

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

There was no HSDN enforcement activity conducted over the reporting period.

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

Activity along the MBL was low over the reporting period with an average of 04 foreign fishing vessels operating within 20 miles of the MBL during October – November 2015. CGC WAESCHE patrolled the MBL sighting 07 foreign fishing vessels.

III. U.S./Canadian EEZ Boundary Enforcement

There was one patrol of the Dixon Entrance U.S./Canada EEZ boundary by CGC CHANDELEUR. No incursions were detected. CGC WAESCHE conducted a patrol of the Beaufort Sea U.S./Canada EEZ boundary in October and no vessels were detected.

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

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

V. Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 75 domestic fisheries and fishing vessel safety boardings conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings detected a total of 38 safety violations onboard 22 vessels and 03 federal fisheries violations onboard 02 vessels. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations.

Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year

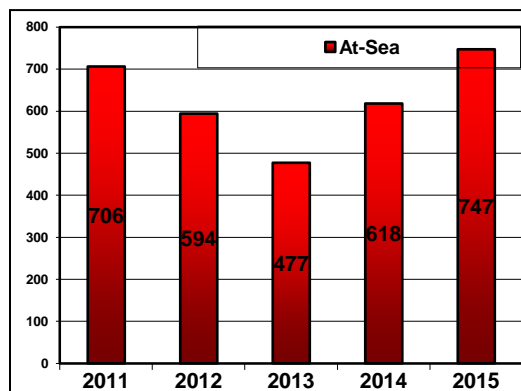
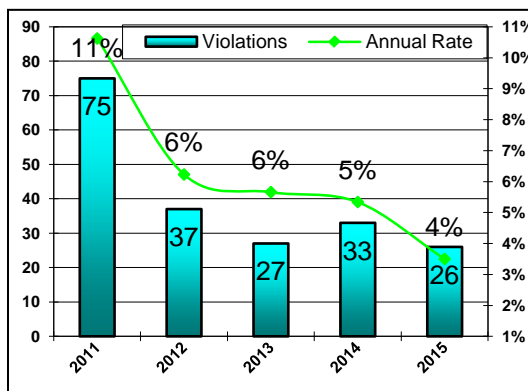


Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year



Oct – Nov 2014 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):76
Boardings w/fisheries violations:3
Violation Rate:3.9%

Oct – Nov 2015 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):75
Boardings w/fisheries violations:3
Violation Rate:4.0%

VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Coast Guard patrols completed 11 boardings on fishing vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. There were 08 boardings of IFQ halibut vessels, detecting two fisheries violations on one vessel. There were six safety violations detected on one vessel, which received a voyage termination for significant safety violations. There were three boardings of IFQ sablefish vessels, detecting no fisheries violations nor safety violations.

There were no boardings on charter vessels targeting halibut. There were five boardings on recreational vessels targeting halibut, detecting no fisheries violations and two safety violations on two vessels. No voyages were terminated for significant safety concerns.

VII. Crab Fisheries

The Coast Guard conducted commercial vessel safety enforcement activities involving the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands crab fisheries following the 15 October 2015 opening of the Bering Sea crab fisheries.

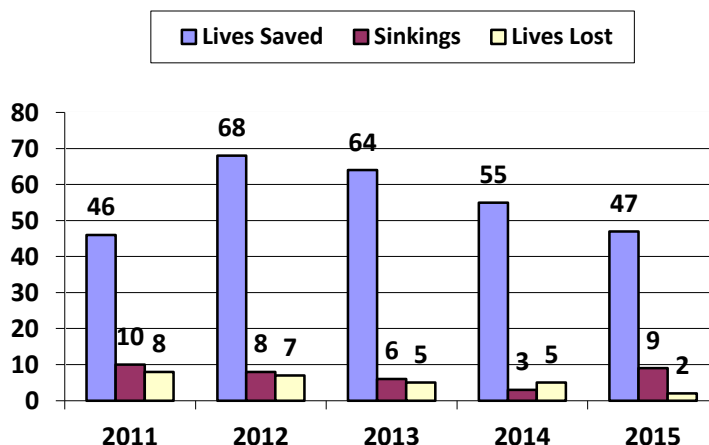
Air Station Kodiak deployed an MH-60 to Cold Bay for the 15 October 2015 Bering Sea crab season opening. The MH-60 remained in Cold Bay through 19 November and will return on 15 January as activity increases in the BSAI crab fisheries and trawl fisheries.

