



NMFS
Office for Law
Enforcement
Alaska Enforcement
Division

North Pacific Observer Program
2016 Annual Report
Compliance and Enforcement

Observer Compliance Role

- **Document and Report Suspected Violations**
- **Where Feasible, Assistance with Compliance**

Observer Program

Law Enforcement Support

- NOAA OLE
- US Coast Guard
- Alaska Wildlife Troopers
- Local Law Enforcement

Reports of Potential Violation

Statements	Incidents	
1,312 statements received and reviewed in 2016	622 new incidents forwarded to agents and officers	420 ongoing
		125 enforcement action taken
	554 existing incidents with one or more statements added	561 Closed
		70 referred to AWT

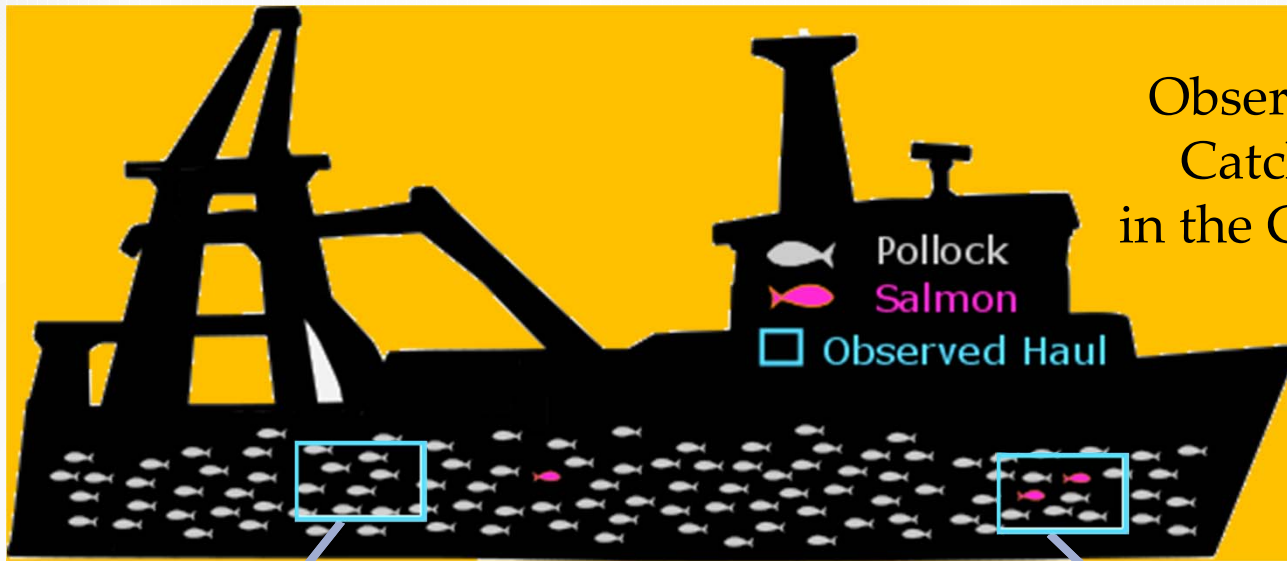
Harassment and Interference

Victim Crimes = OLE Highest priority

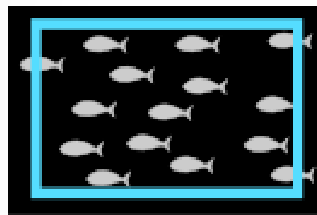
2017 Categories

- Assault (1)
- Sexual Harassment (14)
- Intimidation/Coercion/Hostile Environment (52)
- Interference/Sample Bias (42)
- (NEW) Disruptive/Bothersome – Conflict Resolved (39)

Harass/Interfere total 2015 – 2016 (75 – 148)



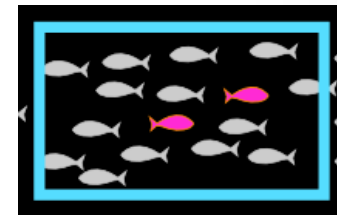
Observed Pollock
Catcher Vessels
in the Gulf of Alaska



Deliver to tender.
Offload not monitored.

Zero salmon
extrapolated to fleet.

*Change in behavior
Biases data*



Deliver dockside.
Offload monitored.

Haul salmon census
extrapolated to fleet.

Observer Safety Statements

(NMFS)*

2015	2016
40	55

*Excludes statements involving USCG exclusive authority

Observer Coverage Complaints* Partial Coverage

2015	2016
139	88

*ODDS related complaints are received from Observer Program staff