



## **NORTH-CENTRAL & NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

### **OPERATION SAFE SALMON 2018**

The U.S. Coast Guard will be conducting Commercial Fishing Vessel safety spot-checks and encouraging dockside exams **April 24 - 26**. This outreach effort is part of the Coast Guard's "**Operation Safe Salmon**", conducted prior to the local commercial salmon fishery season to reduce the potential for loss of lives and fishing vessels in the West Coast salmon fleet. Fishing harbors where safety checks will be offered are: *Crescent City, Eureka, Fort Bragg, Bodega Bay, San Francisco, Half Moon Bay, Santa Cruz, Moss Landing and Monterey.*

U.S. Coast Guard members will be walking the docks & spot-checking salmon vessels for the required primary lifesaving equipment. These safety checks can reduce potential casualties; for example, previous years statistics have shown nearly one-third of EPIRB's (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons) & liferafts were installed incorrectly. This type of situation is easily corrected on the spot with these no-fault safety spot checks, preventing needless tragedies at sea. Fishing vessels boarded at sea with serious safety discrepancies can be restricted from operating until the discrepancies are corrected.

California commercial salmon fishermen are strongly encouraged to contact their local Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety dockside examiner with questions. Implemented in 1991, the Coast Guard's Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Program is designed to help commercial fishermen identify and eliminate potential safety hazards. Successful completion of a dockside exam can also make any future Coast Guard boarding at sea greatly abbreviated. Commercial fishermen are also reminded that a CFVS Decal is now required for all commercial fishing vessels operating more than 3NM from shore.

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