U.S. COAST GUARD ANNUAL WEST COAST FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT REPORT

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) will present an annual report covering its West Coast fishery enforcement and fishing vessel safety monitoring efforts for the past year, including enforcement hours, boarding, and detected violations. Joint efforts with other fisheries enforcement agencies, involvement in regional fisheries management programs, and the future outlook of USCG fishery enforcement efforts will also be discussed.

**Council Task:**

**Discussion.**

**Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item E.1.b, USCG Report.

**Agenda Order:**

a. Agenda Item Overview
   - Jim Seger
b. Annual U.S. Coast Guard Fishery Enforcement Report
   - RADM John Currier
c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
d. Public Comment
e. Council Discussion

PFMC
02/13/09
United States Coast Guard
Districts Eleven & Thirteen

11th District (D11)
RDML Paul Zukunft
- District Commander
CDR Brian Thompson
- Enforcement Branch Chief
LTJG Brittany Steward
- Fisheries Enforcement Coordinator
Ms. Peg Murphy
- Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator

13th District (D13)
RADM John Currier
- District Commander
CDR Peter Martin
- Enforcement Branch Chief
Mr. Brian Corrigan
- Fisheries Enforcement Coordinator
Mr. Dan Hardin
- Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator

Pacific Fishery Management Council
March 2009

2008 Fisheries Enforcement Report

- CG Involvement in the process
  - D13/D11 Resources Updates
    - Competing Responsibilities
  - 2008 Fisheries Enforcement Activity Summary
    - Partnership Efforts
  - Fishing Vessel Safety Issues
  - HSDN / IUU Enforcement Efforts
  - Future of CG Fisheries Enforcement Program

U.S. Coast Guard
OCEAN GUARDIAN
Strategic Plan

OCEAN GUARDIAN Objectives

1) Prevent Encroachment of the U.S. EEZ

2) Ensure Compliance with Domestic Fisheries Regulations

3) Ensure Compliance with International Agreements

Living Marine Resources
Partnerships

Pacific Fishery
Management Council

International Pacific
Halibut Commission

Marine Mammal
Stranding Network

U.S./Canada Tuna
Treaty Deliberations

National Marine
Sanctuary Advisory
Councils

Partnering Agency
Orcas Whale Recovery
Plan
**D13 Resources**

- Medium Endurance Cutter
- Buoy Tender
- Patrol Boat
- HH-60 Jayhawk Air Station
- HH-65 Dolphin Air Station
- Motor Lifeboat Station
- Small Boat Station

**D11 Resources**

- Buoy Tender
- Patrol Boat
- HH-60 Jayhawk Air Station
- HH-65 Dolphin Air Station
- C-130 Air Station
- Motor Lifeboat Station
- Small Boat Station
Coast Guard Operations

Just Another Day in the Coast Guard

14 lives saved
193 boardings

123 people in distress assisted
22 illegal migrants interdicted

Living Marine Resources (Fisheries Enforcement)

12 hazardous spill responses
78 SAR cases
21 commercial vessels inspected

25 waterfront facilities inspected
$8.4 million of drugs seized

Fisheries Enforcement Training

- Annual training for all units
  - 2008 in D11 and D13:
    - 92 unit visits
    - 409 personnel
    - 8,180 training hours
  - Classroom & Hands-on
  - Partnering agencies involved
    - 80% of sessions involved other agencies
    - Industry members also involved
D13 Fisheries Enforcement
Resource Hours Annual Comparison

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Resource Hours Annual Comparison

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Recent & Current Initiatives
- Shared patrol schedules
- Quarterly planning meetings
- Co-location at CG units
- Joint Task Forces & Patrols

2008 Highlights
- Joint Investigations & Operations

Commercial Fishing Vessel Lives Lost U.S. West Coast

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Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Program

- **Operation Safe Crab**
  - Nearly 200 vessel inspections each year
- **Safety Decal Program**
  - 15-20% of West Coast Fleet Participates
  - Decals valid for 2 years
- **New Boarding Ladder Requirement**
  - Effective January 1st, 2009

USCG Interaction With NOAA Observer Program

- **Safety**
  - Fishing Vessel Safety Training
  - Notification of Unsafe Conditions
- **Enforcement**
  - Carriage Requirements
  - Observer Treatment
**High Seas Drift Nets / IUU Fisheries**

- CG Enforcement Relationships
  - CG Pacific Area
  - NPAFC (CG District 17)
  - WCPFC (CG District 14)
  - Joint Enforcement Planning

- **2008 Enforcement Efforts**
  - 97 USCG Cutter Days
  - 115 USCG C-130 Hours
  - Two Chinese Vessel Interdictions
    - September & October 2008
**High Seas Drift Nets / IUU Fisheries**

- **USCG Continued Efforts**
  - Assisting with Research
  - 2009 Enforcement Goals
    - 90 Cutter Days
    - 200 Aircraft Hours

**Future Outlook**

- **Into the Future...**
  - CG Modernization
  - Continued Management & Enforcement Partnerships