

# 7<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
NVG – Night Vision Goggles	AVDET – Aviation Detachment
FOL – Forward Operating Location	

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

On 16 May USCGC MELLON began a patrol of the high seas, concentrating enforcement efforts in the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Convention (NPAFC) Area. A Coast Guard HC-130 is currently staged out of Misawa Air Base in Japan and has flown a total of 27 hours of HSDN aerial patrols. No HSDN or IUU vessels have been detected by these flights. A Canadian CP-140 and HC-130 aircraft will follow with two additional Japan deployments.

Two members of the District 17 Enforcement Branch participated in the NPAFC annual meeting held in Busan, South Korea from 16-20 May to discuss coordination of multilateral enforcement efforts during the 2016 HSDN patrol season. Five countries have 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.

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

Activity along the MBL was light at the beginning of the reporting period and has significantly increased since the Russian pollock fishery opened on 15 May. There has been an average of fifteen vessels operating within 20 miles of the MBL in May 2016. One USCG C-130 and one cutter patrolled the MBL with 19 FFV's sighted in Russian waters and no MBL incursions detected.

## **III. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement**

Following the IFQ season opening, Coast Guard patrols completed 29 boardings of commercial fishing vessels targeting halibut and sablefish. Of these, there were 26 boardings of IFQ halibut vessels, detecting one safety violation. There were three boardings of IFQ sablefish vessels, detecting no fisheries or safety violations. One fisheries violation was detected onboard a jig vessel targeting Pacific cod that had retained a halibut with no IFQ or subsistence permit. There were 21 boardings on recreational vessels targeting halibut, of which seven vessels received 15 safety violations. There were two boardings on charter vessels targeting halibut, detecting no fisheries or safety violations.

## **IV. Crab Fisheries**

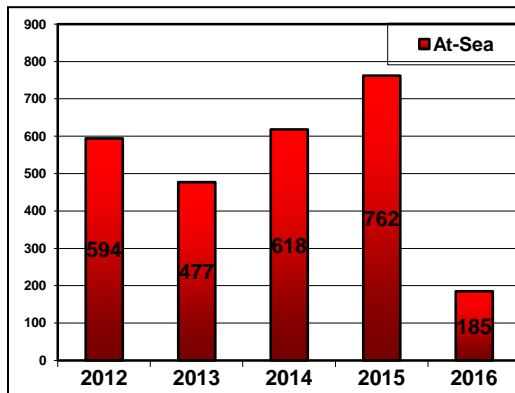
The Coast Guard continued commercial vessel safety enforcement activities on the Bering Sea crab fisheries, with CGC MUNRO and CGC MORGENTHAU conducting five boardings on vessels targeting crab. There was one administrative violation detected for not having an original Certificate of Documentation onboard.

## **V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics**

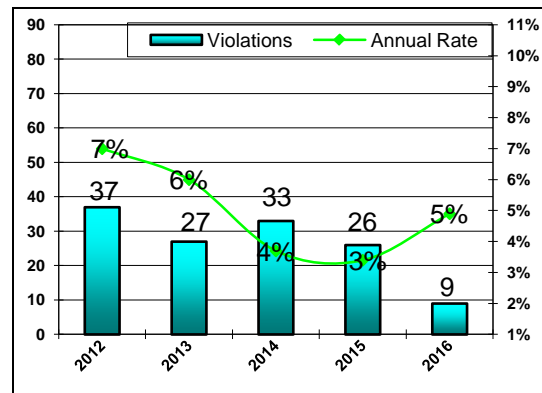
There were 87 domestic fisheries and fishing vessel safety boardings conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of 23 safety violations onboard twelve vessels and one federal fisheries violation onboard one vessel. Figures

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 2015 Boardings**

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

**Apr – May 2016 Boardings**

F/V Boardings (at sea): .....87  
 Boardings w/fisheries violations: .....01  
 Violation Rate: .....3.4%

