

Alternate Compliance and Safety Agreement (ACSA) Meeting

August 22, 2012

*Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), NOAA Sand Point Facility
7600 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115
Building 4, Jim Traynor Conference Room*

08:30

Welcome

- Host - AFSC
- Agenda & hand-outs
- Round of Introductions

General Announcements:

- Coast Guard, Sector Puget Sound
- Coast Guard, Sector Anchorage
- USCG District 13USCG District 17
- Freezer Longline Coalition
- Groundfish Forum
- Open announcements from Industry Stakeholders
- Coast Guard Pacific Area
- Coast Guard Headquarters

Review ACSA Policy Letter 12-01

NIOSH ACSA Review:

- The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
Devin Lucas is initiating a review of ACSA program effectiveness.
(10 minute presentation followed by 15 minutes of discussion, suggestions & questions)

Break

Development of new Alternate Safety Compliance (ASC) programs:

- Ken Lawrenson, the USCG 17th District Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator will present the latest information on the development of ASC programs to be prescribed no later than January 1st 2017 for specific regions and fisheries.
(10 minute presentation, 15 minutes for questions & discussion)

Lunch Break

Recommended updates to ACSA Guidance

- Distribute summary of modifications
- Overview of new ACSA Guide modifications
- Feedback from industry for additional modification/clarification
- Q & A, further discussions on recommended modifications to ACSA guidance
- Major Conversions on ACSA vessels, address process for vessels that cannot be classed to be lengthened, sponsored or otherwise converted for safety and efficiency.
 - Processing beyond ACSA current allowable, address process for ACSA vessels that cannot be classed to conduct secondary processing.
 - Discussion on creating a more solidified process of understanding on how to approach problems that arise from ever changing requirements.
 - Address problems that will arise in Assistant Engineer Licensing requirements, discuss possible alternative license for fish processing and ACSA vessels.
 - Increased scrutiny concerning incline tests/dead weight surveys that we are mandated to perform every five years.

14:00

Adjourn