

The NCFAC makes the following recommendations to the DFO for the tasks assigned to the committee at the May 2023 meeting.

Task #01-23

- The committee recommends the adoption of a regulation to include language that requires each vessel **MUST** have a written policy for the prevention of falls overboard and for wearing of PFDs. The policy must identify known hazards that may result in a fall overboard; list best practices to prevent falls overboard; and the methods for recovery of man overboard.

Task #02-23

- The committee recommends that the Commandant amend 46 CFR §28.50 "Definitions of terms used in this part." to include Skiff which means a fishing vessel up to 32 feet in length of open construction, arranged with little or no accommodation or interior spaces. This definition excludes Auxiliary craft.
- The committee recommends that the Commandant amend 46 CFR §28.110 "Life preservers or other personal flotation devices." be modified to include paragraph (c) which reads "Individuals on board fishing vessels defined as skiffs when operating in cold water, shall wear a garment or device designed to provide flotation."

Task #03-23

- The committee recommends the adoption of a regulation requiring the owner/operator of a commercial fishing vessel subject to 46 CFR 28.105 "Lifesaving equipment – general requirements", to establish and maintain a suitable means on board the vessel for the safe recovery of persons from the water and their subsequent embarkation onto the vessel.
- Prioritize the issuance of the voluntary Safety Initiatives and Good Marine Practices for Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels (January 2017).
 - The committee recommends that the Coast Guard updates the Voluntary Initiatives and Good Marine Practices for Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels document.