

**17<sup>th</sup> 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
SCC – Sector Command Center	AVDET – Aviation Detachment
D17CC – Seventeenth District Command Center	FOL – Forward Operating Location
NVG – Night Vision Goggles	

## I. High Seas Drift Net (HSDN) Enforcement

USCGC MORGENTHAU began patrolling the NPAFC Convention Area on 01 May. A Coast Guard C-130 deployed to Japan from 27 April-10 May and flew 83 hours in support of this mission. No HSDN vessels were detected by these flights. A Canadian CP-140 aircraft deployed to Japan on 11 May, and three personnel representing the Canadian Department of National Defense, and Department of Fisheries and Oceans, deployed to D17 to coordinate their operation.



On 19 May, the Canadian CP-140 sighted a fishing vessel rigged for large scale HSDN fishing. The FF/V YIN YUAN, was located transiting on the high seas, approximately 635 nautical miles east of Hakodate, Japan, and no fishing gear was sighted in the water. After several days of pursuit, USCGC MORGENTHAU was able to communicate with the vessel master who claimed a Chinese flag. A joint boarding was conducted with Chinese Fisheries Law Enforcement Command (FLEC) ship riders from MORGENTHAU under the provisions of the U.S./P.R.C.

Memorandum of Understanding on cooperative efforts to combat HSDN fishing. The vessel master admitted to throwing 3.3 km of drift nets, net tubes and net spreader overboard after the sighting of the vessel. China has agreed to seize the vessel and pursue prosecution for large scale HSDN fishing. USCGC MORGENTHAU is scheduled to



rendezvous with a Chinese Coast Guard Ship on 02 June southwest of Japan to transfer custody for the escort back to China. Additionally, the vessel was noted with 900-1200 lbs of frozen salmon on board at the time of the boarding. The cutter crew took random samples of the salmon and will forward these to NOAA for genetic testing.

Members of D17 Enforcement Branch participated in the NPAFC meeting in Portland, OR, from 12-16 May. During the meeting the 2014 HSDN patrol season was discussed. Additionally, the meeting highlighted the 2013 detection of the IUU vessel TAI JI, and the eventual interdiction by the Russian Border Guard. The Russian Border Guard seized the vessel with 599 tons of frozen squid and 136 tons of frozen saury on board.

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

Activity along the MBL was minimal over the reporting period due to extensive ice coverage. The Russian pollock season opened on 15 May, and fishing vessels are starting to fish in the vicinity of the border. USCGC MELLON conducted a patrol along the MBL from 29-31 May. Results from that patrol pending. While activity is expected to be light, D17 expects fishing activity along the MBL to increase in June and July.

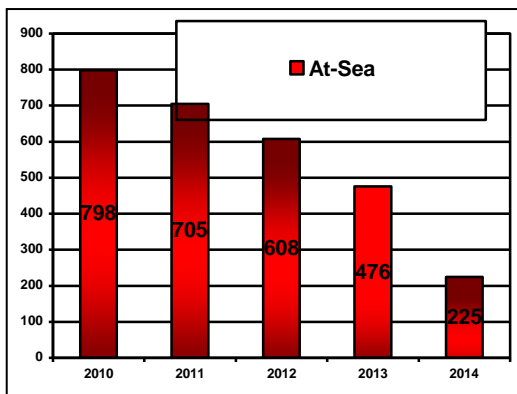
## III. Steller Sea Lions (SSL) and Critical Habitat Enforcement

The Coast Guard monitors more than 151 critical habitat areas around the state as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. No violations of SSL critical habitat were detected over the reporting period.

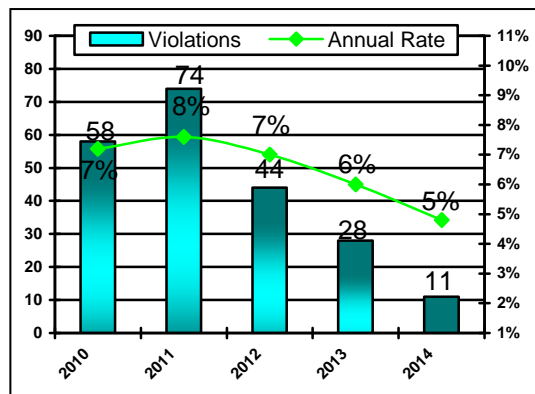
## IV. Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 78 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 11 safety violations on board eight vessels and one federal fisheries violation. Figures 2 and 3 show the historic trends for boardings and violations.

**Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year**



**Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year**



### Apr – May 2013 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea): ..... 28  
 Boarding w/fisheries violations: ..... 02  
 Violation Rate:.....7.1%

### Apr - May 2014 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):.....78  
 Boarding w/fisheries violations: .....01  
 Violation Rate:.....1.3%

## V. Halibut and Sablefish

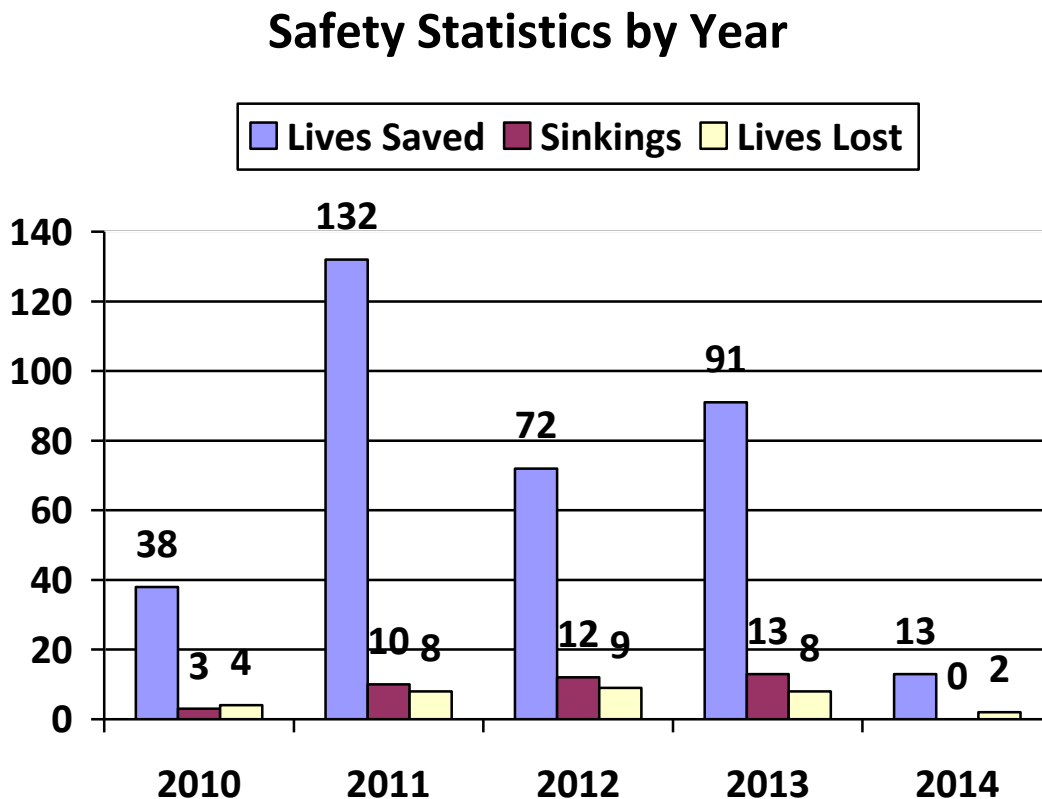
The Seventeenth District enforcement assets conducted 38 boardings on IFQ halibut or sablefish vessels during the reporting period with one violation noted by an AIRSTA Kodiak flight. F/V IRENE H was sighted running flatfish through a crucifier, and review of the video by USCG and NOAA enforcement personnel identified the fish as halibut, at least one of which was subsequently discarded. The vessel was issued a violation for failure to use careful release methods.