VIII. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, 38 safety violations were detected on 23 vessels. There were five voyage terminations during the reporting period for especially hazardous conditions onboard. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were 10 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in eight lives saved, one life lost, and one vessel sinking. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR and significant marine casualty 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 for domestic and international fisheries enforcement activities. Figures 6 and 7 show the same information over the last three years for the *reporting period only*.

Figure 4. Annual HC-130 Hours

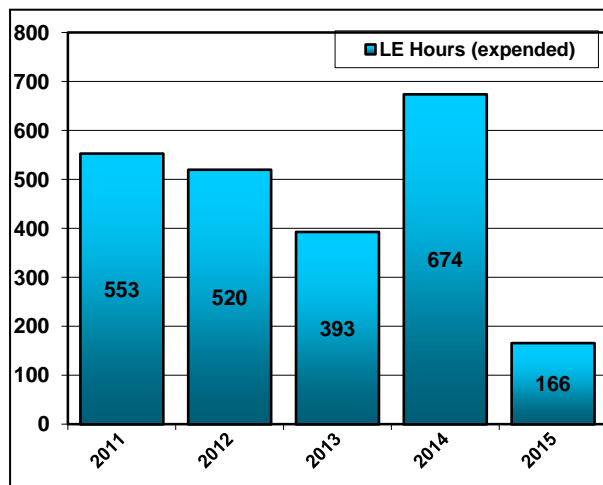
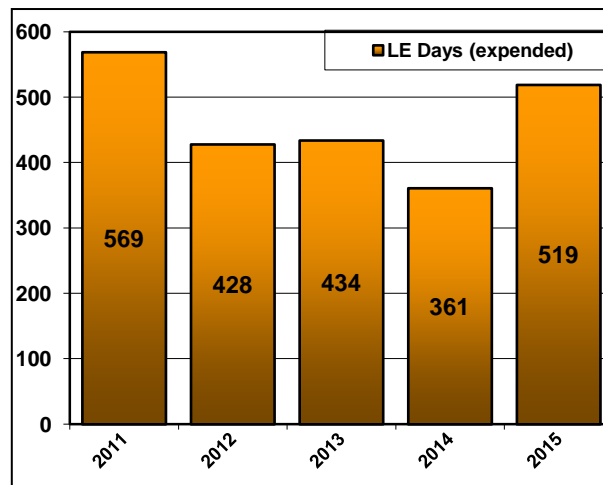


Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days



Oct – Nov 2014

1 WHECs patrolled.....61 days
 0 WMECs patrolled 0 days
 0 WLBs patrolled..... 0 days
 6 WPBs patrolled..... 62 days
Total Cutter patrol..... 123 days

HC-130s flew 63 hours
 HH-60/65s flew..... 113 hours

Oct - Nov 2015

3 WHECs patrolled.....79 days
 1 WMEC patrolled.....15 days
 1 WLB patrolled2 days
 7 WPBs patrolled.....74 days
Total Cutter patrol.....170 days

HC-130s flew19 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....149 hours

Figure 6. Oct – Nov HC-130 Hours

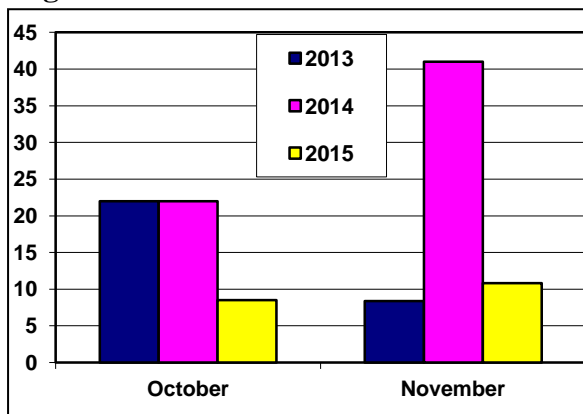
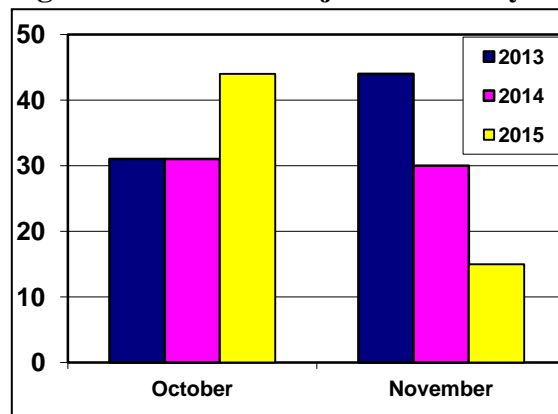


