



U.S. Coast Guard

West Coast Fishery Enforcement Report Pacific Fishery Management Council

Agenda Item: H.2. April 2024



13th District (D13) Washington & Oregon

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 - District Commander
- LT Karrie Jeffries
 - LMR Program Manager
- Mr. Chris German
 - LMR Specialist
- Mr. Mike Rudolph
 - Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator

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- RADM Andrew M. Sugimoto
 - District Commander
- LT Devon Zych
 - LMR Program Manager
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 - Asst. LMR Program Manager
- Ms. Peg Murphy
 - Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator



2023 U.S. Coast Guard West Coast Fishery Enforcement Report



- USCG Involvement in Fisheries Management
- D13 & D11 Resources
- 2023 Fisheries Enforcement Activity Summary
- Commercial & Recreational Fishing Vessel Safety
- 2024 Initiatives





OCEAN GUARDIAN

USCG Strategic Plan



Goals:

- Compliance with applicable LMR laws and regulations
- Effective LMR Program Administration
- Effective LMR Workforce
- Productive Partnerships

Objectives:

- Prevent Encroachment of the U.S. EEZ
- Ensure Compliance with Domestic Fisheries Regulations
- Ensure Compliance with International Agreements



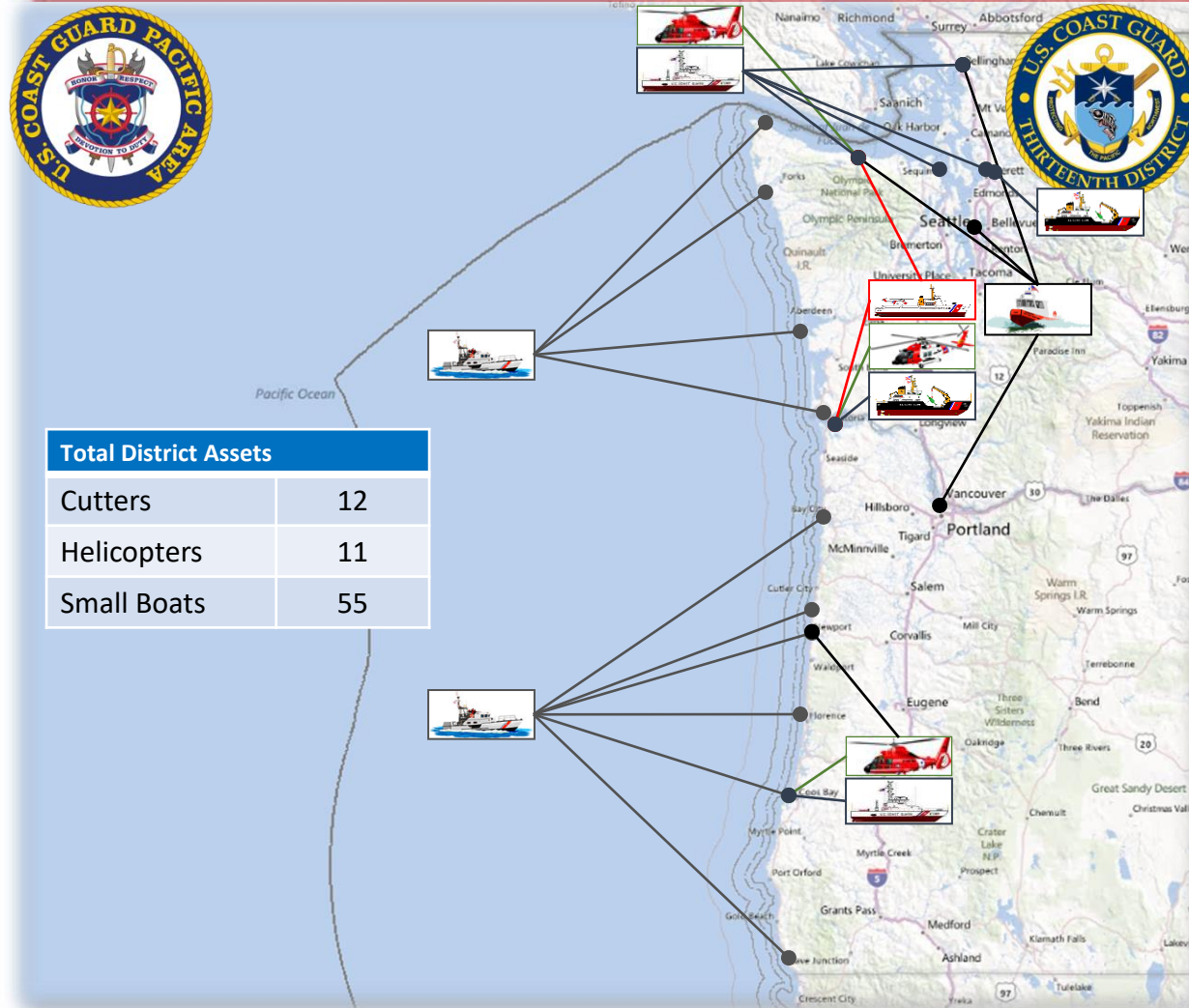


District Thirteen

Response Units



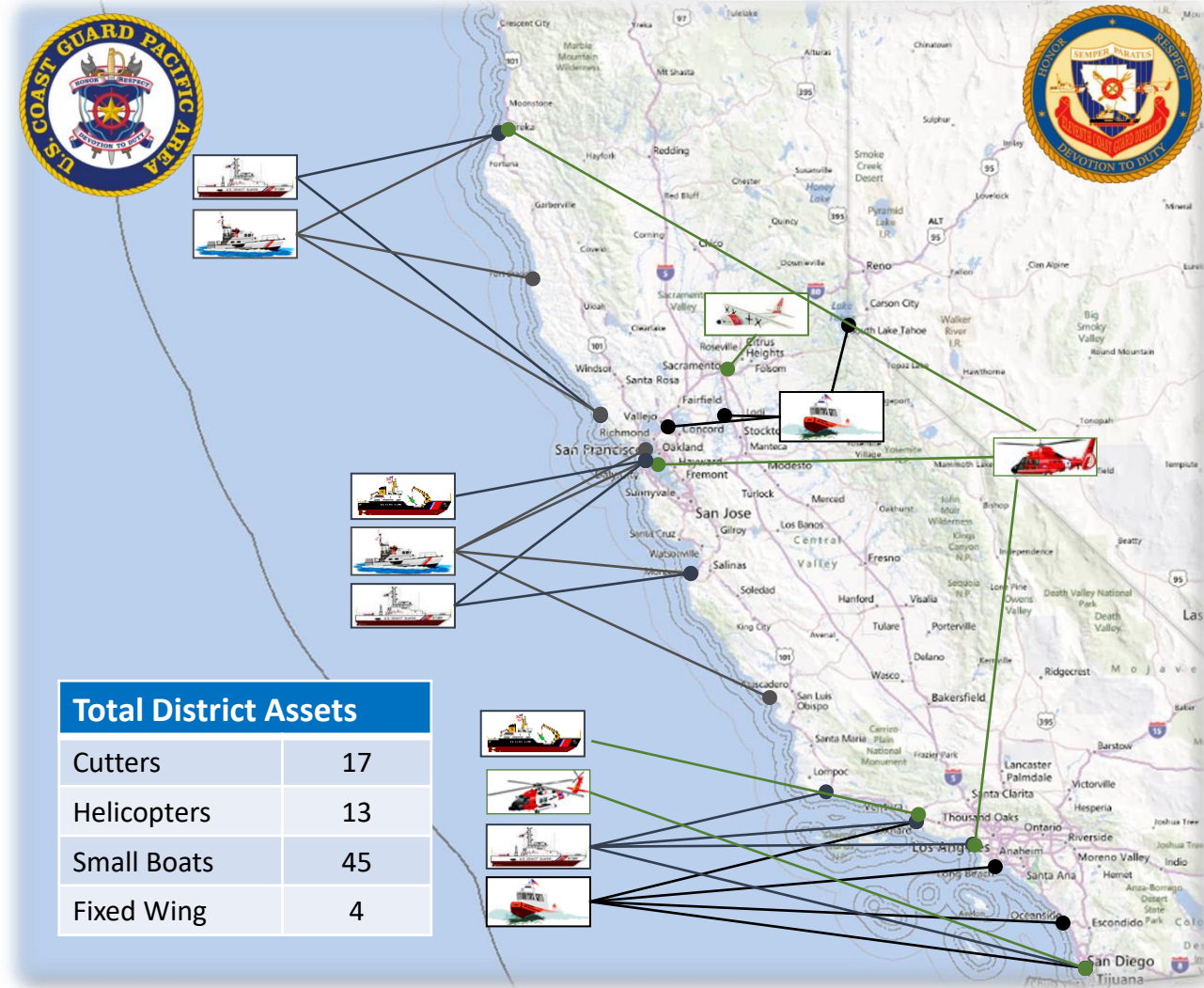
Total District Assets	
Cutters	12
Helicopters	11
Small Boats	55





