhanced U.S. and Russian coordinated Law Enforcement and Search and Rescue operations while actively protecting living marine resources along the MBL.

II. High Seas Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported (IUU) Enforcement

USCGC ALEX HALEY began patrolling the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) Convention Area on 20 May in support of Operation North Pacific Guard 2018. ALEX HALEY conducted six boardings under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) from 24-28 May. Three vessels were Chinese-Taipei flagged, and three vessels were Japanese flagged; the vessels were targeting Bluefin tuna, Skipjack tuna, Albacore Tuna, Mahi mahi, Thresher shark, and Blue shark. ALEX HALEY detected two violations on two vessels, both for not transmitting Vessel Monitoring System (VMS).

III. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 145 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 30 safety violations onboard 13 vessels, and 5 federal fisheries violations. 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

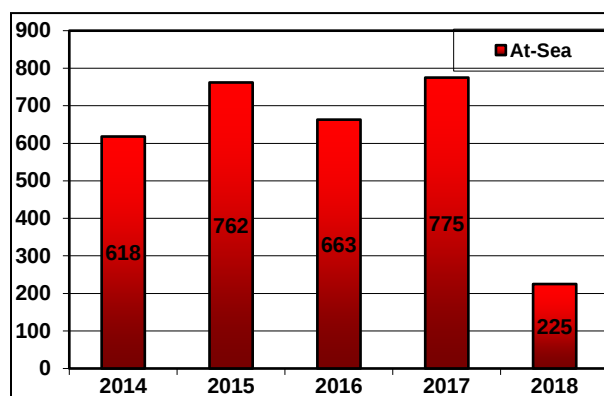
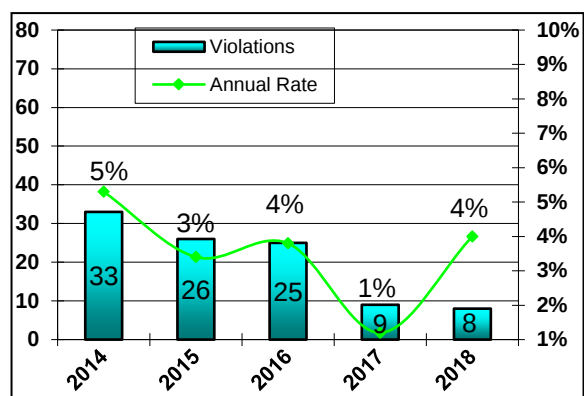


Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year



Apr – May 2017 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):85
Boardings w/fisheries violations:.....0
Violation Rate:0%

Apr – May 2018 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):.....145
Boardings w/fisheries violations:5
Violation Rate:3.4%

IV. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

The Coast Guard conducted 98 at-sea fisheries boardings on vessels targeting IFQ halibut and sablefish during the reporting period with three fisheries violations issued to one vessel for failure to retain Maximum Retainable Amount (MRA) limits (Rockfish), failure to account for inactive time, and failure to log IFQ permits. There were also two boardings of charter vessels targeting halibut with no fisheries violations detected and 23 boardings of recreational vessels fishing for halibut with one safety violation detected.

V. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement

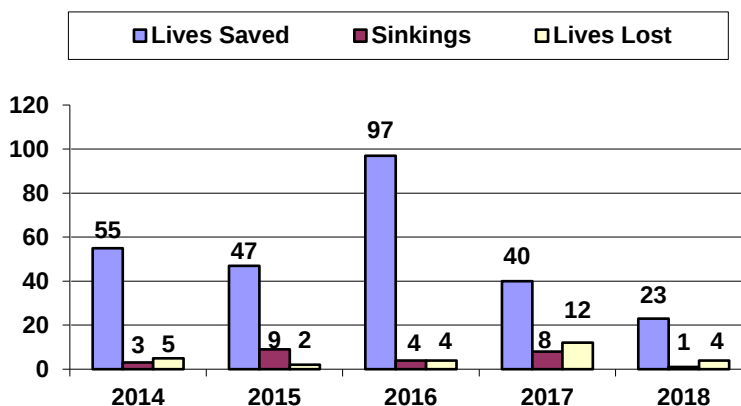
The Coast Guard monitors more than 150 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. Additionally in April and May, the U.S. Coast Guard assisted NOAA Office of Protected Resources and Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) with flights to support marine mammal mortality investigations on Hinchinbrook Island and in the Copper River delta utilizing a MH-60 helicopter from Air Station Kodiak.