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

During the reporting period, 11 safety violations were detected on eight vessels. There were two voyage terminations during the reporting period, one for intoxication, and one for no buoyant apparatus. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were 10 SAR cases, resulting in two lives saved. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of search and rescue cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

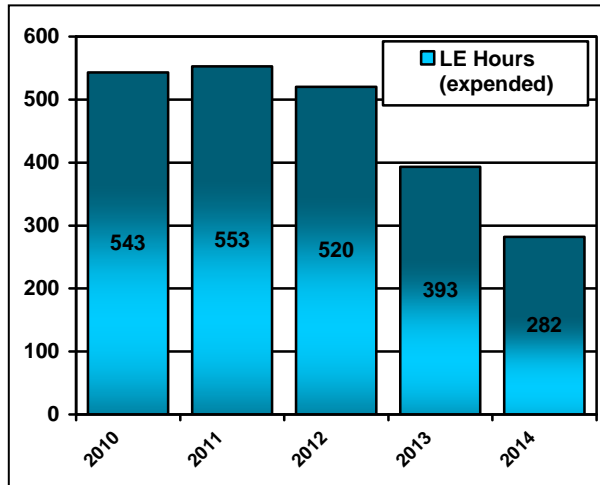
**Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics**



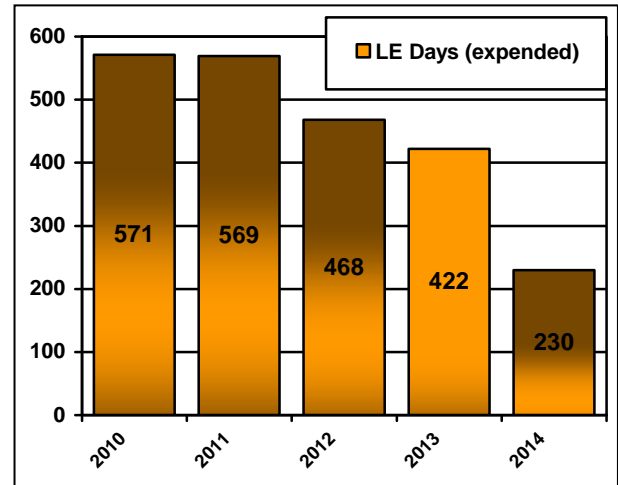
## VII. Coast Guard Resource Summary

Figures 4 and 5 show the historical and projected *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 4. Annual Major Cutter Days**



**Apr - May 2013**

2 WHECs patrolled ..... 74 days  
 0 WMECs patrolled ..... 00 days  
 3 WLBs patrolled ..... 23 days  
 4 WPBs patrolled ..... 15 days  
**Total Cutter patrol..... 112 days**

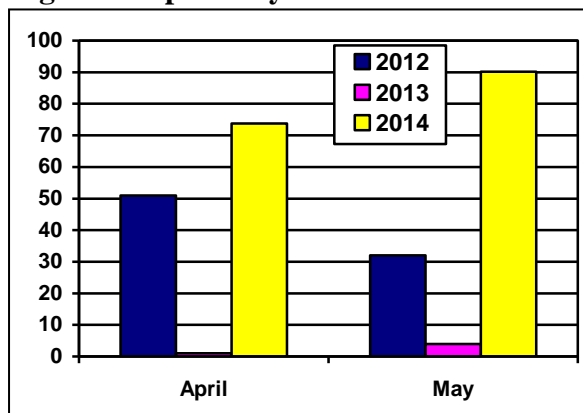
HC-130s flew ..... 05 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew ..... 112 hours

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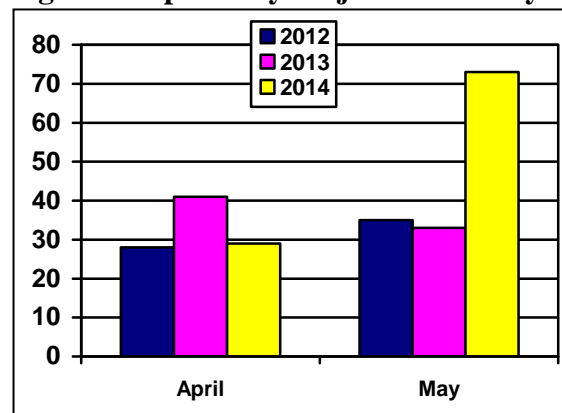
3 WHECs patrolled ..... 102 days  
 0 WMECs patrolled ..... 00 days  
 2 WLBs patrolled ..... 05 days  
 5 WPBs patrolled ..... 68 days  
**Total Cutter patrol..... 175 days**

HC-130s flew ..... 164 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew ..... 150 hours

