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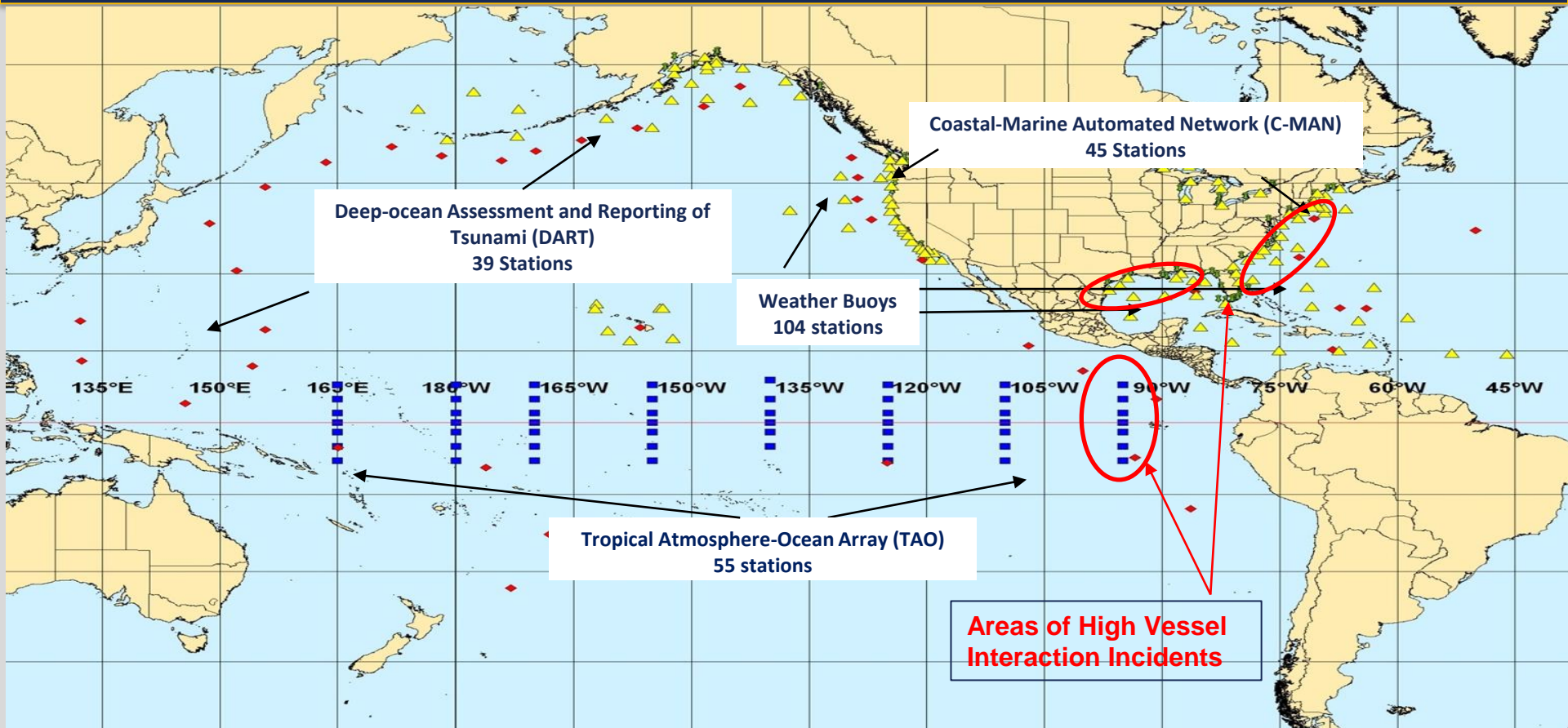
# DBCP-38 - 2022

BUOY VANDALISM, U. S. NATIONAL DATA BUOY CENTER (NDBC)

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# "Marine Observing Network" 243 NDBC Stations



## The U.S. National Data Buoy Center:

- ❖ Maintained a registry of buoy vandalism events
  - 576 Cases involving NDBC assets fully investigated and documented from 2017 to the present time – approximately 100 per year