VI. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, 30 safety violations were detected on 13 vessels. There were two voyage terminations for safety violations posing an especially hazardous condition. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were nine search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in eleven lives saved, one life lost, and zero vessel sinkings. 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



VII. 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

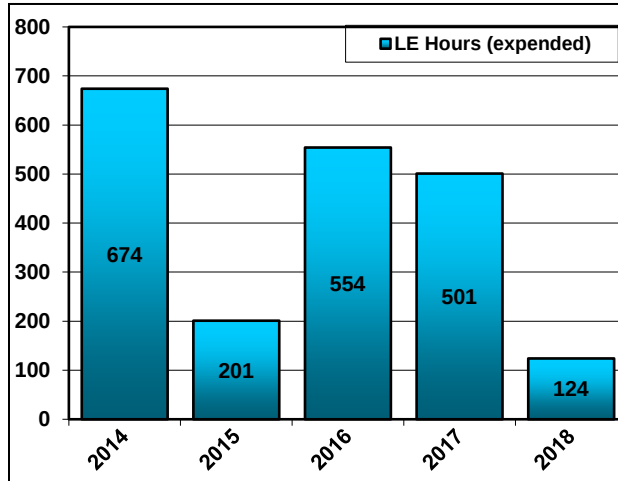
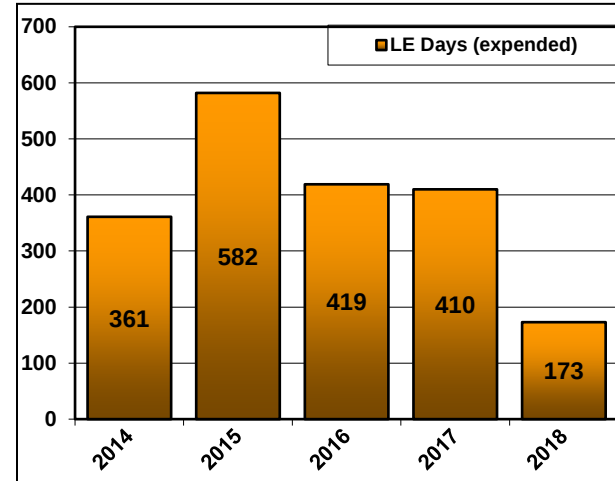


Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days



Apr - May 2017

3 WHECs patrolled.....88 days
0 WMEC patrolled.....0 days
1 WLB patrolled5 days
4 WPBs patrolled36 days
Total Cutter patrol.....129 days

HC-130s flew65 hours
HH-60/65s flew.....117.6 hours

Apr - May 2018

3 WHEC patrolled.....72 days
1 WMEC patrolled.....20 days
0 WLB patrolled0 days
6 WPBs patrolled90 days
Total Cutter patrol.....182 days

HC-130s flew71 hours
HH-60/65s flew.....127 hours

Figure 6. Apr-May HC-130 Hours

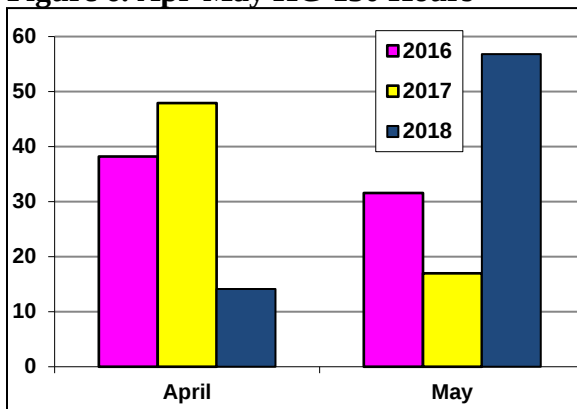
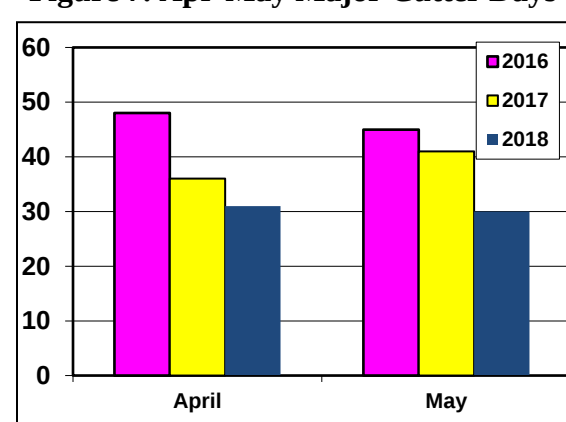


