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Subject: U.S. Coast Guard - Notification of possible foreign naval activities

Greetings Fishing Industry Leaders,

I am Captain Ryan Waters, Chief of Enforcement for the 17<sup>th</sup> U.S. Coast Guard District. I took the position over from Captain Jason Brennell this summer and I look forward to working with you during my tenure. I am contacting you regarding potential foreign naval activities in or near the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands.

As you may recall, last year Russia issued a HYDROPAC warning for missile training operations in the Bering Sea commencing on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. That area included a portion of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) along the U.S./Russia maritime boundary Line. The Russian Navy conducted missile fire exercises within the U.S. EEZ, as they are permitted to do by the Law of the Sea.

The Russian military has signaled that they will execute a large military exercise again this year. If Russian or other foreign navies do conduct similar operations this year, you can expect that the U.S. Coast Guard will be positioned to respond. We will leverage surface and aviation assets to ensure that foreign government vessels operate in accordance with international norms. You can expect additional details will be shared by my office as they become available.

As of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, Russia has not issued a HYDROPAC warning for the Bering Sea or Aleutian Islands. However, Russia has issued a HYDROARC warning for missile and gunnery exercises in the Russian EEZ in the Chukchi Sea for the dates of September 10-18, 2024. The text of the HYDROARC message is below.

I encourage you to subscribe to the [National Geospatial Intelligence Agency's HYDROPAC warning system](#) (embedded link).

You have an important role in maintaining safety and security of the region. Especially as the Bering Sea and Arctic regions become increasingly competitive on the international stage, you are regularly the first American flagged vessel that sees foreign government vessels. I kindly ask that your fleets continue to report observations of foreign government vessels and monitor and give due regard to HYDROPAC or other safety warnings, regardless of who issues them or whether they extend into the U.S. EEZ.

The 24/7/365 live watch at the 17<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District Command Center can be contacted by phone at (907) 463-2000 or by email at [jrccjuneau@uscg.mil](mailto:jrccjuneau@uscg.mil)

Thank you,  
Captain Ryan Waters

HYDROARC Text:  
030658Z SEP 24  
HYDROARC 229/24(96).  
CHUKCHI SEA.  
RUSSIA.

DNC 27.

1. MISSILE AND GUNNERY OPERATIONS

101400Z TO 181400Z SEP

IN AREA BOUND BY

70-03.00N 176-35.70W, 69-30.00N 173-28.10W,

68-56.70N 174-29.70W, 68-02.00N 176-32.70W,

68-27.90N 178-03.80W, 69-25.40N 177-20.00W.

2. CANCEL THIS MSG 181500Z SEP 24.//