

17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



December 2015 - March 2016

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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. The 2015 North Pacific Anadromous Fish Convention (NPAFC) Joint Patrol Scheduling Meeting (JPSM) was held via email from 29 February to 3 March. The JPSM facilitated the development of a combined patrol schedule and will assist in coordinating 2016 enforcement efforts of the NPAFC Convention Area. The next HSDN enforcement patrol is scheduled to last 90 days, with six weeks of supporting flights by USCG HC-130 aircraft. USCGC MELLON will conduct the Coast Guard's 2016 HSDN patrol. Five countries have also committed surface and air assets to combat IUU fishing in 2016. Russia will provide surface and air assets from Kamchatka and Sakhalin Districts. Both China and Korea have scheduled to deploy patrol vessels in the North Pacific and Japan has committed to approximately 200 hours of patrol flights. Finally, Canada is scheduled to stage a CP-140 patrol aircraft out of Japan for approximately three weeks.

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

Activity along the MBL was light over the reporting period. There was no activity from December 2015 through February 2016, and an average of four vessels operating within 20 miles of the MBL in March 2016. One USCG C-130 patrol of the MBL was conducted on 22 March with seven foreign fishing vessels sighted in Russian waters and no incursions detected. No surface patrols of the MBL were conducted during December 2015 through March 2016, due to the low levels of vessel activity near the line.

III. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

The IFQ halibut and sablefish fisheries opened at 1200 local time on 19 March. The Seventeenth District focused enforcement efforts around the region on monitoring the season opener. Air Station Kodiak C-130 and MH-60 flights and one patrol boat patrolled the Gulf of Alaska during the weekend of the opener. There were eight boardings of vessels fishing recreational or subsistence halibut during the reporting period and no fisheries violations were detected.

IV. Crab Fisheries

The Coast Guard focused commercial vessel safety enforcement activities on the Bering Sea crab fisheries, with CGC MUNRO, CGC WAESCHE, CGC MELLON, and CGC ALEX HALEY conducting nine boardings on vessels targeting Red King Crab, eight boardings on vessels targeting Bering Sea Tanner Crab, and nine boardings on vessels targeting Bering Sea Snow Crab. There were two safety violations found on two vessels during the boardings, one for expired flares and one for not possessing the original vessel Certificate of Documentation on board. In addition, a Coast Guard helicopter was forward deployed to Cold Bay for search and rescue standby.

V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 112 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 24 safety violations onboard thirteen vessels and eight federal fisheries violations onboard thirteen vessels.

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

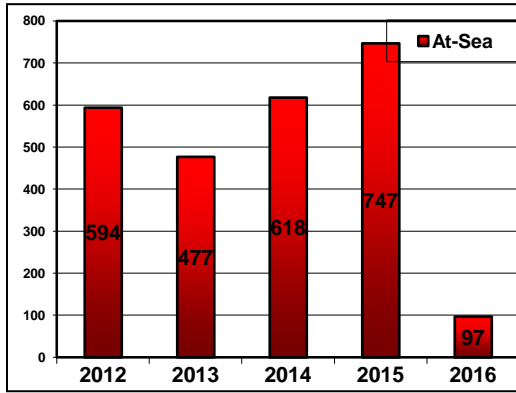
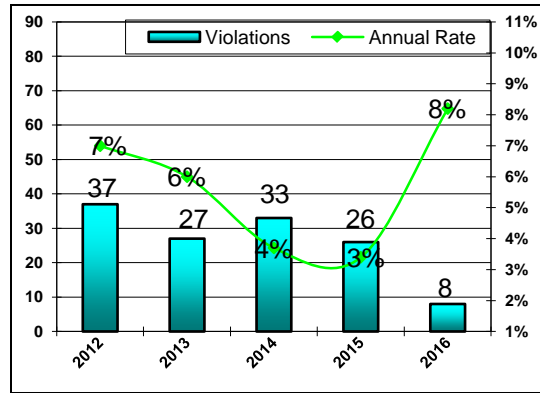


Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year



Dec 2014 – Mar 2015 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):180
 Boardings w/fisheries violations:01
 Violation Rate:0.5%