Figure 7. Apr-May Major Cutter Days



Appendix A
April – May 2018
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
3/23/18	SAINT PETER	D17 Command Center received a report of a crewmember suffering from a serious medical condition. D17 assumed SMC, evaluated the case, and recommended MEDEVAC. CGC STRATTON launched a HH65 and hoisted the patient, who was transferred to awaiting EMS in Dutch Harbor. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
3/26/18	NORTHERN GLACIER	D17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request for a crewmember suffering from a serious medical condition approximately 160NM north of Dutch Harbor. CGC STRATTON launched a HH65 and lowered a rescue swimmer to the vessel, who remained on board. The patient's condition stabilized and the NORTHERN GLACIER was able to transfer the patient to awaiting EMS in Dutch Harbor. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
3/29/18	GOLDEN ALASKA	D17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request for an injured crewmember. CGC STRATTON launched a HH65 and hoisted the patient, who was transported to Cold Bay and transferred to awaiting LIFEMED. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
4/3/18	ALASKA SPIRIT	D17 Command Center received a report that F/V ALASKA SPIRIT had lost propulsion 5NM north of Uliaga Island. The vessel had lost generator power due to engineering casualties, and had concerns of running aground with 49 POB. The F/V ALASKA WARRIOR was able to take the ALASKA SPIRIT in tow, with the CGC JOHN MIDGETT on scene to escort the tow. The tug RESOLVE PIONEER took the ALASKA SPIRIT in tow and transported the vessel safely to Dutch Harbor. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
4/6/18	OCEAN PEACE	D17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request for an injured crewmember. AIRSTA Kodiak launched a MH60 and hoisted the patient and landed in Dutch Harbor. The patient was then transferred to a HH65 from the CGC JOHN MIDGETT which transported the patient to Cold Bay, where the patient was transferred to higher medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
4/30/18	OCEAN PEACE	D17 Command Center received a report that OCEAN PEACE was disabled and adrift. F/V ALASKA WARRIOR responded and took the OCEAN PEACE in tow, with the CGC JOHN MIDGETT on scene to escort the tow. Once in vicinity of Dutch Harbor, the Tug JAMES DUNLAP took over the tow and safely transported the vessel to Dutch Harbor. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
5/2/18	OCEAN HUNTER	D17 Command Center received a report of a seriously injured crewmember. The crewmember did not respond to CPR and he was then declared deceased. The OCEAN HUNTER proceeded to Dutch

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
		Harbor. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. The incident was classified as a serious marine casualty due to the death of a crewmember.
5/2/18	POLARIS	D17 Command Center received a report that the F/V POLARIS was disabled and adrift approximately 65NM SE of Kodiak. Sector Anchorage assumed SMC and launched the CGC MUSTANG, which arrived on scene and placed the vessel in tow. The vessel was safely transported back to Kodiak. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
5/5/18	MAGGIE MAE	D17 Command Center received a report of a MAYDAY broadcast from F/V MAGGIE MAY, stating that they were taking on water with 2 POB after hitting a rock IVO Chenega Island in Prince William Sound. Sector Anchorage directed AIRSTA Kodiak and Station Valdez to launch, and arrived on scene, reporting that the vessel was on the beach and that the water was too shallow to arrange for a safe tow. 01 POB was transported to Whittier on the AST vessel SOUND JUSTICE to arrange for commercial salvage while the master remained with the vessel. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.

