

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. High Seas Drift Net (HSDN) Enforcement

USCGC MELLON began patrolling the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Convention (NPAFC) Area on 17 April and will be on patrol for approximately 80 days. A Coast Guard HC-130 is conducting two deployments staged out of the U.S. Air bases in Misawa and Yokota Japan. The HC-130 deployments have flown 57.5 hours to date in support of this mission. No HSDN vessels have been detected by these flights. A Canadian CP-140 aircraft is scheduled to deploy to Hakodate, Japan in June.

Two members of the District 17 Enforcement Branch participated in the NPAFC meeting in Kobe, Japan from 11-15 May and discussed coordination of multilateral enforcement efforts during the 2015 HSDN patrol season.

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

Activity along the MBL was light over the reporting period with 5 vessels detected within 20 miles of the MBL. There were no surface or air patrols of the MBL for the purposes of incursion detection during April and May 2015, due to the low levels of fishing vessels operating near the line. CGC SHERMAN is scheduled to patrol the MBL at the end of May, however, efforts of this 2-3 day patrol were not available at the time of this report.

III. U.S./Canadian EEZ Boundary (Dixon Entrance) Enforcement

There was no activity during the reporting period along the Dixon Entrance EEZ boundary. CGC NAUSHON and CGC CHANDELEUR patrolled the Dixon Entrance for a total of 2 days during the reporting period.

IV. Steller Sea Lions (SSL) and Critical Habitat Enforcement

The Coast Guard monitors more than 151 critical habitat areas around the state each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity.

V. Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 83 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 34 safety violations onboard 22 vessels and three federal fisheries violations onboard three vessels. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations.

Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year

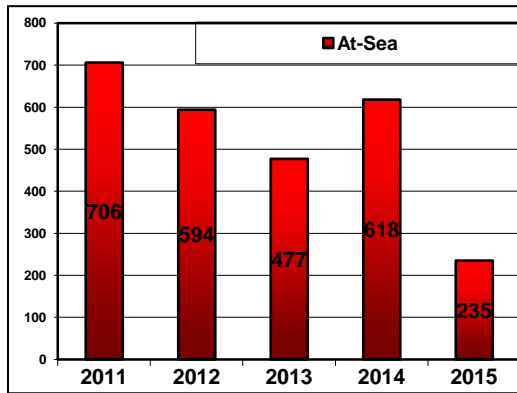
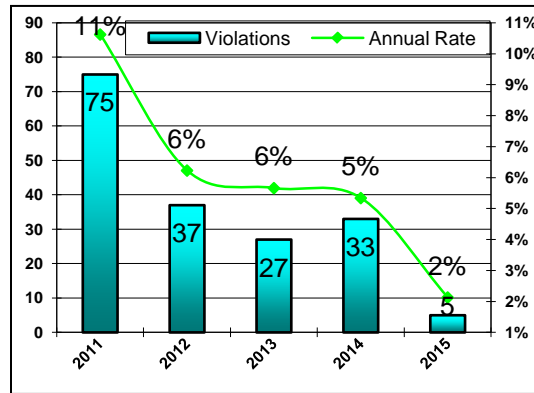


Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year



Apr – May 2014 Boardings

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

Apr – May 2015 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):83
 Boardings w/fisheries violations:04
 Violation Rate:4.8%

VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Following the IFQ season opening, Coast Guard patrols completed 39 boardings on fishing vessels targeting halibut and sablefish. There were 19 boardings of IFQ halibut vessels, detecting 1 fisheries violation for failure to possess a logbook onboard and 6 safety violations on four vessels. Two IFQ halibut vessels received voyage terminations for safety violations. There were six boardings on IFQ sablefish vessels, detecting no fisheries violations, and 1 boarding on a recreational vessel targeting sablefish in state waters, which received 3 safety violations. There were thirteen boardings on recreational vessels targeting halibut, of which six vessels received 11 safety violations and two voyages were terminated. No charter vessels were observed during the reporting period.

VII. Crab Fisheries

The Coast Guard continued commercial vessel safety enforcement activities on the Bering Sea crab fisheries, with CGC ALEX HALEY and CGC SHERMAN conducting six boardings on vessels targeting crab. There was one safety violation detected for lack of maintenance on a buoyant apparatus. One federal fisheries violation was issued for failure to provide a safe boarding ladder to facilitate an at-sea enforcement boarding.