District Eleven

Response Units





Coast Guard Missions



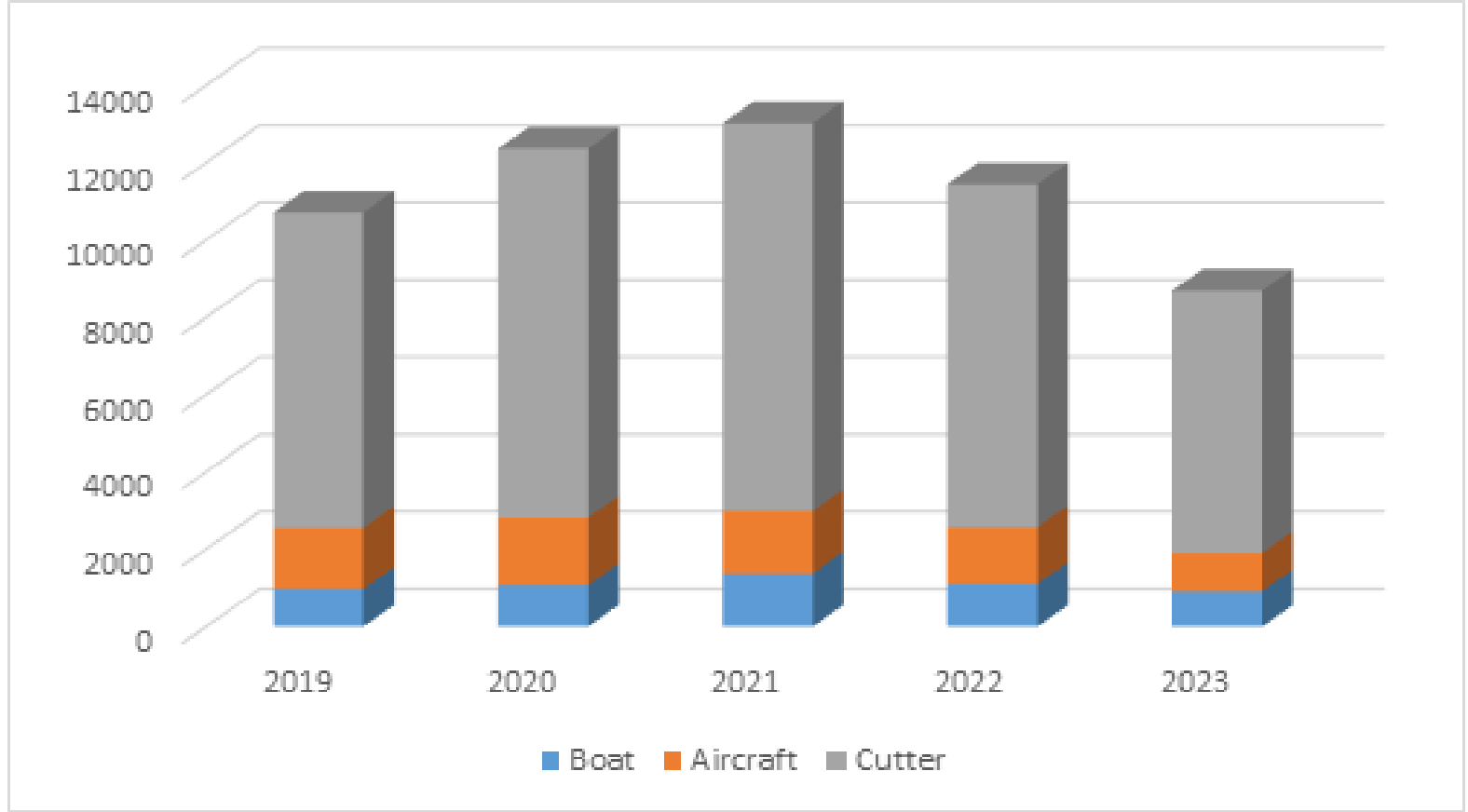


West Coast Efforts