Appendix B
April – May 2018
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
3/21/2018	BARANOF	110	509
3/21/2018	PATRICIA L	270	509
3/22/2018	KODIAK ENTERPRISE	270	509
3/22/2018	ALYESKA	270	509
3/23/2018	OLD SQUAW	110	630
3/25/18	RUSTLER	200	2C
3/25/18	AK3815AP	200	2C
3/25/18	AK6767M	200	2C
3/27/18	RELIANCE	200	3A
3/27/18	STRANGER	200	3A
3/27/18	HIGH LINER	200	3A
3/28/18	NORTHERN MARINER	200	3A
3/28/18	JENNA MARIE	200	3A
3/28/18	NAVIGATOR	200	3A
3/29/18	VALOR	200	3A
3/29/18	LISA MELINDA	270	509
3/29/18	PACIFIC PRINCE	270	509
3/29/18	AFOGNAK STRAIT	200	3A
3/30/18	SPIRIT	710	SE
3/30/18	CHEROKEE	710	SE
3/30/18	CLOUD NINE	200	2C
3/31/18	BRISTOL EXPLORER	270	509
3/31/18	PACIFIC EXPLORER	270	509
3/31/18	ANN	710	SE
3/31/18	TYEE	200	2C
3/31/18	SUNBEAM	710	SE
4/4/18	ANITA	200	2C
4/4/18	IDA LEE	710	SE
4/4/18	PERIL STRAIT	200	2C
4/4/18	SUNBEAM	710	SE
4/4/18	GRANT	710	SE
4/4/18	EVENING STAR	200	2C
4/7/18	AK65351P	200	2C
4/8/18	AK1316AF	200	2C
4/8/18	AK4710AN	200	3A
4/8/18	AK6433AN	200	3A
4/8/18	MENTAL DISORDER	410	3A
4/8/18	WN0561RU	200	3A

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
4/8/18	RED HEAD	200	3A
4/9/18	OPTIMUS	710	WY
4/9/18	TRIDENT	200	518
4/10/18	EX PATRIOT	200	2C
4/10/18	SEAHAWK	200	2C
4/10/18	LAKINA	200	3A
4/10/18	CAPE FALCON	200	3A
4/10/18	NORTHERN MARINER	200	3A
4/10/18	ODIN	200	3A
4/11/18	TIFFANY LEE	200	2C
4/11/18	SHINAKU	200	2C
4/12/18	FRAM	200	3A
4/12/18	PROVIDER	200	2C
4/12/18	HI NIKKI	200	2C
4/12/18	ANGJENL	200	2C
4/12/18	AK7399AL	200	2C
4/13/18	SPECTRE	200	4A
4/13/18	KARMA	200	518
4/15/18	AK7399AL	200	2C
4/16/18	PACIFIC SOJOURN	200	3A
4/16/18	STRESS PT	200	3A
4/19/18	KINGFISHER	200	3A
4/19/18	SEAFISHER	127	509
4/20/18	UNIMAK	127	519
4/20/18	OCEAN HUNTER	127	509
4/20/18	US INTREPID	127	509
4/20/18	MYSTERY	200	3A
4/20/18	NAVIGATOR	200	3A
4/21/18	PREDATOR	200	3A
4/21/18	AK3296N	200	2C
4/22/18	ELIZABETH S	200	2C
4/22/18	FAITH	710	SE
4/22/18	SUNWARD	710	SE
4/22/18	MORGAN ANNE	200	2C
4/23/18	SABRINA JOY	200	2C
4/23/18	ARLICE	710/200	SE/2C
4/26/18	FRAM	200	3A
4/27/18	CORAL	962	649
4/27/18	PIONEER	962	649