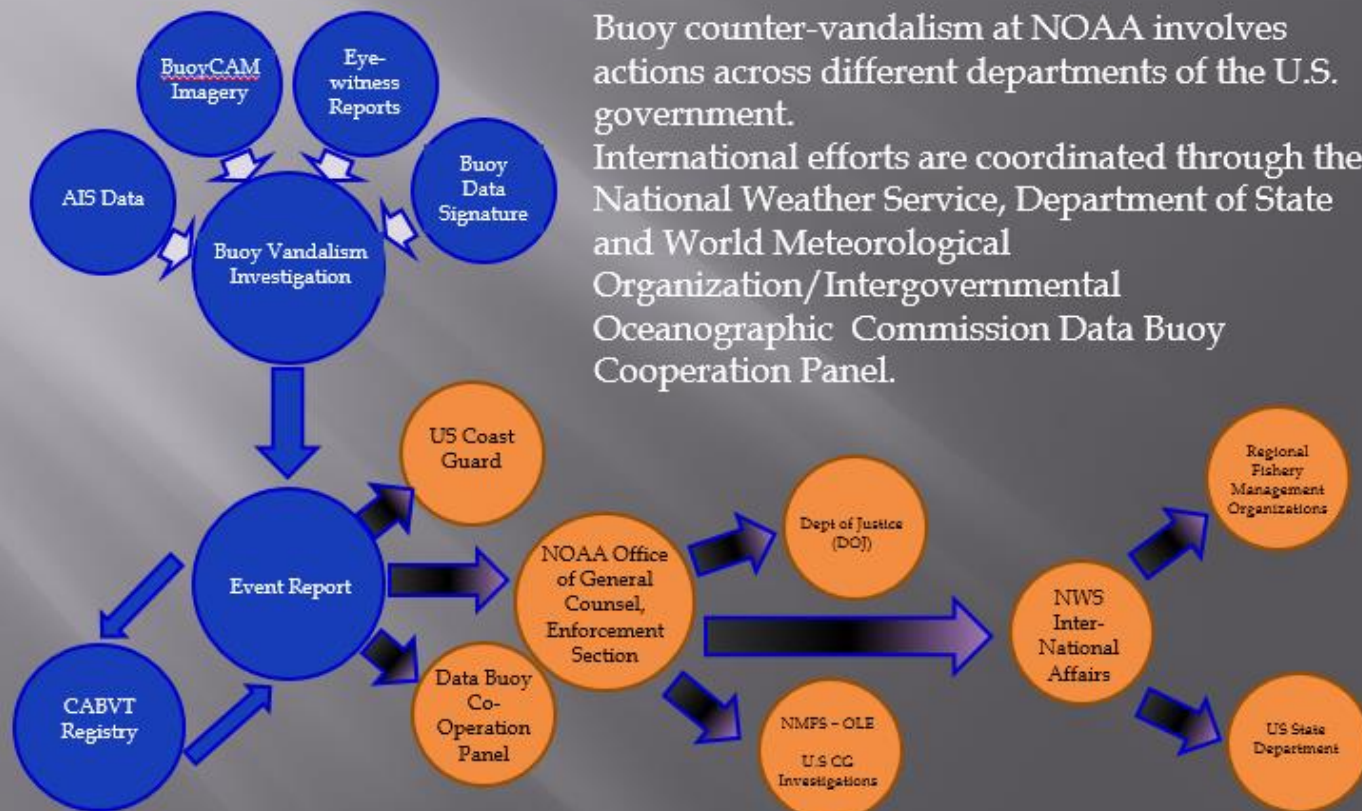
## The U.S. National Data Buoy Center and the U.S. Cross Agency Buoy Vandalism Team coordination efforts:

- ❖ U.S. Marine Law Enforcement Agencies
- ❖ Fishery Management Offices and Organizations