Dec 2015 – Mar 2016 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):112
 Boardings w/fisheries violations:08
 Violation Rate:7.3%

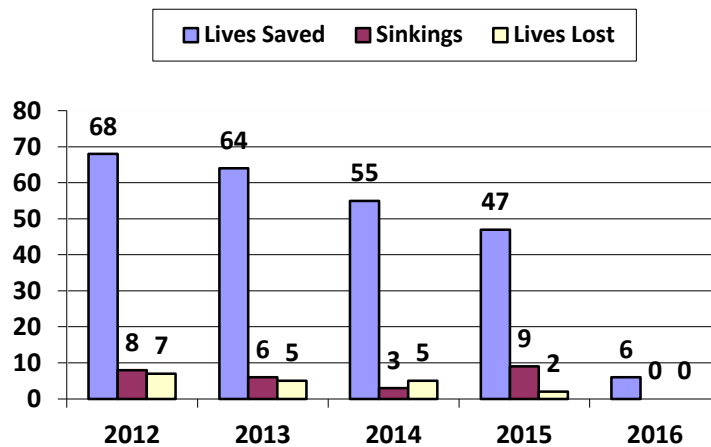
VI. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, 24 safety violations were detected on thirteen vessels. There was one voyage termination during the reporting period for safety violations composing an especially hazardous condition. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were 27 SAR cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in six lives saved, no lives lost, and no vessel sinkings. 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



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

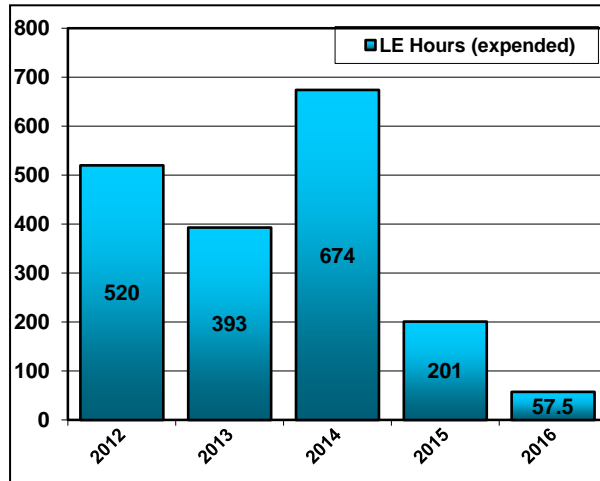
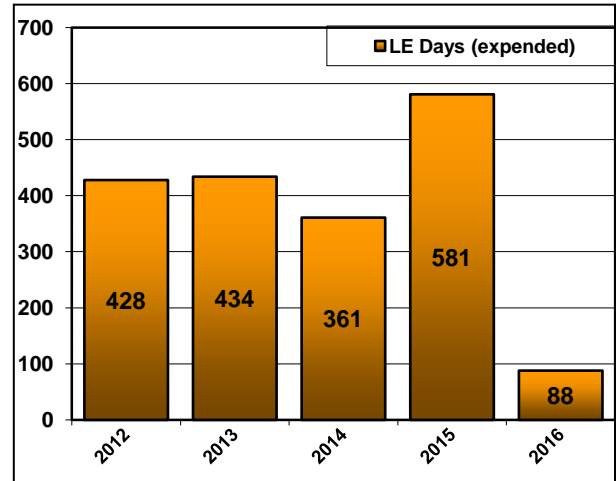


Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days



Dec 2014 – Mar 2015

1 WHEC patrolled.....45 days
 1 WMEC patrolled..... 85 days
 3 WLBs patrolled..... 18 days
 7 WPBs patrolled..... 136 days
Total Cutter patrol..... 284 days

HC-130s flew 12 hours
 HH-60/65s flew..... 354 hours

Dec 2015 – Mar 2016

4 WHECs patrolled.....114 days
 1 WMECs patrolled36 days
 1 WLB patrolled04 days
 6 WPBs patrolled.....121 days
Total Cutter patrol.....275 days

