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**To the Families and
Friends of Coast
Guard Cutter ALEX
HALEY and Crew.**

**The team returned to
Kodiak on Sunday
evening following a 40
day, 5000 mile deploy-
ment in the Bering Sea
and Aleutian Islands.**





The primary missions of this patrol were fisheries law enforcement and search and rescue. Specifically, ALEX HALEY and crew operated through the opening of the fishery that makes the Bering Sea famous: Red King Crab.

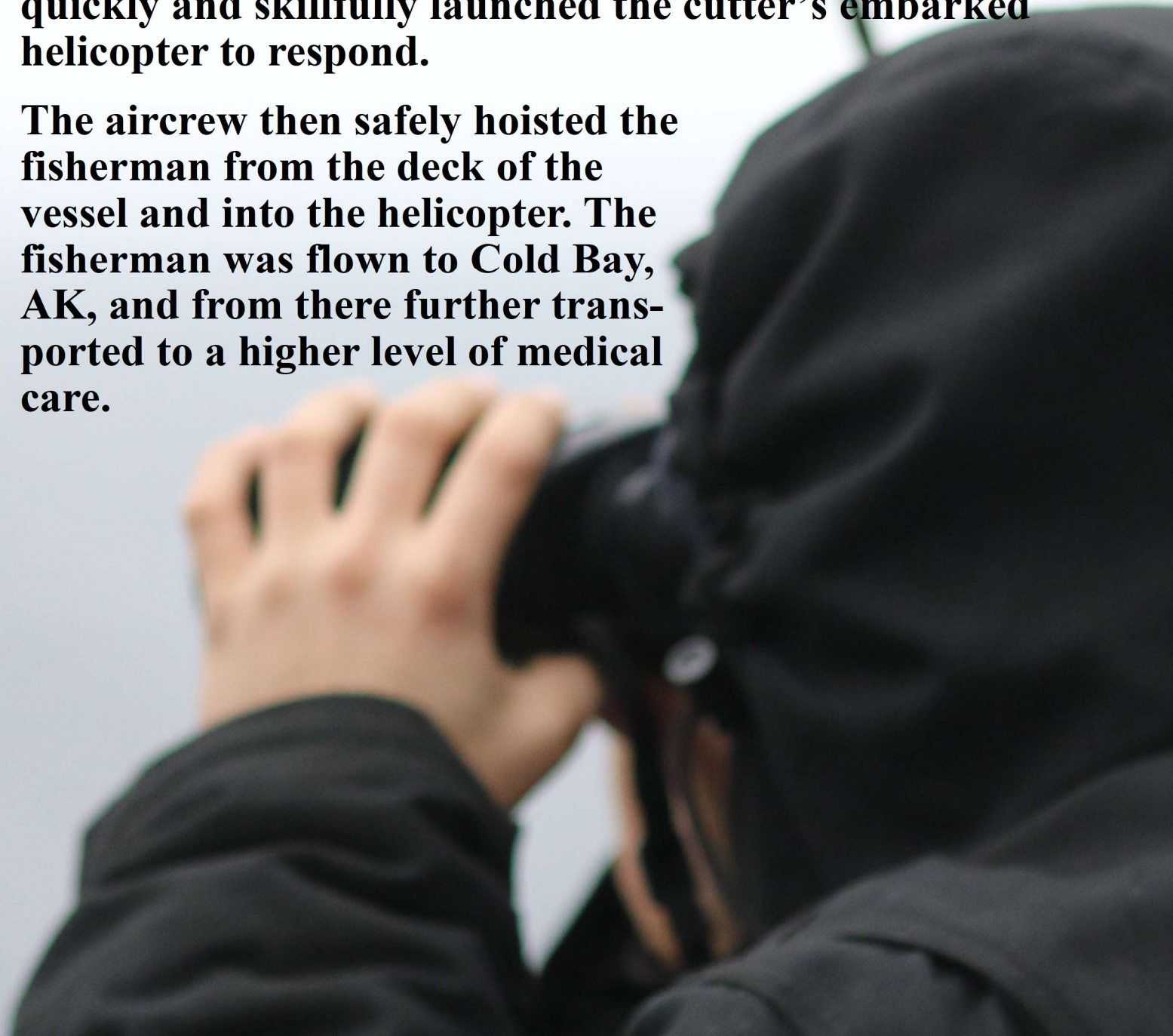
In total, the team conducted 13 fisheries law enforcement and safety boardings throughout the patrol.



The ALEX HALEY also responded to multiple search and rescue cases. Most notably, the team conducted the medevac of a fisherman who was exposed to toxic ammonia refrigerant aboard F/V ALASKA VICTORY. Exposure to the ammonia left the fisherman in a critical condition and in desperate need of medical attention.

Early in the morning, on the 28th of September, ALEX HALEY received the call for medevac assistance from ALASKA VICTORY. ALEX HALEY crewmembers quickly and skillfully launched the cutter's embarked helicopter to respond.

The aircrew then safely hoisted the fisherman from the deck of the vessel and into the helicopter. The fisherman was flown to Cold Bay, AK, and from there further transported to a higher level of medical care.







The crew didn't stop serving when they stepped onto dry land either. Midway through patrol, the team took some time to visit the remote community of St. Paul, AK. The day's events included a lake front cleanup, a small boat tour for local school children, and a meeting with community elders. These events helped strengthen Coast Guard relations with local Alaskan communities, and provided the crew a chance to learn more about the unique region they operate in.



It wasn't all work, though. And, of course, a perk of this job is some behind the scenes access to *Deadliest Catch*; including a VIP tour of the F/V CORNELIA MARIE.



After a month at sea, the crew is ready and excited to spend some well deserved time at home with family and friends during the holidays!



Thanks for reading!



“This was my first patrol as CO of ALEX HALEY and my first in the Bering Sea. The operating environment up here is demanding, unpredictable, and flat out tough. This patrol was successful because of the crew: their unwavering dedication to the mission, their can-do spirit, and their professionalism. The chance to operate with a crew such as this one is what keeps me going back to sea.” -

CDR Benjamin Golightly, Commanding Officer

