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Mr. William Aila Jr., Chair  
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Dear Mr. Aila:

I am pleased to report to the Council the following summary of U.S. Coast Guard fisheries law enforcement activities in the Western and Central Pacific Region for the period of 15 September 2017 to 28 February 2018.

From 15 September to 08 October 2017, CGC SEQUOIA and CGC KISKA patrolled the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) surrounding Hawaii, Johnston Atoll, and Guam. The crew observed no evidence of illegal fishing or foreign incursions into the U.S. EEZ.

From 18 September to 06 October 2017, CGC WALNUT patrolled the U.S. EEZ surrounding Hawaii, Kingman Reef/Palmyra Atoll, and American Samoa. The crew observed no evidence of illegal fishing or foreign incursions into the U.S. EEZ.

From 08-12 October 2017, a C-130 from Air Station Barbers Point supported Operation KURU KURU; an international operation led by the Forum Fishery Agency designed to identify and deter illegal fishing in Oceania. The C-130 patrolled Niue, Cook Islands, and the U.S. EEZ surrounding American Samoa. The aircrew observed no evidence of illegal fishing or foreign incursions into the U.S. EEZ during these patrols.

From 25-28 October 2017, CGC AHI patrolled the U.S. EEZ surrounding Hawaii. The crew completed one U.S. fishing vessel boarding with no noted violations.

From 01-05 November 2017, CGC KITTIWAKE patrolled the U.S. EEZ surrounding Hawaii. The crew boarded five passenger vessels, two fishing vessels, and one recreational vessel noting one safety warning.

From 05-19 November 2017, CGC WASHINGTON patrolled the U.S. EEZ surrounding Guam and the EEZ of Palau. The ship patrolled in accordance with a bilateral shiprider agreement with an embarked Palauan fisheries officer. The crew assisted the Palauan fisheries officer with boarding three foreign-flagged longline vessels registered to fish in the Palau EEZ. No violations were observed.

From 17-21 November 2017, CGC GALVESTON ISLAND patrolled the U.S. EEZ surrounding Hawaii. The crew boarded seven U.S. commercial fishing vessels and found four safety deficiencies.

From 04-09 December 2017, CGC KITTIWAKE patrolled the U.S. EEZ surrounding Hawaii. The crew boarded eight U.S. commercial fishing vessels and found three safety deficiencies.

From 10-19 December 2017, CGC SEQUOIA patrolled the high seas, and the U.S. EEZ surrounding Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. The crew boarded three foreign-flagged pole and line vessels registered to fish in the WCPFC Convention Area. No violations were noted, and the crew observed no evidence of illegal fishing or foreign incursions into the U.S. EEZ.

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From 11-21 December 2017, CGC OLIVER BERRY patrolled the U.S. EEZ surrounding Hawaii. The crew boarded three U.S. commercial fishing vessels and found two safety deficiencies.

From 01 January and continuing through 31 March 2018, USCG District Fourteen sponsored OP KOHOLA GUARDIAN; an operation designed to promote ocean safety in and around the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. To date, Coast Guard surface and aircraft patrols have totaled over 650 hours in direct support of the operation. Additionally, the Coast Guard has responded to seven entanglement requests and two reports of suspected marine mammal harassment.

From 15-19 January 2018, CGC OLIVER BERRY patrolled the U.S. EEZ surrounding Hawaii. The crew boarded eight U.S. fishing vessels and found four safety deficiencies.

From 28-30 January 2018, a C-130 from Air Station Barbers Point deployed to American Samoa. The aircrew patrolled the southern portion of the U.S. EEZ surrounding Hawaii, as well as Kingman Reef/Palmyra Atoll, and American Samoa. The aircrew observed no evidence of illegal fishing or foreign incursions into the U.S. EEZ.

From 31 January to 03 February 2018, CGC OLIVER BERRY patrolled the U.S. EEZ surrounding Hawaii. The crew boarded six U.S. commercial fishing vessels and found two safety deficiencies.

From 12-19 February 2018, CGC KISKA patrolled the U.S. EEZ surrounding Guam, and EEZ of the Federated States of Micronesia. The crew patrolled in support of bilateral shiprider operations with an embarked Micronesian fisheries officer. The crew observed no evidence of illegal fishing or foreign incursions into the U.S. EEZ.

District Fourteen enforcement staff participated in several fisheries enforcement related meetings and events during this reporting period. These meetings included the Hawaii Regional Ecosystem Advisory Council, the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Regular Session, and the Hawaii U.S. fishing vessel owner's meeting. I am also pleased to announce CGC JOSEPH GERCZAK's arrival in Honolulu. CGC JOSEPH GERCZAK is the second of three Fast Response Cutters to be homeported in Honolulu, Hawaii. These new 154' cutters have already demonstrated a marked capacity increase in maritime enforcement and search and rescue capacity over their 110' patrol boat predecessors and we are excited to employ them throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

Sincerely,



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Commander, U. S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Enforcement Branch

# FAST RESPONSE CUTTER



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## CHARACTERISTICS

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Length:        | 154 feet             |
| Beam:          | 25 feet              |
| Draft:         | 9 feet 6 inches      |
| Displacement:  | 353 long tons        |
| Maximum Speed: | 28+ knots            |
| Range:         | 2,500 nautical miles |
| Endurance:     | five days            |



Coast Guard Cutter Jacob Poroo



## FEATURES

- Enhanced response time with a top speed of at least 28 knots
- Stabilized 25-mm machine gun mount and four crew-served .50-caliber machine guns
- Fully interoperable command and control systems with Coast Guard existing and future assets and with the departments of Homeland Security and Defense
- Standardized over the horizon-IV cutter boat with stern launch capabilities

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Sentinel-class fast response cutter (FRC) is the new Coast Guard patrol boat designed for multiple missions, including drug and migrant interdiction; ports, waterways and coastal security; fishery patrols; search and rescue; and national defense.

The Coast Guard is acquiring 58 FRCs to replace the 1980s-era Island-class 110-foot patrol boats. The FRCs feature advanced command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnais-

sance equipment; over-the-horizon cutter boat deployment to reach vessels of interest; and improved habitability and seakeeping.

Twenty-five FRCs are in service, with six stationed in Miami; six in Key West, Florida; six in San Juan, Puerto Rico; two in Ketchikan, Alaska; two in Cape May, New Jersey; two in Pascagoula, Mississippi; and one in Honolulu. Future FRC homeports include Atlantic Beach, North Carolina, and San Pedro, California.

Mission execution begins *here*.



For updates on the FRC, visit the program's website at <http://dcms.uscg.mil/>

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