***For 2016, expected major cutter coverage is 412 days.**

HC-130s flew92.1 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....351 hours

Figure 6. Dec – Mar HC-130 Hours

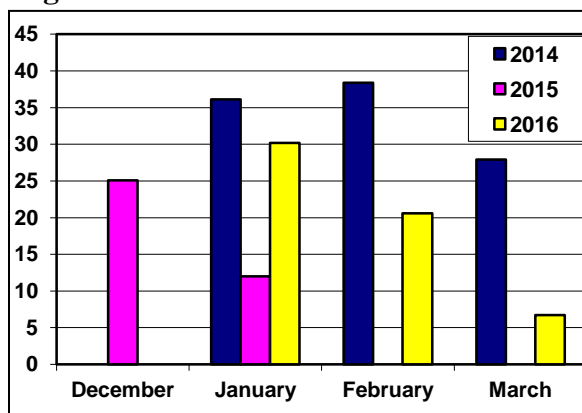
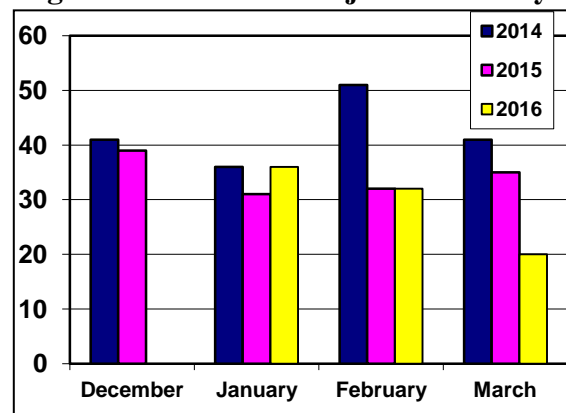


Figure 7. Dec – Mar Major Cutter Days



Appendix A
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Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
11/16/15	SWANS NEST	Sector Anchorage received distress call from F/V SWANS NEST disabled and in need of assistance. Sector maintained a communications schedule with the vessel until a Good Samaritan delivered fuel. Vessel resumed its voyage. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
11/26/15	ENTERPRISE	D17 Command Center received report of F/V ENTERPRISE disabled and in need of assistance. F/V DEFENDER responded and took ENTERPRISE in tow en route to Seattle. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
12/10/15	JENNY	Sector Juneau received an EPIRB alert from F/V JENNY. Sector contacted Sitka Harbor Master and vessel owner who confirmed vessel was in port and not in distress. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
12/19/15	GORDEN JENSEN	D17 Command Center received report that F/V GORDON JENSEN ran aground in Canadian waters and received damage to its hull. The Canadian Coast Guard authorized the vessel to proceed to repair facilities in Ketchikan. MSD Ketchikan personnel met GORDON JENSEN at the pier to monitor pollution mitigation and conduct a marine casualty investigation. Investigation is in progress.
01/04/16	HOLLYWOOD	D17 Command Center received EPIRB alert from F/V HOLLYWOOD. Station Ketchikan launched and located the vessel in Metlakatla harbor, and confirmed no distress. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
01/04/16	PAVLOF	D17 Command Center received a MEDEVAC request for crewmember onboard F/V PAVLOF. The crewmember's injuries were subsequently stabilized and the vessel returned to port before further Coast Guard assistance was rendered.
01/11/16	TEMPEST	D17 Command Center received request for assistance from F/V TEMPEST for a crewmember experiencing a medical issue. Case evaluated and SMC recommended TEMPEST return to port for higher level medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
01/12/16	YANKEE	D17 Command Center received report F/V YANKEE ran aground in Neva Strait. M/V WESTERN MARINER responded and recovered 3 crewmembers sheltering on shore. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
01/20/16	DOMINATOR	D17 Command Center received report from F/V DOMINATOR of a crewmember injured by fishing gear. DOMINATOR proceeded to port and delivered crewmember to higher level medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.