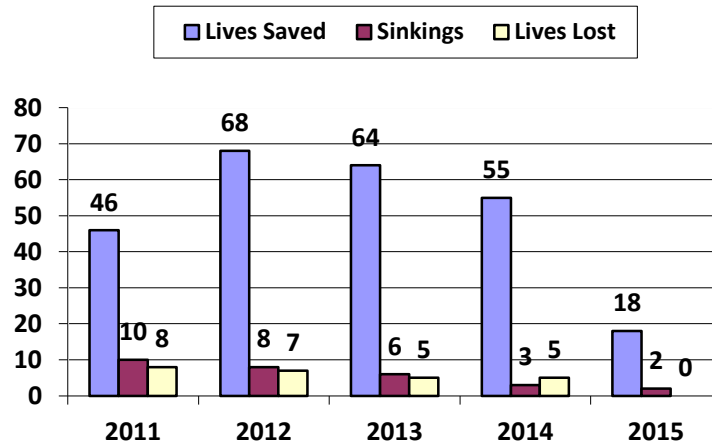
VIII. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, 34 safety violations were detected on 22 vessels. There were six voyage terminations during the reporting period. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were 10 SAR cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in 4 lives saved, no lives lost, and one vessel sinking. 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

Safety Statistics by Year



IX. 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

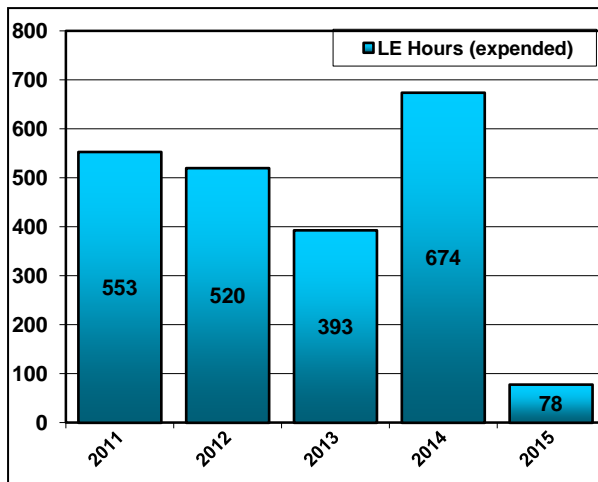
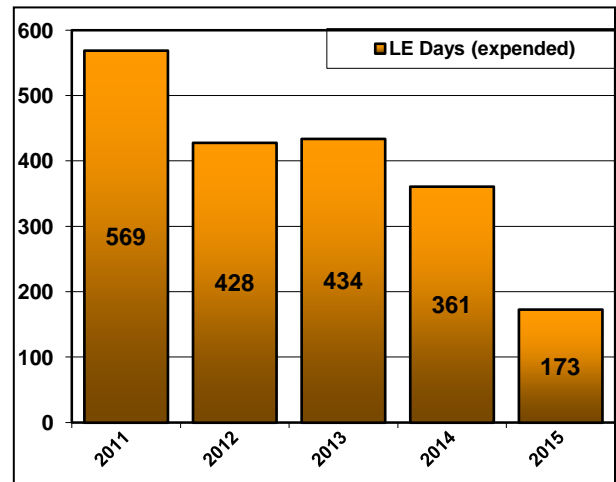


Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days



Apr - May 2014

3 WHECs patrolled.....102 days
 0 WMECs patrolled00 days
 2 WLBs patrolled.....05 days
 5 WPBs patrolled.....68 days
Total Cutter patrol.....175 days

HC-130s flew164 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....150 hours

Apr - May 2015

2 WHECs patrolled.....34 days
 1 WMECs patrolled41 days
 1 WLB patrolled1 day
 5 WPBs patrolled.....54 days
Total Cutter patrol.....130 days

***For 2015, expected major cutter coverage is 419 days.**

HC-130s flew66 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....144 hours

Figure 6. Apr – May HC-130 Hours

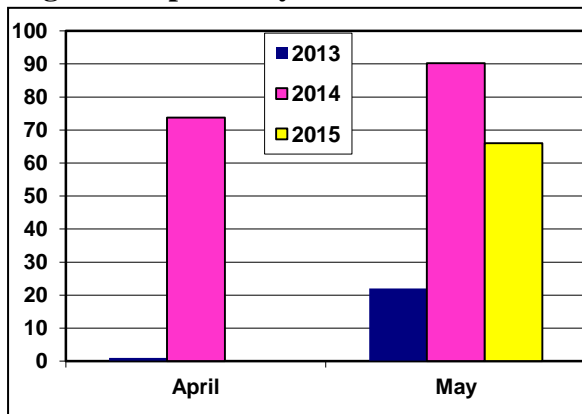
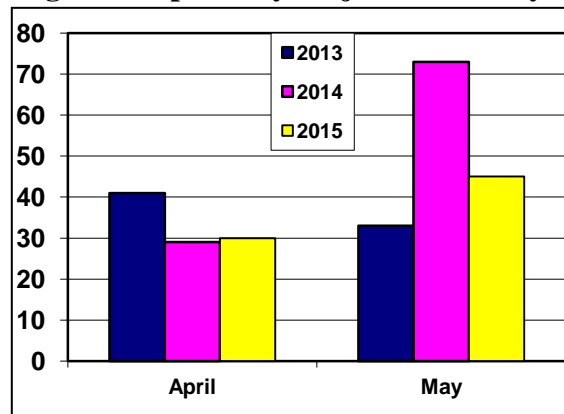


