



2007 Observer Season Results

Phase I

- Eight environmental professionals (maritime and environmental specialists) were trained using materials developed by ADEC and the contractor
- Each observer conducted at least one voyage leg
- Checklists were tested and improved.
- A ship “notebook” with information specific to each vessel was developed

Phase II

- Trained observers participated in additional legs
- Checklist abbreviated for additional voyages on same vessel

Phase III

- Three, USCG licensed engineers (3rd Assistant Engineers) in last 5 weeks of cruise season
- At least one other observer rode vessels during this period

2007 Statistics

- Observers and USCG-licensed engineers made 114 overnight rides between May 9 through September 28
- Included three multiple day voyages
- Eight voyages were scheduled but cancelled because of weather, lack of berths, schedule changes
- All 27 cruise ships regularly operating in AK waters were boarded at least once.

2007 Season Results

- Two minor incidents involving an oil leak and hull maintenance were noted by observers
- No on-board observations led to ADEC enforcement
- ADEC and contractor held debriefing session with ocean rangers for their recommendations

Recommendations from contractor and observers/rangers

- Long voyages may not fully utilize ocean rangers
- Overlap of sanitation duties with USPHS/CDC
- Vessels making a single voyage to AK can be inspected by ADEC
- Access and port security – needs streamlining, less demand on shipboard environmental officer (EO)
- Cabins need to be secured well in advance of 2008 season
- Develop a reasonable rotation schedule for ORs.
- Streamline communications and logistics
- For 2008, 30 ORs reporting daily for up to 5 months = up to 4500 reports