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
4/27/18	SEBRIKA	200	2C
4/27/18	ALITAK	200	2C
4/28/18	AK7615AG	200	2C
4/28/18	DREAM MAID	710	SE
5/7/18	SYMPHONY	200	2C
5/8/18	ARIEL	200	2C
5/9/18	WIND WALKER	200/710	2C/SE
5/9/18	EL DORADO	710	SE
5/9/18	STORMBRINGER	200	2C
5/9/18	CORA J	200/710	2C/SE
5/9/18	SILVER TIP	710	SE
5/9/18	ALGELIQUE	200/710	2C/SE
5/9/18	FORTUNE	200	2C
5/9/18	LAKINA	200	3A
5/9/18	FRAISIAN LADY	200	3A
5/9/18	ALEXANDRA	200/710	3A/CG
5/9/18	BLUE DOLPHIN	200	2C
5/9/18	AK87AR	200	2C
5/9/18	RIDGE RUNNER	200	2C
5/9/18	SHACKLETON	200/710	2C/SE
5/10/18	CARIBOU	200	3A
5/10/18	EXPATRIATE	710	WY
5/10/18	PROVIDENCE	710	SE
5/10/18	ELTIBURON	200	2C
5/10/18	EQUINOX	200/710	2C/SE
5/10/18	CHEROKEE	200	2C
5/10/18	NEPTUNE	200	3A
5/10/18	QUEST	200	3A
5/10/18	ODIN	200	3A
5/10/18	REDLINE	200	3A
5/13/18	ROSE LEE	200/710	3A/WY
5/13/18	TRADITION	200/710	3A/WY
5/14/18	MOJO	710	WY
5/15/18	THE OFFICE	200	SE
5/16/18	PACIFIC SUN	200/710	3B/CG
5/17/18	TRIBUTE	200/710	3B/CG
5/17/18	VIKING SPIRIT	200/710	3B/CG
5/17/18	LORELEI II	200/710	3B/CG
5/17/18	SPICY LADY	200/710	3B/CG
5/17/18	CAPE RELIANT	200/710	3B/CG

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
5/17/18	OBSESSION	200/710	3B/CG
5/17/18	KARELIA	200	3A
5/17/18	NORTHERN ENDURANCE	710	WGA
5/19/18	STORM RANGER	200	3A
5/19/18	AK6452P	200	2C
5/19/18	OVERBITE	410	659
5/19/18	AK9359N	410	659
5/20/18	AK5345K	200	2C
5/20/18	AMERICAN EAGLE	200	2C
5/20/18	EAGLE DIFFERENCE	200	2C
5/20/18	JENNIFER LEE	710	SE

Appendix C
April – May 2018
Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
3/25/18	STATION KETCHIKAN	ORCA SONG	200	Expired VDS and insufficient fire extinguishers.
4/8/18	ANACAPA	NORTHERN FURY	200	No affixed life ring and improperly maintaining a logbook.
4/11/18	CGC LIBERTY	SAN JUAN	710	Expired hydrostatic release on EPIRB.
4/17/18	ANACAPA	WIND WALKER	200	Insufficient life raft capacity - fixed on the spot to avoid termination
4/17/18	NAUSHON	ALEUTIAN BELLE	200	No Coast Guard approved boarding ladder.
4/20/18	STA VALDEZ	ALEXANDRIA	200	Voyage terminated for insufficient immersion suit.
4/23/18	LIBERTY	CARLYNN	200	Expired hydrostatic release on EPIRB
5/2/18	JOHN MIDGETT	IRENE H	200	Voyage terminated for expired fire extinguishers, and no VDS.
5/8/18	STA VALDEZ	TRITON	NA	Expired VDS and unsatisfactory stowage of EPIRB.
5/9/18	JOHN MCCORMICK	KATRINA	200	Copy of COD not onboard for inspection. Joint USCG/NOAA boarding. NOAA issued FW for not having a legible copy of FFP onboard.
5/9/18	ANACAPA	AK3541H	200	Registration NOB.
5/9/18	ANACAPA	SCIMITAR	410	Violation for unsafe condition onboard: spraying fuel from exhaust stack.
5/10/18	ANACAPA	TAMARACK	710	Expired VDS.
5/13/18	MELLON	BLUE BALLARD	710	Safety violation issued for inoperable high water alarm. 03 fisheries violations issued for Failure to retain MRA (Rockfish), Failure to account for inactive time, and Failure to log IFQ permits.
5/14/18	MELLON	NUSHAGAK SPIRIT	200	Voyage terminated for missing retro tape from life ring buoys, expired fire extinguishers, lack of waste management plan, and lack of safety plan.
5/15/18	MELLON	DARK KNIGHT	200	Life ring buoy improperly marked, expired survival craft