

# CFSAC Man Overboard Subcommittee Minutes

**WHEN:** 6 December 2019

**SUBMITTED BY:** MOB Subcommittee Chair, Mr. Chris Woodley

Two taskers from the first MOB subcommittee meeting:

- 1) Please continue to gather up information regarding best practices - I will send out a online collection point once my office manager gets back next week.
- 2) Set up a meeting for the week of 21 Jan 2020. I would propose 1000 Pacific Coast Time on 23 March but am open to back up dates if we need them.

The CFVSAC sub-committee on man overboard held a teleconference on December 6, 2019 at 0900 Alaska Time. Calling into the meeting were the following people:

Chris Woodley	Sub-Committee Chairman
Jake Jacobsen	Inter-Cooperative Exchange - Public
Tim Vincent	Member of the Advisory Committee
Darrin Manor	United State Seafoods - Public
Angel Calderon	USCG CG-CVC-3
Ed Dennehy	Member of the Advisory Committee
Jerry Dzugan	AMSEA - Public
Bob Dooley	Member of the Advisory Committee
Luis Catala	Public
Alan Davis	American Seafoods - Public
John Sherlock	USCG
Ted Harrington	USCG
Charlotte Asher	Public

An agenda was sent to sub-committee members with the focus of the meeting being to collect information related to best practices in reducing and responding to man - overboard events.

There was a request to more fully organize the information from the public into the following categories:

- 1) prevention,
- 2) response (to include equipment, training, qualifications),
- 3) and treatment / care for the victim.

It was also emphasized that a final product should pay particular consideration to:

- 1) one person operations, 2 - 5 person crews,
- 2) and more than 5 crew members.

The intent of considering crew sizes will be a key factor in developing appropriate recommendations for specific vessel operations.

Participants in the conference call shared a number of current regional practices which are being used to address man overboard concerns. Specific items shared include:

- 1) Bristol Bay Alaska red salmon fishery vessel insurance programs are purchasing PFDs for fishermen / crew operating in certain insurance pools.
- 2) Also in Bristol Bay- AMSEA worked with Alaska Sea Grant to provide 81 PFDs to fishermen who participated in 4 Drill Conductor classes sponsored by BBRSDA just before the sockeye gillnet season this year.
- 3) In the Northeast Lobster Fishery the Occupational Health and Safety:
- 4) Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (NEC), in conjunction with Fishing Partnership Support Services (FPSS),
- 5) McMillan Offshore Survival Training (MOST),
- 6) Lobstermen in Maine and Massachusetts, and
- 7) PFD manufacturers are working to provide PFDs and training to regional lobster fishermen.
- 8) In Seattle, the Seattle fishermen's memorial is providing PFDs to crew members as a focused effort in promoting man overboard awareness.

SOME USCG Efforts:

The 1st District Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator discussed the importance of encouraging USCG boarding officers to provide positive feedback to fishermen who are wearing PFDs during the course of at-sea boarding's.

USCG Sector Portland had adopted practices where examiners are authorized to require performance of man overboard drills by the crew in the event that crews seem to lack competence when it comes to MOB issues. It was noted that this practice works best when crews are on board and when expectations are communicated clearly with crew members.

Sector Anchorage and Sector Puget Sound also require man overboard drills to be conducted during the course of Alternate Compliance and Safety Agreement (ACSA) exams.

*The next meeting is scheduled for the week of 21 January 2020. A doodle poll will be sent out to maximize participation.*