2023 Resource Hours



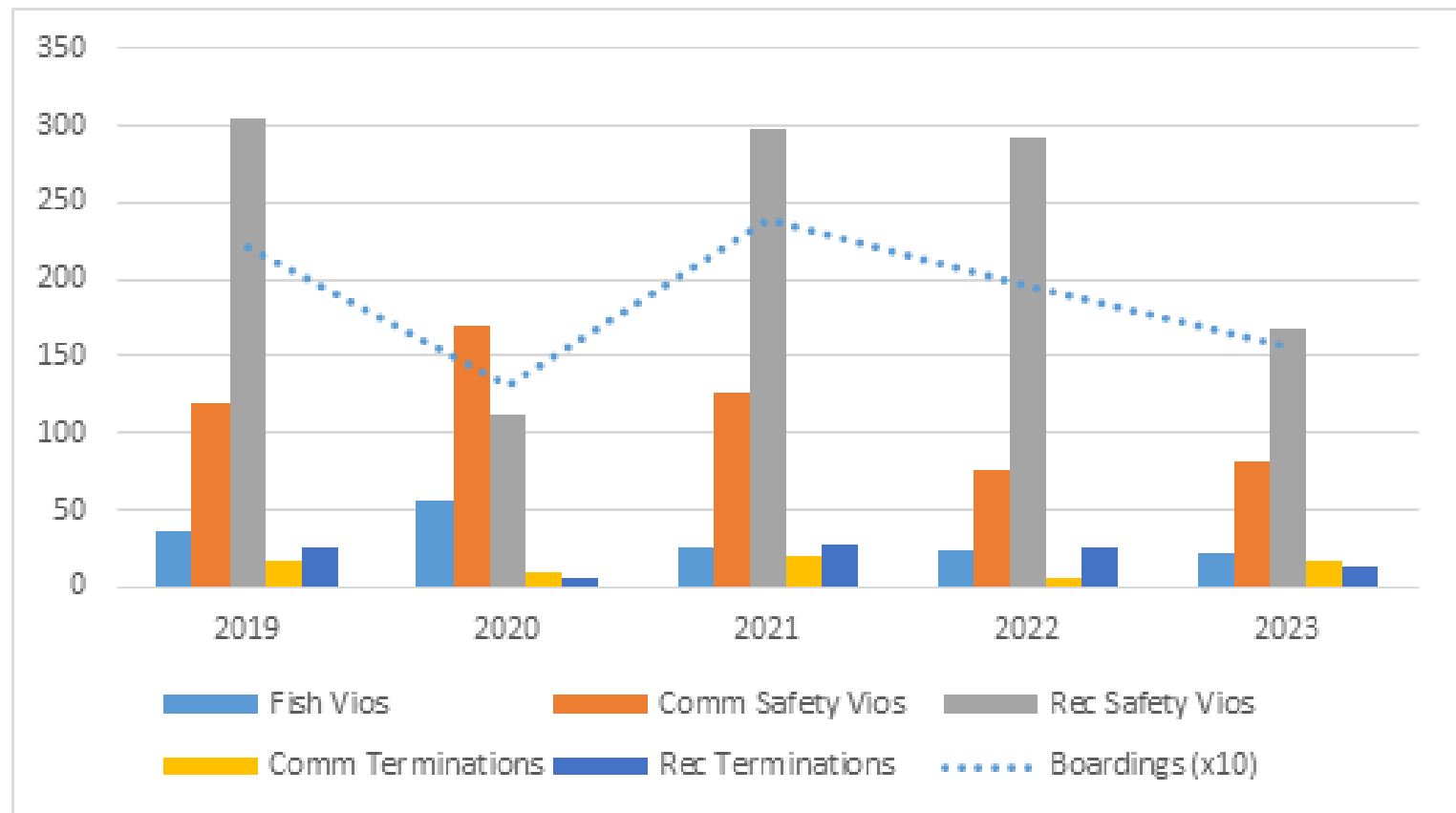
- Cutters: 6,786
- Small Boats: 913
- Aircraft: 994