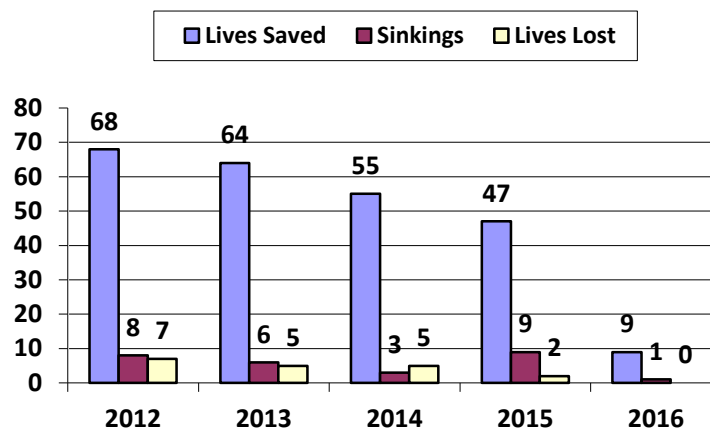
**VI. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases**

During the reporting period, 23 safety violations were detected on twelve vessels. There were two voyage terminations during the reporting period for safety violations composing especially hazardous conditions; one vessel had no fire extinguishers or visual distress signals, and another vessel had no immersion suits. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were seven SAR cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in three 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**

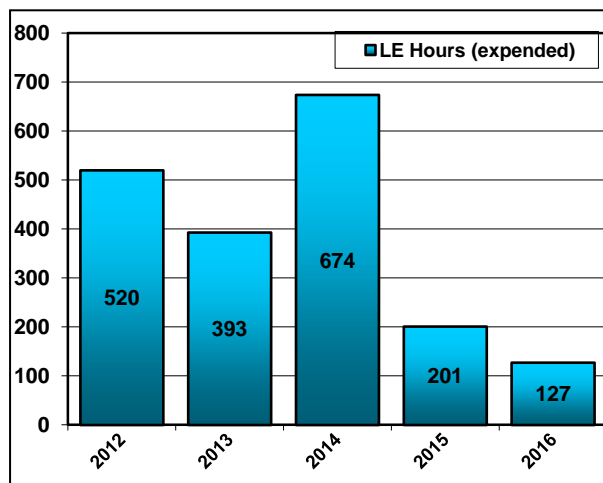
**Safety Statistics by Year**



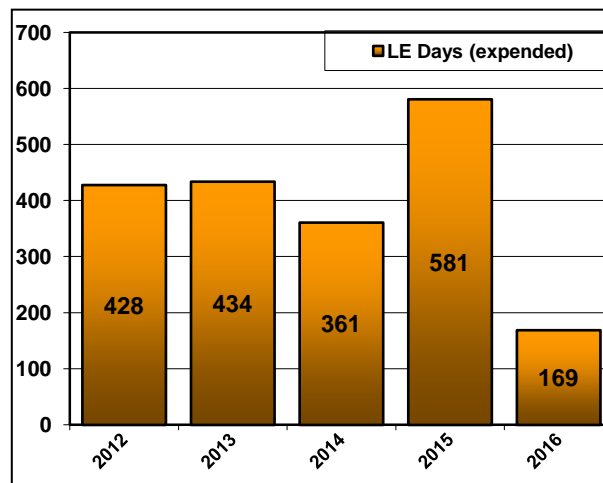
## VII. Coast Guard Resource Summary

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 2015

2 WHEC patrolled.....34 days  
 1 WMEC patrolled..... 41 days  
 1 WLBs patrolled..... 1 days  
 5 WPBs patrolled..... 54 days  
**Total Cutter patrol..... 130 days**

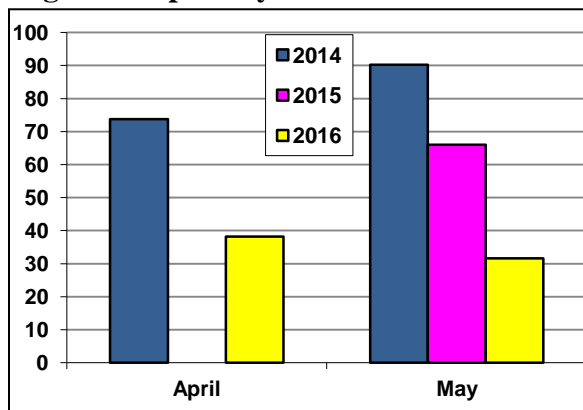
### Apr – May 2016

3 WHECs patrolled.....81 days  
 0 WMECs patrolled .....0 days  
 1 WLB patrolled .....2 days  
 4 WPBs patrolled.....69 days  
**Total Cutter patrol.....152 days**  
**\*For 2016, expected major cutter coverage is 412 days.**

