



176th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

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11.C(1) AMERICAN SAMOA ENFORCEMENT REPORT

A. American Samoa Dockside Enforcement Actions

The following enforcement activities were listed on the NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement website for American Samoa since the last Council Meeting which was held in Guam and the CNMI last October. There are three actions listed on the weekly update section of the website, however there have not been any updates since the end of October 2018. All three of these activities are from mid to late October of last year.

Week of October 9:

- An Enforcement Officer and Supervisory Enforcement Officer in American Samoa conducted a dockside patrol at Samoa Tuna Processors. Several foreign-flagged vessels were re-inspected from a previous Port State Measures inspection offloads. In addition, compliance assistance was provided to the captain of an American Samoa longline fishing vessel regarding the correct sizing of his WIN call sign on the port and starboard sides of the vessel. No PSMA violations were found during the aforementioned investigations of the foreign-flagged vessels.

Week of October 22:

- An Enforcement Officer in American Samoa conducted a boarding of a U.S. flagged purse seine vessel to investigate for compliance with the High Seas fishing closure for U.S. flagged purse seine vessels in the WCPFC convention area. The captain and observer were both interviewed about the trip which spanned two RFMOs and lasted 78 days. Fishing logs, positioning data, and bunkering receipts were all examined. No violations were found.

Week of October 15:

- A Supervisory Enforcement Officer accompanied JEA partners from the American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources (DMWR) on a surface patrol covering the Fagatele National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) aboard DMWR's Safe boat in American

Samoa. The patrol was a two-fold mission; a sanctuary patrol and a Humpback Whale survey patrol. No violations were observed within the Sanctuary. The whale survey was a success as DMWR personnel were able to identify and collect DNA samples from the Antarctic Humpback Whale pod that comes to the Samoan Island region to breed.