**Figure 6. Apr - May HC-130 Hours**



**Figure 7. Apr - May Major Cutter Days**



**Appendix A**  
 April - May 2014  
 Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
31-Mar-14	GOLDEN ALASKA	Health Force Partners (HFP) requested CG MEDEVAC for a 58YOM with an eye injury on the F/V GOLDEN ALASKA. Patient was brought to King Cove by small boat, and further transport to Cold Bay by a USCG helicopter when commercial services could not be arranged. Case Closed.
31-Mar-14	OCEAN PROWLER	Medical Assist Team from Fairbanks contacted D17 to gain advice for a 35YOM on the F/V OCEAN PROWLER who reported chest pains. The Duty Flight Surgeon spoke to the patient, and placed the vessel on a 12 hr communications schedule to monitor the health of the patient. F/V OCEAN PROWLER transited to Dutch Harbor and transferred the patient to medical personnel on shore. Case closed.
21-Apr-14	MIRAGE	F/V MIRAGE was reported hard aground by Sitka Police Department on Low Island, 09 NM west of Sitka, with 02 persons on board. Sector Juneau assumed SMC and contacted MIRAGE. MIRAGE was in no immediate danger, not taking on water and master declined a marine assistance request broadcast. An extreme low tide exposed the bar which the MIRAGE ran aground on and the crew was able to walk to shore where they were met by a Coast Guard helicopter and were safely returned to Sitka. Case Closed.
29-Apr-14	Flare	SCC Anchorage received a report of 01 Red Flare in vicinity of Anchor Point on the Kenai Peninsula. SCC Anchorage assumed SMC, issued UMIB and requested a helo. The helicopter conducted a 2hr search of the 20NM flare cone in addition to a shoreline with negative results. SCC Anchorage confirmed no correlating SAR or other flare sightings in the area. A first light subsequent search was also completed with negative results. ACTSUS was then granted by D17. Case Suspended.
1-May-14	ALASKAN HARVEST	Sector Juneau received a phone call about a crew member on board the F/V ALASKAN HARVEST experiencing an allergic reaction. D17 CC assumed SMC and directed the launch of A/S Sitka ready helicopter who transported the patient back to Sitka and transferred him to awaiting EMS. Case Closed.

**Appendix A**  
 April - May 2014  
 Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
02-May-14	ALASKA JURIS	D17CC received a call from the F/V ALASKA JURIS regarding a 42YOM crewmember with a hand injury. The Coast Guard evaluated the circumstances and determined that a MEDEVAC was not appropriate. The vessel transited to Dutch Harbor. Case closed.
2-May-14	Flares	SCC Juneau received a report of 02 Red Flares in the vicinity of Krestof Island. SCC Juneau assumed SMC, issued UMIB and requested an A/S Sitka helo. The helicopter completed an initial search of the flare cone in addition to a shoreline search with negative results. SCC Juneau conducted precomms and confirmed no correlating SAR or other flare sightings in the area. A subsequent A/S Sitka morning search also produced negative results. Vessels in the search area reported campers and fireworks, but no one claimed responsibility. Case suspended.
7-May-14	Flare	SCC Juneau received a report of a meteor flare sighting in the Auke Bay area. Sector Juneau assumed SMC, issued UMIB, conducted PRECOMMS/EXCOMMS, and a launched STA Juneau response boat. Search completed with negative results during good search conditions with a projected 100% probability of success due to confined area of flare cone. D17 granted ACSTUS. Case suspended.
8-May-14	ENTERPRISE	D17 received a MEDEVAC request for a 36yom with a leg injury. The Coast Guard evaluated the circumstances and determined that a MEDEVAC was not appropriate, but recommend medication until the crew member is able to depart the ship at their NPOC, TOGIAK, AK. Case Closed.
12-May-14	EXILE	Sector Juneau received a report of a possible overdue 30ft vessel EXILE with 1 POB. Sector Juneau issued callouts and UMIB with NEGRES. D17CC authorized launch of A/S Sitka. Hydaburg SAR launched, located the EXILE IVO Grand Islands, and confirmed non-distress. The vessel was anchored for storm avoidance and had turned off their radio to preserve battery. Case closed.



