



NTSB National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Marine Safety

NTSB Safety Forum on Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety

For CFIVSAC
Oakland May 12

Forum Objectives

- Identify safety issues in the industry
 - Industry perspective
 - Government's perspective
- Identify improvement areas and strategies

What is a Forum

- Public Meeting of invited speakers to gather facts.
- Public docket of information submitted
- No sworn testimony
- Technical Panel
- Member
- Presentations & Q&A

Forum Agenda

- 6 Focused Panels over 2 days
- Panel submissions in advance
- Short statement/presentations by panel members
- Q&A for each panel
 - Technical Panel
 - The public – through written questions & perhaps email questions

Technical Panel

- Mike Rosecrans
- Mike Karr
- Liam LaRue
- Rob Henry

Panel 1 – Safety Problems

Issues	Parties
Fatalities	USCG
Causes	NIOSH
Culture	Historian
Desired state	CFIVSAC Chairman
Authority	
Lack of Authority	
Prevention alternatives	
Fatigue	
Drugs and Alcohol	

Panel 2 – Fishermens' Perspective

Issues	Parties
Industry culture-risk tolerance	Mid-Atlantic F/V Organization
Impediments to safety improvements	Oregon F/V Organization
Safety Enforcement & NMFS	New England F/V Organization
Fisheries Economics	Alaska F/V Organization
Fatigue	Gulf F/V Organization
Drugs and Alcohol	Mid Atlantic F/V Organization
Competency	Washington state F/V Organization

Panel 3 – Vessel Issues

Issues	Parties
Design	Classification Societies
Maintenance	Designers – naval architects
Construction	Marine Surveyors
Reliability	Small vessel operators
Surveys	
Costs	

Panel 4 – Lifesaving Equipment

Issues	Parties
NIOSH Study of PFD use	NIOSH
What is currently used	USMSA
Equipment Standards	USCG
Carriage Requirements	PFMDA
Non-standard equipment approvals	

Panel 5 - Training

Issues	Parties
Training Benefits	NPFVOA
Infrastructure to support	AMSEA
Stability Training	FishSafeBC
Basis safety training benefits	New Bedford representative

Panel 6 – Resource Management Impacts on Safety

Issues	Parties
Current State	USCG
Desired State	NIOSH
CG Roles	NMFS
NMFS Authority, responsibility, and actions	Natural Resource Consultants
National Standard 10	
Studies on impacts to safety	

Static Displays - Possible

- Equipment
 - National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
Alaska Field Station
 - U. S. Marine Safety Association
 - Personal Flotation Device Manufacture's
Association
- Organizations
 - Alaska Marine Safety Education Association
 - North Pacific Fishing Vessel Owners Assoc
 - FishSafe BC – Stability training
 - U. S. Coast Guard

Expected Outputs

- Possible recommendations
 - Coast Guard
 - National Marine Fisheries Service
 - Others
- Report
 - Testimony
 - Presentations
 - Recommendations

Potential Complications

- CG Reauthorization Act HR 3714
 - Mandatory examinations biannually
 - Class for vessels > 50'
 - Training Certificates for Masters
 - Current requirements extended to all vessels
 - Out of water primary lifesaving
 - Grant programs
- Changes to panel discussions

Forum Dates

October 13 and 14

Member Sumwalt Preparation

- Visit vessels Seattle
- AMSEA Training opportunity
- Recommendations?

What can CFIVSAC do to assist

- Fishing Vessel Organization POCs for panel
- Recommendations on fishermen involvement – last word each day and how to accomplish
- Representative from New Bedford
- Participation on panels



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