## Results:

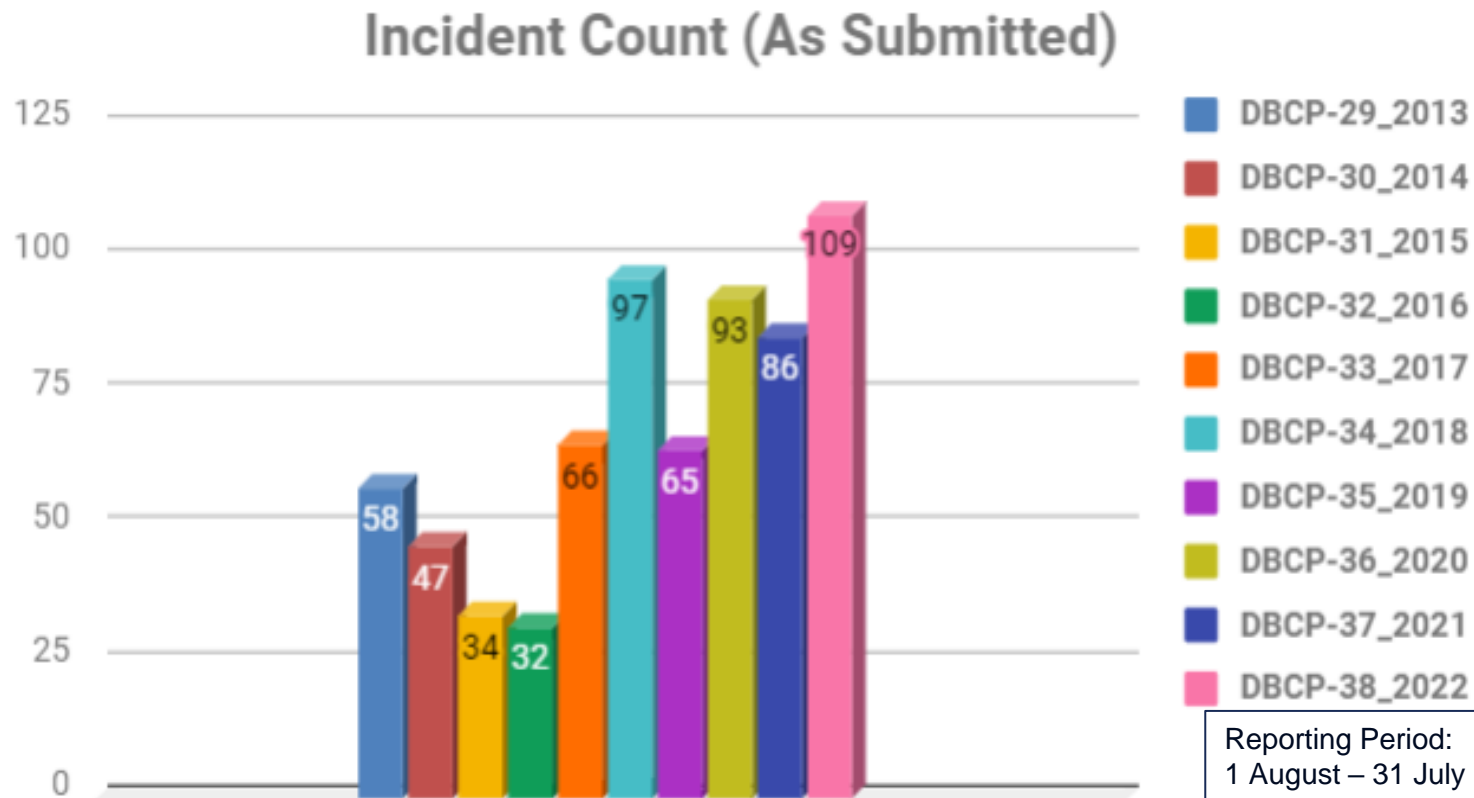
- ❖ Damaging buoy vandalism events brought to a higher level of attention
- ❖ For U.S. Vessels in U.S. Waters:
  - Cases brought to U.S. Federal Court by U.S. Department of Justice
    - 3 cases settled since 2018 for a total of \$109,861.15 reimbursement of funds for damages
    - 3 cases remain in litigation with a damage assessment total of \$116,138.26

# Interagency Cooperation



Where do we go from here?