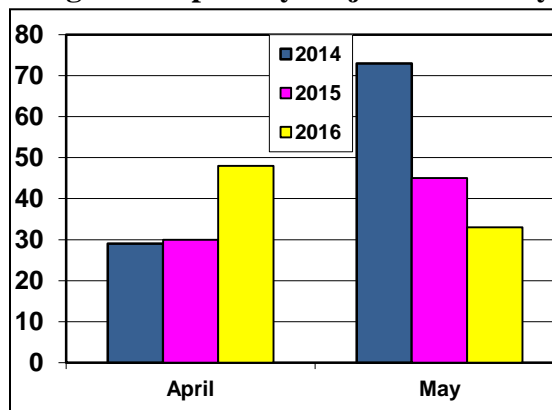
HC-130s flew ..... 66 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew..... 144 hours

HC-130s flew .....69.8 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew.....133.1 hours

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



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



**Appendix A**  
April 2016 - May 2016  
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
4/02/16	VOLGA	Sector Anchorage received report of F/V VOLGA aground, flooding, and crew abandoning ship. Sector maintained a communications schedule with the vessel until a Good Samaritan transported crew to Seward. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested. F/V VOLGA was later recovered.
4/05/16	GRAND JOURNEY	Sector Juneau received report of F/V GRAND JOURNEY aground near Prince of Wales Island. Station Ketchikan deployed a small boat to locate vessel and towed it to Ketchikan.
4/22/16	NORCOASTER	Sector Anchorage received report of F/V NORCOASTER disabled south of Adak. A Good Samaritan responded and towed F/V NORCOASTER to Adak. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
4/26/16	KATIE ANN	D17 Command Center received MEDEVAC request for crewmember onboard F/V KATIE ANN. Case evaluated and SMC recommended vessel proceed to port for higher level medical care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
4/27/16	TRACY ANN	Sector Juneau received report of F/V TRACY ANN overdue from a fishing trip. Sector assumed SMC and launched Station Ketchikan and Air Station Sitka. Station Ketchikan located vessel disabled in Moira Sound and towed to Ketchikan.
4/29/16	GREYLING	Sector Anchorage received MEDEVAC request for crewmember onboard F/V GREYLING near Sitkinak Island. Sector Anchorage assumed SMC. Case evaluated and SMC recommended MEDEVAC. Air Station Kodiak CG-6035 evacuated crewmember to higher level medical care in Kodiak.
5/17/16	ROSALYNN	Sector Juneau received distress call from F/V ROSALYNN taking on water 30NM from shore near the Fairweather Grounds. Sector Juneau assumed SMC and launched Air Station Sitka. CG-6032 evacuated the two persons onboard to Sitka. F/V ROSALYNN subsequently sank.

**Appendix B**  
April - May 2016

Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
3/23/16	BALLYHOO	932	513
3/23/16	TRAILBLAZER	932	513
3/24/16	NORTHERN ENDURANCE	200	3A
3/24/16	KARMA	200	3A
3/28/16	HEATHER LEE	200	2C
3/28/16	TALON	200	2C
3/29/16	HAAKON	200	2C
3/29/16	WEST BANK	200	2C
3/30/16	ORION	200	2C
4/2/16	ANGJENL	200	2C
4/2/16	FORTUNE	200	2C
4/4/16	SEBRIKA	200	3A
4/5/16	SEAFORTH	200	2C
4/5/16	CARLYNN	200	2C
4/6/16	VENUS	200	3A
4/9/16	AK9070M	200	2C
4/9/16	AK4174AP	200	2C
4/9/16	KAREN JEAN	NA	659
4/10/16	ARCHANGEL	200	2C
4/10/16	DECO BAY	235	NA
4/10/16	AK0238R	200	2C
4/11/16	DESTINATION	200	2C
4/11/16	BLUE PACIFIC	110	521
4/11/16	PROVIDENCE	710	SE
4/11/16	RUSTLER	200	2C
4/13/16	BREANNA HOLLY	110	630
4/16/16	ICY MIST	110	519
4/16/16	SERENITY	110	649
4/16/16	AVALANCHE	110	649
4/17/16	AK5085AM	965	649
4/18/16	BLUE ATTU	110	513
4/18/16	OCEAN HUNTER	932	513
4/19/16	RAVEN BAY	110	519
4/19/16	VIGOROUS	710	WY
4/20/16	PACIFIC SOUNDER	932	517
4/20/16	POLAR SEA	932	513