West Coast Efforts

2023 Boardings



Fisheries Boardings: 1,564
 Fisheries Violations: 23

Commercial Safety Violations: 82
 Commercial Terminations: 17

Rec Safety Violations: 167
 Rec Terminations: 14



IUUF Enforcement

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing



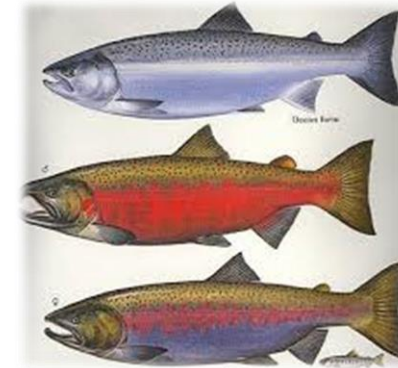
- Operation North Pacific Guard
- Operation Southern Shield
- Operation Blue Pacific
- IUUF Center of Excellence





Protected Resources

Targeted Operations





Search and Rescue

Coastal & Inland West Coast Region



In 2023, the USCG in the coastal and inland waters off California, Oregon and Washington conducted:

- **3,321** search and rescue (SAR) cases
- Saved over **800** lives, assisted **4,500**
- Over **\$170 million** in property saved or assisted

Specific to commercial fisheries, the USCG responded to:

- **258** SAR cases
- Saved **17** lives





F/V Ethel May

Persons in the Water

February 2023



- In February, the USCG received a relayed 911 call and EPRIB simultaneously from a fishing vessel in distress in vicinity of Willapa Bay, WA.
- Vessel was struck by waves, and only 02 of 03 persons on board were able to enter the inflatable liferaft.
- Over 1,000 track miles searched and included air, surface, shoreside and local law enforcement support.





F/V JUDY

Aground

September 2023



- 51' steel tuna troller reported to the USCG that they ran aground in Yaquina Bay, OR.
- Operator admitted to have fallen asleep.
- Members of USCG Station Yaquina Bay responded shore-side & assessed for medical concerns.





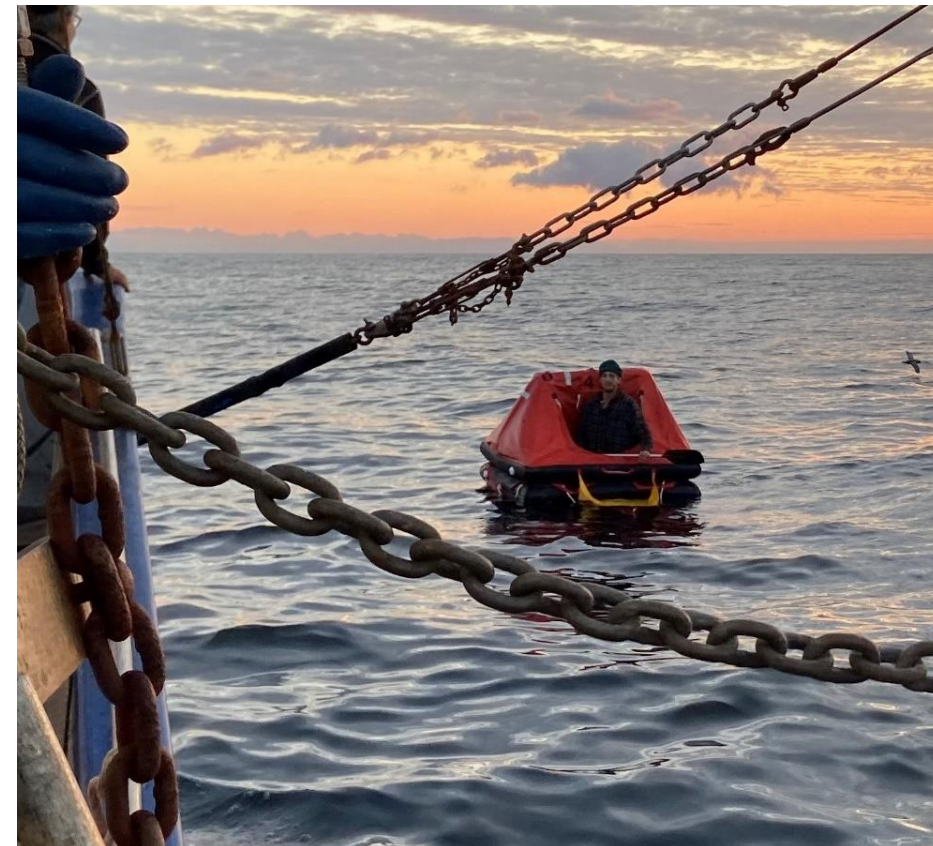
F/V Evening

Overdue

October 2023



- USCG Station Grays Harbor received a report of an overdue fishing vessel out of Westport, WA.
- Air and surface search assets launched from 3 different USCG Districts.
- 01 survivor found by Good Samaritans on a Canadian-based fishing vessel.