# Overall Incident Count

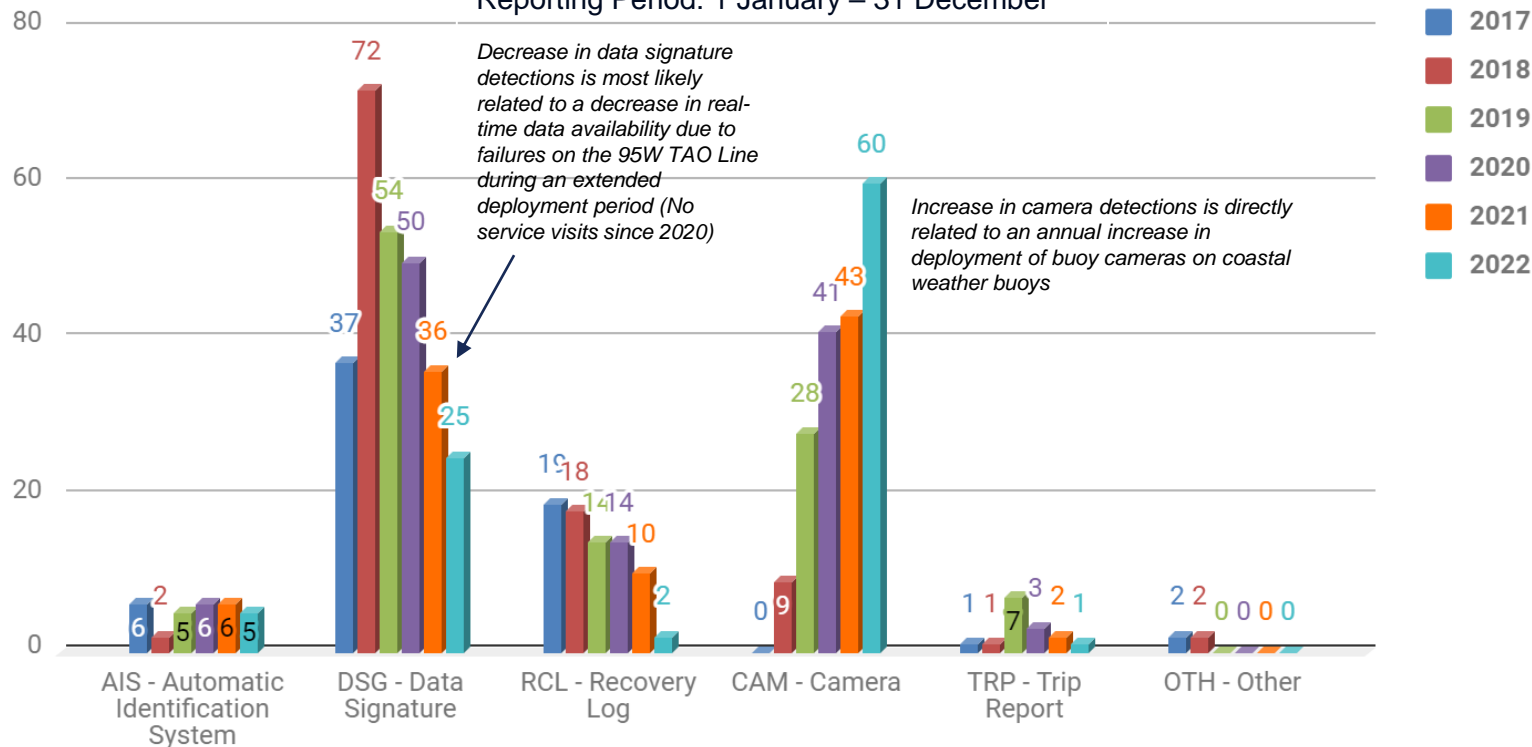


*\*Note: Variability in Incident Count is largely attributable to available resources and enhanced detection and documentation capabilities in recent years*

