

# COAST GUARD ARCTIC DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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## List of Abbreviations

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AVDET – Aviation Detachment	MBL – U.S./Russian Maritime Boundary
CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation
CGC – Coast Guard Cutter	MEDICO – Passing medical advice at sea
DIW – Dead in the Water	NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator
EPIRB – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	PD – Police Department
FBS – Russian Federal Border Service	POB – Persons on board
FCH – Charter Fishing Vessel	PRC – Peoples’ Republic of China
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	RFMO – Regional Fisheries Management Org.
FOS – Forward Operating Site	SAR – Search and Rescue
FRC – 154’ Fast Response Cutter	SARSAT – Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
GOA – Gulf of Alaska	SMC – SAR Mission Coordinator
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	TERM - Termination
MH-60 – CG helicopter	UMIB – Urgent Marine Info Broadcast
HSDN – High Seas Drift Net	VDS – Visual Distress Signals
IFQ – Individual Fishing Quota	WLB – 225’ Buoy Tender
IUU – Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing	WMEC – Medium Endurance Cutter
IVO – In the vicinity of	WMSL – 418’ National Security Cutter
MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast	WPB – 87’ Patrol Boat

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

There were no IUU Fishing/HSDN enforcement events to report.

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

During the reporting period, there was limited foreign-flagged longline and trawl fishing on the Russian side of the MBL. Coast Guard Arctic District patrols the MBL using both C-130 aircraft and surface vessels to deter and detect illegal incursions. There were no FF/V incursions detected during the period.

## **III. U.S./Canadian EEZ Boundary (Dixon Entrance) Enforcement**

There was light Canadian fishing activity during the reporting period along the U.S.- Canada EEZ boundary in the vicinity of Dixon Entrance. All Canadian commercial fishing vessels sighted were south of the A-B line, and no fishing incursions into U.S. waters were detected.

## **IV. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement**

The Coast Guard monitors 151 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. Arctic District responded to no requests for marine survey flights in support of NOAA Protected Resources Division (PRD) during the reporting period.

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

The Coast Guard conducted 25 federal fisheries boardings and two CFVS (state fishery) boardings on commercial fishing vessels during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of six federal fisheries violations onboard five vessels. Violations included: logbook errors (1), flow scale violations (1), failure to comply with the Vessel's Monitoring Plan (VMP) (1), improper buoy numbering (1), failure to provide a boarding ladder as required (1), and failure to transmit VMS as required (1).

## **VI. Charter, Recreational, and Subsistence Vessel Boarding Statistics**

The Coast Guard conducted no federal fisheries boardings on charter, recreational, or subsistence vessels during the reporting period.

## **VII. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement**

The Coast Guard completed no boardings on a commercial, charter, or recreational vessels targeting Pacific halibut or sablefish during the reporting period.

## **VIII. Forward Operating Sites (FOS) Summary**

Arctic District continues to maintain fixed wing assets in Kodiak and rotary wing assets in Kodiak and Sitka. Additionally, Arctic District deployed assets to Cold Bay intermittently based on operational requirements.

**IX. Crab Fisheries**

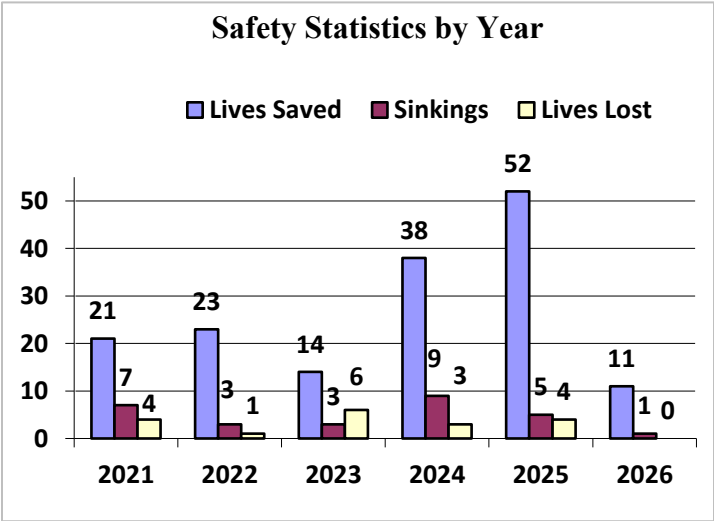
Coast Guard units conducted no boardings on fishing vessels participating in Bering Sea or Aleutian Islands crab fisheries during the reporting period.