**Appendix B**  
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Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
4/21/16	BRISTOL LEADER	110	521
4/21/16	BERING LEADER	110	521
4/22/16	SUNRISE	410	659
4/24/16	AK3351H	200	2C
4/24/16	AK1895AR	200	2C
4/24/16	AK1141AR	200	2C
4/24/16	U.S. LIBERATOR	110	521
4/25/16	ARCTIC WIND	127	514
4/25/16	ALEUTIAN CHALLENGER	127	514
4/26/16	ALASKA ENDEAVOR	127	514
4/26/16	SEAFREEZE ALASKA	127	514
4/26/16	ALASKA KNIGHT	127	514
4/26/16	ARICA	127	514
4/26/16	DEFENDER	127	514
4/27/16	UNIMAK	127	514
4/28/16	TRACEY ANN	410	659
4/28/16	CRUSADER	200	2C
4/28/16	CAPE DENBIGH	127	512
5/1/16	AK0959L	200	2C
5/1/16	RUFF & READY	200	3A
5/7/16	AK7890AZ	200	2C
5/8/16	AK4436N	200	2C
5/8/16	AK3980AK	200	2C
5/8/16	TRUMPETER	200	2C
5/12/16	ST. PETER	200	4A
5/12/16	ALEUTIAN SABLE	200	4D
5/13/16	SHEIK	200	3B
5/13/16	FALCON	200	3B
5/13/16	POLARIS	200	3A
5/13/16	KEMA SUE	200	4D
5/14/16	CANDICE M	NA	659
5/14/16	AK8299M	200	2C
5/14/16	AK3586AJ	200	2C
5/15/16	LOKI	200	3A
5/15/16	DAWN	NA	630
5/16/16	NORTHERN LEADER	110	524



*Appendix B*  
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Fisheries Boardings without Violations

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VSL NAME</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>AREA</b>
5/18/16	US INTREPID	121	517
5/19/16	ROYAL	200	517
5/20/16	PACIFIC SOJOURN	710	BS

**Appendix C**  
April – May 2016  
Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
3/27/16	STA KETCHIKAN	AK3613AC	200	Registration not onboard
4/6/16	STA KETCHIKAN	AK0847H	200	Registration not onboard and improper vessel numbering
4/10/16	STA KETCHIKAN	DUW16039121	200	Insufficient hull numbering, vessel not registered, type IV PFD not onboard, and insufficient quantity of visual distress signals
4/13/16	SPAR	ROSALIE	110	Retention or possession of a prohibited species. Unserviceable ring life buoy.
4/14/16	STA KETCHIKAN	AK3687N	410	Stern navigation light inoperable
4/20/16	STA KETCHIKAN	AK6994N	200	Registration not onboard, PFD unserviceable, and expired visual distress signals
4/20/16	STA KETCHIKAN	AK1321E	200	Registration sticker not displayed
4/24/16	STA KETCHIKAN	AK2485AP	200	Registration not onboard, sound producing device and visual distress signals not onboard
4/26/16	NAUSHON	IRONY	410	Fire extinguishers, visual distress signals, and documentation not onboard. Voyage terminated and vessel escorted to Thorne Bay.
5/7/16	STA KETCHIKAN	AK1861J	410	Immersion suits not onboard and visual distress signals expired. Voyage terminated and vessel escorted back to port.
5/14/16	STA KETCHIKAN	AK9104AJ	200	Expired visual distress signals
5/15/16	CHANDELEUR	SOUTHERN SEAS	200	Expired EPIRB registration