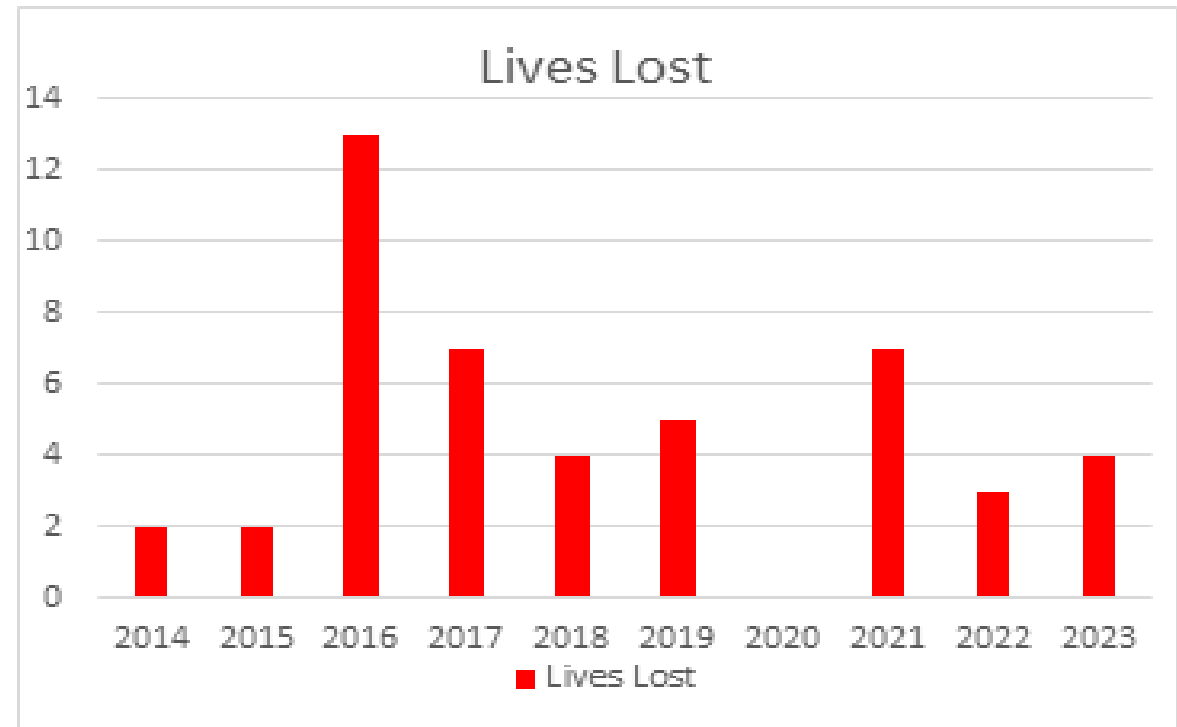
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety

Violation Data & Lives Lost



In 2023:

- 22% of commercial fishing vessels boarded had safety violations.
- 5% of those violations involved Especially Hazardous Conditions resulting in termination of voyage.





Cetacean Desk

2024 Initiative



- 24/7 Whale Watch – dedicated personnel to take reports and make notifications.

Ways to Report:

- Via the Whale Report App, Whale Alert, and Orca Network;
- Call the VTS at 206-217-ORCA (x6722)
- Via VHF channels 5a and 14



Fast Response Cutters

2024 Initiatives - Coming Soon to D13



- 2 new Fast Response Cutters will be homeported in Astoria, OR.
- Multiple-mission platform with increased capability and sea-keeping for offshore search and rescue and law enforcement.
- USCGC DAVID DURAN commissioning June of 2024.
- USCGC FLORENCE FINCH commissioning October of 2024.





Partnerships





Questions?