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

During the reporting period, Arctic District detected two safety violations onboard two commercial fishing vessels. These violations included an expired life raft and failure to monitor VHF Channel 16 as required.

During the reporting period, Arctic District conducted nine search and rescue (SAR) cases involving commercial, charter, and recreational fishing vessels resulting in 12 lives saved, 8 lives assisted, two lives lost, six vessels safeguarded, and two vessels lost. The graph below shows calendar year 2026 to date.

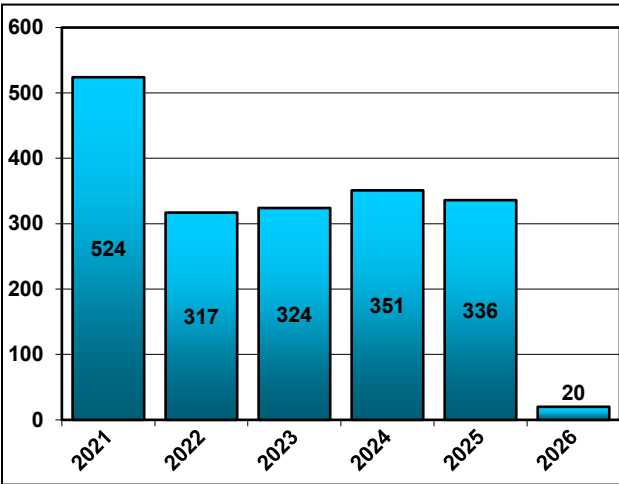
**Figure 1. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics**



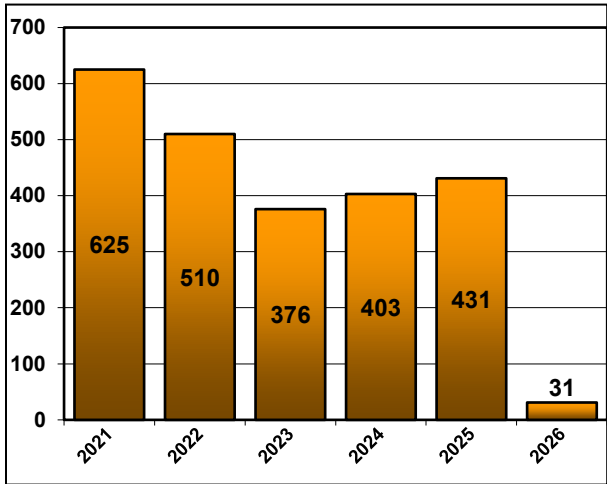
**XI. Coast Guard Resource Summary**

Figures 2 - 5 show the annual aircraft law enforcement (LE) hours, major cutter days, and patrol boat hours. Data for calendar year 2026 includes resource hours/days through the end of the reporting period (January).

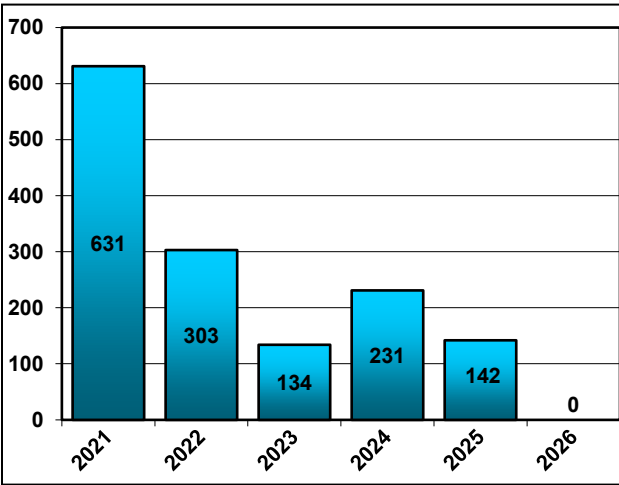
**Figure 2. Annual Fixed Wing LE Hours**



**Figure 3. Annual Major Cutter Days**



**Figure 4. Annual Rotary Wing LE Hours**



**Figure 5. Annual Patrol Boat Hours**