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01/22/16	NORTHWESTERN	D17 Command Center received report from F/V NORTHWESTERN of a fire onboard that was quickly extinguished. D17 CC established a communications schedule to monitor vessel's repair efforts and transit to port. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
01/23/16	SEAFREEZE ALASKA	D17 Command Center received request for medical assistance from F/V SEAFREEZE ALASKA. Case evaluated and SMC provided steps for initial care and recommended vessel proceed to port for higher level medical care. D17 CC established communications schedule for SEAFREEZE ALASKA's transit to port. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
01/24/16	ALEUTIAN STAR	Sector Anchorage received report from F/V ALEUTIAN STAR of crewmember in need of medical assistance. ALEUTIAN STAR declared intentions to proceed to port for higher level medical care. Sector facilitated advance note of arrival with Cold Bay clinic. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
01/25/16	JEANETTE	Sector Juneau received report of vessel taking on water near Ketchikan. Sector assumed SMC and Station Ketchikan responded, observing the vessel adrift and being returned to moorage. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
1/25/16	BARRETT	D17 Command Center received a SRSAT alert for F/V BARRETT. D17 contacted the owner who confirmed the vessel was not in distress. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
01/25/16	BOUNTIFUL	Sector Anchorage received report from F/V BOUNTIFUL of a crewmember becoming entangled in fishing gear and falling overboard. Vessel recovered the crewmember and proceeded to port for higher level medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
01/31/16	FREYJA	Sector Anchorage received report of F/V FREYJA disabled and adrift. Sector assumed SMC. Good Samaritan F/V FLYING OCEAN responded to take FREYJA in tow to Ouzinkie. The towline parted and FREYJA again requested Coast Guard assistance. Air Station Kodiak launched MH-60 to evacuate crewmembers. F/V KENDRA H arrived on scene and took FREYJA in tow prior to arrival of MH-60. Air Station was stood down and no further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
02/01/16	BARBARA J	D17 Command Center received MEDEVAC request from F/V BARBARA J for crewmember injured in a fall. Case evaluated and SMC launched FOL Cold Bay MH-60 to respond. CG-6039 arrived on scene, hoisted crewmember and transported to Cold Bay for higher level medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.

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Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
02/07/16	ISLAND ENTERPRISE	D17 Command Center received MEDEVAC request for F/V ISLAND ENTERPRISE crewmember suffering from possible internal injuries. Case evaluated and SMC recommended vessel proceed to port for higher level medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
02/09/16	ALBERTA J	Sector Juneau received report of F/V ALBERTA J disabled and taking on water. Sector assumed SMC and launched Station Juneau response boat CG-45662 which located ALBERTA J in Basket Bay. CG-45662 confirmed welfare of three people onboard and remained with ALBERTA J overnight. CG-45662 completed tow to Tenakee Springs at first light. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
02/12/16	STELLA MARIE	Sector Juneau received distress call from F/V STELLA MARIE flooding with one person in the water. Sector assumed SMC, issued UMIB, and directed Air Station Sitka to launch MH-60. F/V EMMANUEL responded to UMIB and recovered individual. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
02/16/16	TEMPEST	Sector Anchorage received report of F/V TEMPEST aground in Whale Pass. Sector assumed SMC and directed Air Station Kodiak to launch MH-60. CG-6005 located TEMPEST, master stated intentions to wait for high tide, and confirmed no immediate distress. F/V TEMPEST refloated and was towed to Kodiak by M/V LE CHEVAL ROUGE. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
02/18/16	FRONTIER MARINER	D17 Command Center received MEDEVAC request for crewmember onboard F/V FRONTIER MARINER experiencing medical difficulties. Case evaluated and SMC recommended FRONTIER MARINER proceed to nearest port for higher level medical care. D17 CC established communications schedule to monitor patient's condition until arrival in Dutch Harbor. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
02/19/16	PROVIDENCE	D17 Command Center received MEDEVAC request for crewmember onboard F/V PROVIDENCE experiencing medical difficulties. Case evaluated and SMC directed Air Station Kodiak to launch MH-60. CG-6039 arrived on scene and successfully transported patient to higher level medical care in Kodiak.
02/22/16	EYAK	D17 Command Center received a report of F/V EYAK in possible distress in Sitka Sound. Sector assumed SMC and diverted Air Station Sitka MH-60 to respond. CG-6032 could not locate EYAK in Sitka Sound but SMC was able to contact master by VHF to confirm no distress. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.