Figure 7. Oct– Nov Major Cutter Days



Appendix A
October – November 2015
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
9/18/15	STIRLING	Sector Juneau received distress call from F/V STIRLING disabled in Dundas Bay. CGC ALEX HALEY diverted to assist, arrived on scene, and aided repairs to regain power for the vessel generator. ALEX HALEY escorted the vessel to Hoonah.
9/26/15	TRES AMIGOS	Station Ketchikan responded to a crewmember aboard F/V TRES AMIGOS who fell overboard while cleaning fish on the stern. Station Ketchikan brought the crewmember out of the water and administered first aid at the scene. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
9/30/15	BLACKHAWK	Sector Anchorage received distress call from F/V BLACKHAWK disabled near Montague Island and drifting towards rocks. Sector launched Station Valdez and CG-6038 to respond. BLACKHAWK ran aground and was unable to be refloated. CG-6038 evacuated the operator and proceeded to Cordova.
10/3/15	HARVEST	Sector Juneau received a report of distress involving the F/V HARVEST. Sector issued UMIB and diverted Station Juneau. CGR-45671 arrived on scene and confirmed crew was not in distress. Master stated SPOT device may have accidentally activated. No further Coast Guard assistance requested.
10/4/15	SEA FISHER	D17 Command Center received report of F/V SEA FISHER disabled northeast of the Islands of Four Mountains. D17 diverted MUNRO to escort until a tow could be arranged. F/V BRISTOL EXPLORER responded to tow SEAFISHER to Dutch Harbor. No further Coast Guard assistance requested.
10/5/15	SHAMROCK II	Sector Juneau received request for assistance from F/V SHAMROCK II. Sector issued MARB and launched Station Ketchikan to respond. CGR-45764 arrived on scene and towed SHAMROCK II, with two people on board, to Ketchikan.
10/12/15	MOMO & MADDIE	Sector Anchorage received report of an unresponsive diver on F/V MOMO & MADDIE. The vessel subsequently lost steering and ran aground. Sector launched CG-6037 to respond and issued UMIB. CG-6037 arrived on scene and transported patient to local EMS where patient was pronounced deceased. F/V MAR DEL NORTE towed MOMO & MADDIE to Old Harbor, Kodiak.
10/22/15	INVESTOR	Sector Anchorage received request for assistance from F/V INVESTOR disabled and adrift. CGC SYCAMORE diverted to tow INVESTOR to anchorage. SYCAMORE completed tow and safely brought the four people on board to safe haven.

Appendix A
October – November 2015
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
10/29/15	GLACIER BAY	D17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request for crewmember on board F/V GLACIER BAY. Case evaluated and SMC recommended vessel transport patient for medical evaluation at next port of call. No further Coast Guard assistance requested.
11/03/15	SILVER SPRAY	D17 Command Center received request for assistance from F/V SILVER SPRAY disabled and adrift. F/V SOUTHERN WIND responded to provide tow to safe haven. D17 maintained comms schedule until safe haven was reached. No further Coast Guard assistance requested.

Appendix B
October - November 2015
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
9/16/15	LADY SIMPSON	200	3A
9/18/15	GOTA	430	659
9/18/15	CHERYL	430	659
9/18/15	ALJAC	430	659
9/18/15	SHARON SUE	430	659
9/18/15	KIBITZER	430	659
9/19/15	AK2944N	200	2C
9/19/15	AK8669N	200	2C
9/20/15	AK7394P	200	2C
9/20/15	AK2947AA	430	659
9/21/15	PACIFIC HORIZON	430	659
9/21/15	MIDDLE PASS	710	SE
9/22/15	CAPE ENCHANTMENT	710	SE
9/22/15	NORTH FORK	430	659
9/22/15	ATLAS	200	2C
9/23/15	CAPE HORN	127	514
9/24/15	RENEGADE	200	3A
9/25/15	FLYING OCEAN	110	630
9/25/15	SEA DREAM	110	630
9/26/15	FISH TALE	110	630
9/26/15	PACIFIC SUN	200	4A
9/27/15	BRONZE MAIDEN	430	659
9/27/15	ISIS	430	659
9/27/15	YANKEE	410	659
10/3/15	SEA VENTURE	710	541
10/8/15	OPTIMUS	200	2C
10/8/15	MIKIAK BAY	965	659
10/14/15	ALEUTIAN SABLE	110	509
10/16/15	CAPE ST ELIAS	270	610
10/16/15	PRIMUS	270	610
10/16/15	KAREN EVICH	270	610
10/18/15	BERING HUNTER	921	516
10/18/15	SILVER SPRAY	921	516

