

Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee Meeting
September 27-29, 2016
Savannah, GA

District Eleven:

- Approximately 3,000 commercial fishing vessels along 1,100 miles of coast.
- Fleet comprised mostly of vessels 30-50 feet. No processors.
- Main fisheries: Squid, Salmon, Groundfish, Dungeness crab, Urchin.
- 5th year of severe drought has impacted both water flow and water temperature.
- 2015-2016: Squid ↓ and relocating north (this is CA's most lucrative catch). Salmon ↓ (this is CA's largest fleet). Crab ↓ and season delayed by 2 months due to toxins (most CA fishermen are permitted for both salmon and crab).
- As of August 1, 2016, over 1/3 of the D11 fleet has a mandatory exam (1,155)
- As of August 1, 2016, nearly 1/3 of the D11 fleet has a valid CFVS decal. (995)
- Day-long ASCP meeting in March (Half Moon Bay) with industry representatives from all ports in California. Troy Rentz facilitated. Lots of contention with plan.
- CFVS boardings by USCG units = 3% of fleet. D11 CFVS Team gets on 4x as many vessels at the dock vice boarded at sea. D11 LMR position eliminated in FY-17.
- D11 CFVS Team attended a 5-day International Fisheries Observer Conference in San Diego, CA. Over 300 fisheries observers went through a "Safety Triathlon" and practiced damage control techniques in D11's DC Trainer.
- Survival craft issue main contention for pending NPRM in D11 due to the large number of < 36' vessels who operate within 12NM.