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Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
02/23/16	SV VELVET	Sector Juneau received distress call from F/V SV VELVET for master experiencing severe medical difficulties. Sector assumed SMC and launched Station Ketchikan response boat. Station Ketchikan arrived on scene and transported the patient to higher level medical care in Ketchikan. The mate was able to successfully pilot the vessel to port. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
02/28/16	COASTAL PROGRESS	Sector Juneau received a distress call from F/V COASTAL PROGRESS disabled and in need of assistance. Sector assumed SMC and diverted Air Station Sitka to assist. CG-6004 arrived on scene as vessel regained steerage. COASTAL PROGRESS proceeded to Ketchikan for repairs. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
03/09/16	ALASKA OCEAN	D17 Command Center received MEDEVAC request from F/V ALASKA OCEAN for a crewmember suffering a compound fracture. Case evaluated and SMC recommended ALASKA OCEAN proceed to port for higher level medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.

Appendix B
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 Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
11/24/15	COMMITMENT	110	519
11/24/15	LEGACY	127	519
11/24/15	RAVEN BAY	110	519
11/30/15	MISS MELODY	270	630
12/7/15	SEABROOKE	931	509
12/7/15	SCANDIES ROSE	931	509
12/8/15	BILIKIN	931	509
12/8/15	DETERMINED	931	509
12/27/15	COURAGEOUS	110	509
12/30/15	KAIA	931	519
12/30/15	BARANOF	110	519
1/4/16	DESTINATION	110	509
1/7/16	CLIPPER EPIC	110	509
1/11/16	FARRAR SEA	110	509
1/11/16	FARWEST LEADER	110	517
1/11/16	BARBARA J	110	517
1/12/16	PARAGON	932	517
1/12/16	NORTH SEA	932	517
1/12/16	JENNIFER A	932	517
1/12/16	TIME BANDIT	932	517
1/13/16	ALASKA MIST	110	513
1/13/16	ATLANTICO	932	521
1/15/16	ADVENTURE	932	521
1/17/16	ALASKA SPIRIT	932	521
1/18/16	CLIPPER ENDEAVOR	110	521
1/19/16	SILVER DOLPHIN	932	517
1/20/16	NORTHERN RAM	110	517
1/20/16	GOLDEN PISCES	110	517
1/20/16	MISS LEONA	110	517
1/21/16	ARGOSY	270	517
1/21/16	PEGASUS	270	517
1/21/16	RAVEN	270	517
1/21/16	LISA MELINDA	270	517
1/21/16	OCEAN EXPLORER	270	517
1/21/16	ROYAL ATLANTIC	270	509
1/22/16	NORDIC FURY	270	517

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DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
1/22/16	VALIANT	932	517
1/22/16	CHOPAKA	410	659
1/24/16	VELVET	145	659
2/1/16	MISS BERDIE	270	509
2/1/16	AMERICAN DYNASTY	270	519
2/5/16	KATIE ANN	127	513
2/5/16	GREEN HOPE	127	513
2/5/16	SEAFISHER	127	513
2/5/16	NORTHERN GLACIER	127	513
2/6/16	LYNDA	NA	NA
2/11/16	NORDIC STAR	270	519
2/11/16	KODIAK ENTERPRISE	270	519
2/13/16	AGILE	110	659
2/15/16	CAITLIN ANN	270	517
2/15/16	SEADAWN	270	517
2/15/16	GOLDEN DAWN	270	509
2/15/16	DOMINATOR	270	517
2/15/16	ROYAL AMERICAN	270	509
2/15/16	HALFMOON BAY	270	517
2/15/16	LISA MAE	410	659
2/16/16	OPTIMUS	932	659
2/16/16	SECOND WIND	110	630
2/19/16	SILVER FOX	110	630
2/19/16	FISH HAWK	110	630
2/21/16	MARSONS	932	659
2/21/16	CHRISTIAN	932	659
2/21/16	STAR OF THE SEA	932	659
2/22/16	BLUE GADUS	110	521
2/25/16	KODIAK	931	517
2/28/16	AK4890AE	200	2C
2/28/16	MORNING GLASS	200	2C
2/28/16	KRJ	410	659
2/28/16	EMMANUEL	NA	659
3/2/16	BELLA DAWN	NA	659
3/7/16	FISH PIG	NA	649
3/7/16	AMERICAN NO. 1	123	516