*Appendix B*

April - May 2014

Federal Fisheries Boardings without Violations

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VSL NAME</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>AREA</b>
4/1/14	AK2780AG	230	659
4/1/14	CAPE OMMANEY	230	659
4/4/14	NORDIC SON	110	659
4/4/14	BALLYHOO	710	AI
4/7/14	ARCTIC WIND	110	519
4/7/14	PACIFIC CHALLENGER	110	519
4/7/14	CAPE KIWANDA	270	519
4/8/14	LISA MELINDA	270	509
4/9/14	RAVEN	270	509
4/10/14	SEAHAWK	200	2C
4/11/14	REBECCA IRENE	127	509
4/11/14	ARICA	127	509
4/11/14	CINNAMON GIRL	200	2C
4/12/14	PACIFIC PEARL	200	2C
4/12/14	PROVIDER	200	2C
4/12/14	AK6509K	200	2C
4/12/14	AK7489AJ	200	2C
4/12/14	HOOTCHIE KOOTCHIE	200	2C
4/12/14	CHASE RIVER	410	659
4/13/14	SEAFORTH	200	2C
4/13/14	SALMONATOR	200	2C
4/15/14	KATHY K	410	659
4/16/14	SHARI-JO	410	659
4/21/14	AK1050AL	200	2C
4/21/14	AK295AE	200	2C
4/23/14	CHOMLEY	410	659
4/23/14	KARMA		649
4/24/14	NORTHERN LEADER	110	521
4/24/14	OMERA	200	2C
4/24/14	BERGEN	200/710	3A
4/25/14	BRISTOL LEADER	110	521
4/26/14	OCEAN PROWLER	110	521
4/30/14	GULF MAIDEN	710	SEI
5/1/14	AK5458N	200	2C
5/1/14	GOOD TIME	200	2C

**Appendix B**

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Federal Fisheries Boardings without Violations

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VSL NAME</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>AREA</b>
5/3/14	SIBERIAN SEA	110	509
5/3/14	AK2846P	200	2C
5/3/14	CINNAMON GIRL	710	EG
5/3/14	ARLICE	710, 200	2C
5/4/14	KATIE ANN	110	509
5/4/14	US LIBERATOR	110	509
5/4/14	LEGACY	110	509
5/4/14	SILVER FOX	110	630
5/4/14	VIXEN	110	630
5/4/14	AK6163AN	200	2C
5/4/14	ENTERPRISE	200	3A
5/4/14	MONICA JENE	235	630
5/4/14	SPARTAN	235	630
5/5/14	ZAPATISTA	200	2C
5/6/14	TIFFANY LEE	200	2C
5/7/14	KEIKO	910	659
5/9/14	AK3734H	200	2C
5/9/14	SILVER DAWN	200	2C
5/9/14	HALEY MARIE	200	2C
5/9/14	SUNBEAM	200	2C
5/10/14	AK7413C	200	2C
5/11/14	NEW VENTURE	110	517
5/12/14	TRIBUTE	200/710	3A
5/13/14	PATRICIA SUE	110	630
5/13/14	MAR PACIFICO	136	630
5/13/14	SUMNER STRAIT	200	3A
5/13/14	WESTERN MARINER	710	BS
5/15/14	CHARIOT	200	3A
5/15/14	QUEST	710	CG
5/16/14	RESURRECTION	110	630
5/17/14	CASPERSEN	200	2C
5/17/14	AK7416AN	200	2C
5/17/14	CHINIAK	200	3A
5/18/14	ALASKA VICTORY	127	508

*Appendix C*  
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 Federal Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
5/10/14	MIDGETT	COMMITMENT	110	No certificate of documentation on board.
4/13/14	STA KETCHIKAN	AK5455AM	200	No registration or documentation on board.
4/10/14	ANACAPA	SUNFISH	200	Missing fire extinguisher and no proper marine sanitation device onboard.
4/12/14	LIBERTY	AK3432AE	200	No registration onboard and no sound producing device.
4/21/14	AIRSTA KODIAK	IRENE H	200	Crucification and discard of halibut.
4/4/14	STA KETCHIKAN	CAPE OMMANEY	230	Intoxicated operator, voyage terminated.
4/13/14	LIBERTY	FIREWEED	410	No EPIRB registration.
4/10/14	STA KETCHIKAN	MEREON	815	Terminated for no buoyant apparatus or flares.
5/7/14	STA KETCHIKAN	NORSEMAN	NA	Expired flares.