Figure 7. Apr– May Major Cutter Days



Appendix A
 March - May 2015
 Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
3/20/15	KODIAK ENTERPRISE	District 17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request for a crewmember on board F/V KODIAK ENTERPRISE. Case evaluated and SMC recommended vessel transport patient for medical evaluation at next port of call.
3/25/15	MISS LEONA	D17 Command Center received a report of F/V MISS LEONA disabled and adrift. D17 CC established communications and verified vessel was not in distress. MISS LEONA made tug arrangements and returned to Dutch Harbor. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
3/25/15	CHARISMA	Sector Juneau received a report of F/V CHARISMA in possible distress and unable to be reached via radio communications. Sector assumed SMC and directed Air Station Sitka to launch CG-6032 and conduct search from last known position. Vessel was located, determined to not be in distress, and communications were established. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
3/30/15	INTREPID	D17 Command Center received a report of a crew member experiencing illness on board F/V INTREPID and requesting MEDEVAC. Case evaluated and SMC recommended MEDEVAC. Air Station Kodiak CG-6503 launched and completed MEDEVAC to Cold Bay Clinic. HC-130 conducted patient transport to Kodiak for higher medical care.
3/31/15	MAJOR	Sector Juneau received a request for assistance from F/V MAJOR disabled and drifting towards shoal water. Sector assumed SMC, issued a MARB, and prepared to launch rescue boat. F/V MAJOR regained propulsion and safely moored. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
4/9/15	ALASKA ENDEAVOR	CGC ALEX HALEY notified D17 Command Center of F/V ALASKA ENDEAVOR disabled and adrift north of Dutch Harbor. Assumed SMC and Tug MAKUSHIN BAY responded, taking ALASKA ENDEAVOR in tow. Air Station Kodiak CG-6006 launched to stand by in worsening weather. ALASKA ENDEAVOR safely moored in Captain's Bay. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
4/11/15	ALASKA JURIS	D17 Command Center received a report of an injured crewmember on board F/V ALASKA JURIS. Case evaluated and SMC recommended the vessel proceed to port for higher medical treatment within 24 hours. ALASKA JURIS proceeded to port and transferred the patient to onshore medical facility. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.

4/21/15	NORTHERN PRIDE	Sector Anchorage received a report of a MAYDAY hail from F/V NORTHERN PRIDE for fire on board. The vessel's crew was preparing to abandon ship into their liferaft. Assumed SMC and launched Air Station Kodiak CG-6011. CG-6011 successfully hoisted 03 crewmembers from the liferaft and safely transferred to EMS in Kodiak. The fishing vessel sunk. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
4/26/15	REGINA	Sector Juneau received a report of F/V REGINA disabled with the potential for dragging anchor due to heavy weather. Sector Juneau assumed SMC and launched Station Ketchikan to conduct a welfare check. After arriving on scene, the vessel master confirmed that they had regained control and no further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
5/8/15	US INTREPID	D17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request from F/V US INTREPID for an injured crewmember. Case evaluated and SMC recommended vessel transport patient for medical evaluation at next port of call in Togiak.