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DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
3/7/16	KATHY K.	410	659
3/8/16	SOUND PACER	NA	649
3/9/16	RENEGADE	110	649
3/9/16	HIGHLINER	110	649
3/9/16	STILLWATER	110	649
3/10/16	CARMELA	NA	649
3/13/16	AK9083P	200	2C
3/13/16	AK8876AB	200	2C
3/13/16	AK9032AL	200	2C
3/13/16	AK8207H	200	2C
3/15/16	VAERDAL	123	509
3/18/16	AK7502AJ	200	2C
3/19/16	PIONEER	200	2C
3/19/16	PACIFIC CLOUD	110	630
3/19/16	HALCYON	110	630
3/20/16	AK2469AM	200	2C
3/20/16	AK3594H	110	630
3/20/16	VIKING STAR	110	630
3/20/16	KIMBERLY ANNE	110	630

Appendix C
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Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
11/21/15	STA KETCHIKAN	RESURRECTION	895	Insufficient number of fire extinguishers onboard.
12/18/15	LIBERTY	PACIFIC BOUNTY	110	Expired liferaft service and expired liferaft hydrostatic release.
12/23/15	STA KETCHIKAN	RESURRECTION	895	Insufficient immersion suits onboard, improper markings on immersion suits, immersion suit strobe lights inoperable, improper markings on life ring buoy, fire extinguisher not mounted, navigation lights inoperable, no dive flag onboard for dive operations. Voyage terminated.
12/30/15	MELLON	CYNOSURE	110	Expired fire extinguisher inspection tag.
1/4/16	MELLON	GUARDIAN	110	Expired ERPIRB registration, expired EPIRB hydrostatic release, and insufficient VDS.
1/19/16	ALEX HALEY	CAPE CAUTION	931	Eleven flares expired.
1/31/16	STA KETCHIKAN	ULA	410	No strobe lights on immersion suits, ring life buoy missing 60ft of line.
2/1/16	ALEX HALEY	TRIDENT	110	No CG approved boarding ladder.
2/15/16	STA KETCHIKAN	SEA HUNT	892	Starboard navigation light displaying improper characteristic.
2/17/16	SPAR	RECALL	110	No retro-reflective tape on one PFD.
2/19/16	SPAR	SUSAN	110	Detected State violation for possession of Ling Cod. Referred to AWT.
2/19/16	MUNRO	CONSTELLATION	123	Flow scale monitor was turned off for 5 hours without authorization.
2/22/16	MUNRO	OCEAN PROWLER	110	Monitoring cameras were obscured and unable to observe catch sorting. Failure to utilize CG approved boarding ladder. Catch logbook contained greater than eight clerical errors.
2/25/16	MUNRO	ALEUTIAN LADY	931	Failure to utilize CG approved boarding ladder. Original Certificate of Documentation not onboard.
2/28/16	STA KETCHIKAN	DEVYON NICOLE	410	Expired VDS.

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DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
3/2/16	MUNRO	ALYESKA	270	Catch logbook contained greater than eight clerical errors.
3/2/16	MUNRO	ALASKA JURIS	123	Video monitoring equipment was turned off for 48 hour period.
3/7/16	MUNRO	ALASKA VICTORY	123	Failure to facilitate safe boarding and failure to secure overboard discharge during boarding team debarkation.
3/7/16	MUNRO	REBECCA IRENE	123	Video Monitoring System was obscured for 13 days.
3/11/16	MUNRO	LILLI ANN	110	Insufficient fire extinguisher.
3/11/16	MUNRO	DEEP PACIFIC	110	Lifering buoy not CG approved. Hydrostatic release for survival craft not marked with expiration date.