Appendix B
October - November 2015
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
10/18/15	BERING STAR	921	509
10/18/15	HANDLER	921	509
10/18/15	WESTERN MARINER	921	509
10/18/15	INCENTIVE	921	509
10/18/15	VICTORY	921	509
10/18/15	KISKA SEA	921	509
10/19/15	HORNET	410	659
10/19/15	AK3038AG	410	659
10/19/15	ST DOMINIC	110	519
10/22/15	INVESTOR	NA	NA
10/23/15	MAGNUS MARTENS	110	610
10/24/15	BRISTOL MARINER	921	509
10/24/15	TSUNAMI	895	659
10/24/15	NANCY MARIE	895	659
10/25/15	AK2742AN	895	659
10/25/15	STELLAR SEA	895	659
11/3/15	KARELIA	110	630
11/3/15	FOOLS GOLD	410	659
11/7/15	PACIFIC VENTURE	110	519

Appendix C
October - November 2015
Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
9/18/15	ALEX HALEY	APOLLO	430	Unserviceable lifering, expired fire extinguisher
9/18/15	ALEX HALEY	NORTHERN STAR	430	Missing oil pollution placard, injury placard, and garbage placard
9/19/15	STA KETCHIKAN	AK2491AL	200	No type IV floatation device on board
9/23/15	STA KETCHIKAN	AK7761JM	200	Insufficient Type IV floatation device
9/24/15	LIBERTY	HARMONY ISLE	430	Life raft expired
9/26/15	STA KETCHIKAN	SEVEN SEAS	NA	Registration not onboard
9/27/15	STA KETCHIKAN	EL RIO	430	Voyage terminated for insufficient number of PFDs.
10/3/15	STA KETCHIKAN	PIRATE	965	Expired EPIRB registration and life raft inspection date.
10/3/15	STA KETCHIKAN	FRAN	965	Expired hydrostatic release on EPIRB, immersion suit missing a strobe light
10/3/15	STA KETCHIKAN	SHADOW	965	EPIRB missing registration decal, immersion suit missing a strobe light, and documentation not on board.
10/3/15	STA KETCHIKAN	SHANNON HOPE	965	Voyage terminated for inadequate number of immersion suits for POB
10/4/15	STA KETCHIKAN	BLUEBACK	910	Expired hydrostatic release on EPIRB and expired EPIRB. Significant fishery violation for illegally setting crab pots and retaining crab caught in Annette Island Reserve.
10/4/15	STA KETCHIKAN	SHAMROCK II	895	Voyage terminated for insufficient immersion suit, life saving markings, and vessel navigation lights
10/5/15	STA KETCHIKAN	MARSHA ANN	895	Documentation not on board
10/10/15	STA KETCHIKAN	ST. RAPHAEL	815	Sound producing device not on board
10/15/15	LIBERTY	GAMBLER	410	Voyage terminated for no survival craft onboard.

Appendix C
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Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
10/15/15	NAUSHON	MIDDLETON	200	Two fisheries violations: hired master did not have his own IFQ permit available for inspection, and did not have an IFQ permit (or copy) for one of the permits listed on his hired master permit.
10/16/15	WAESCHE	SHAWNA RAE	270	Expired visual distress signals
10/17/15	WAESCHE	AFOGNAK STRAIT	720	Expired visual distress signals
10/18/15	STA KETCHIKAN	MJ	895	Negligent operations, insufficient fire extinguisher bracket, and life ring not accessible.
10/18/15	NAUSHON	AK1852M	410	No fire extinguisher, sound-producing device, or registration
10/19/15	NAUSHON	VIKING SPIRIT	200	Expired visual distress signals, fire extinguishers, and documentation. Vessel directed by COTP order to remain in port until discrepancies corrected.
10/25/15	ANACAPA	AK7488H	200	Voyage terminated for no immersion suits or survival craft on board.