Appendix B
March - May 2015
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
3/20/15	NORTHERN JAEGER	270	513
3/20/15	ISLAND ENTERPRISE	270	513
3/22/15	NEKTON	710	659
3/23/15	EVENING STAR	710	659
3/23/15	VICTORY	931	EBT
3/24/15	COLUMBIA	270	519
3/24/15	ROYAL AMERICAN	270	519
3/26/15	POSEIDON	270	509
3/26/15	COMMODORE	270	509
3/30/15	ALASKA SPIRIT	141,193	541
3/30/15	HAAKON	230	659
3/30/15	ANGJENL	230	659
3/31/15	UNIMAK	127	517
4/4/15	VAERDAL	127	509
4/4/15	ALEUTIAN BEAUTY	710	AI
4/4/15	INDIAN SUMMER	200	2C
4/5/15	AK2365AL	200	2C
4/6/15	VANGUARD	110	521
4/12/15	KARELIA	200	3A
4/18/15	AK9083N	410	659
4/18/15	ALASKAN TROJAN	932	541
4/19/15	SEA VENTURE	710	AI
4/20/15	GREEN HOPE	141	541
4/20/15	OCEAN PEACE	193	541
4/22/15	FAITH	200/710	2C
4/22/15	LUCKY ISLAND	710	BS
4/23/15	MISS SUSAN	200/710	2C
4/23/15	ACE	200	4A
4/24/15	ALASKAN PATRIOT	110	state
4/24/15	KONRAD 1	710	BS
5/1/15	CAPE KALEKTA	200	4A
5/1/15	AK4694AP	200	2C
5/3/15	AK7515AG	200	2C
5/3/15	AK2084AA	410	659
5/3/15	AK4099N1	200	2C

Appendix B
March - May 2015
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
5/5/15	CASCADE	200	4A
5/5/15	DELIVERANCE	200	4A
5/5/15	LARISA M	200	4A
5/6/15	KEMA SUE	200	4A
5/7/15	OBSESSION	200	3A
5/8/15	ROBERT MAGNUS	200/710	CG
5/8/15	CHANDALAR	200/710	CG
5/8/15	EVENING STAR	200/710	CG
5/11/15	CARE FREE	410	659
5/13/15	LESLIE ANN	200	2C
5/13/15	CONSTELLATION	123	514
5/13/15	ENTERPRISE	127	514
5/13/15	SEAFISHER	123	514
5/14/15	AK3687AE	200	2C
5/15/15	ZSEVEN	NA	NA
5/15/15	AK9247	NA	NA
5/17/15	LIBERATOR	110	508
5/17/15	BLUE ATTU	110	521
5/17/15	BERING PROWLER	110	521
5/17/15	PETROF	110	610
5/17/15	AK3750AN	200	2C
5/17/15	AK7946P	200	2C
5/17/15	ARCTIC PROWLER	110	521
5/18/15	BARANOF	932	521
5/18/15	KASATKA	200	3A
5/19/15	PROWLER	110	521

Appendix C
 March - May 2015
 Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
3/20/15	CHANDELEUR	SYDNEY MORGAN	230	No sound producing device
3/21/15	CHANDELEUR	GOLD DUST	410	EPIRB registration expired
3/23/15	ALEX HALEY	SEABROOKE	931	Unserviceable life vests
3/27/15	ALEX HALEY	LEGACY	123	Did not log sablefish bycatch in required time frame
3/30/15	ALEX HALEY	TRAILBLAZER	931	Did not provide a boarding ladder to facilitate at-sea enforcement
4/24/15	STA KETCHIKAN	SWEET LISA	110	Registration expired
4/30/15	ROANOKE ISLAND	FISHIN MAGICIAN	110	Unserviceable flotation device and expired hydrostatic release
4/30/15	ROANOKE ISLAND	LEBID	110	Voyage terminated for no life raft, unserviceable immersion suit, expired flares, unserviceable flotation device, and expired EPIRB
4/30/15	SECTOR JUNEAU	AK4400AP	200	Registration not on board
5/1/15	ALEX HALEY	ALASKAN CATCH	200	Voyage terminated for insufficient immersion suits
5/2/15	STA KETCHIKAN	AK4521AP	200	Voyage terminated for no VDS, Type IV flotation device, or fire extinguisher on board
5/3/15	STA KETCHIKAN	AK0001D	200	Registration and Type IV flotation device not on board
5/8/15	STA KETCHIKAN	AK1530AK	710	Registration, VDS, and Type IV flotation device not on board
5/9/15	SHERMAN	ALEUTIAN SABLE	110	Insufficient VDS
5/9/15	STA KETCHIKAN	AK9575N	200	Voyage terminated for immersion suits, VDS, and sound producing device not on board

Appendix C
 March - May 2015
 Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
5/10/15	STA KETCHIKAN	AK1491E	200	Voyage terminated for no fire extinguisher on board and expired VDS
5/11/15	CHANDELEUR	NONA S.	410	Expired life raft service and vessel name improperly marked
5/11/15	CHANDELEUR	FAITH C	410	Voyage terminated for no serviceable fire extinguishers on board
5/13/15	CHANDELEUR	AK3606AF	200	No halibut logbook on board
5/17/15	STA KETCHIKAN	JB30678	200	Registration not on board and no vessel numbering
5/17/15	STA KETCHIKAN	AK1348AE	200	Type IV flotation device not on board