# Incidents by Network or Program

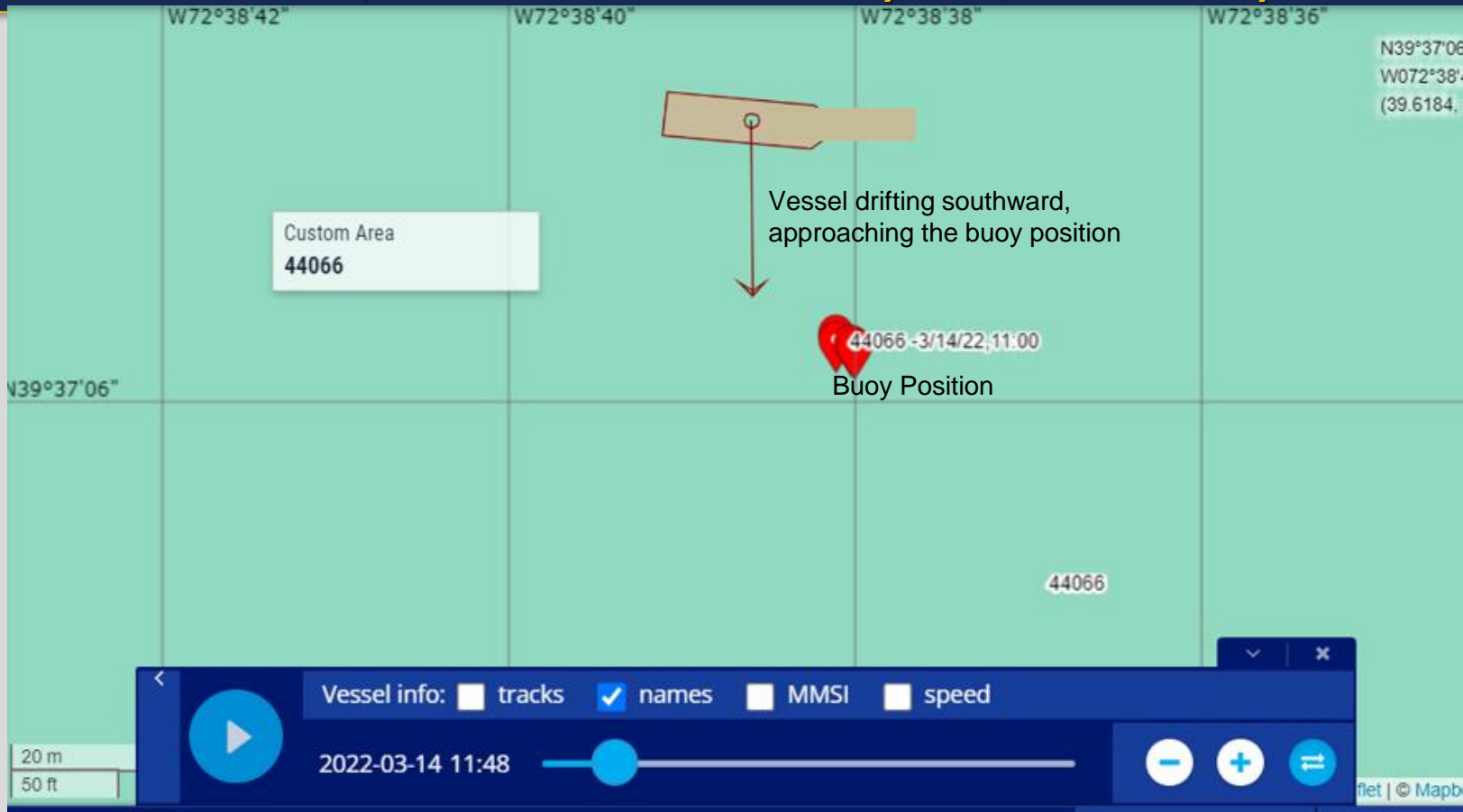
## Detection Type (2017 - 2022)

Reporting Period: 1 January – 31 December



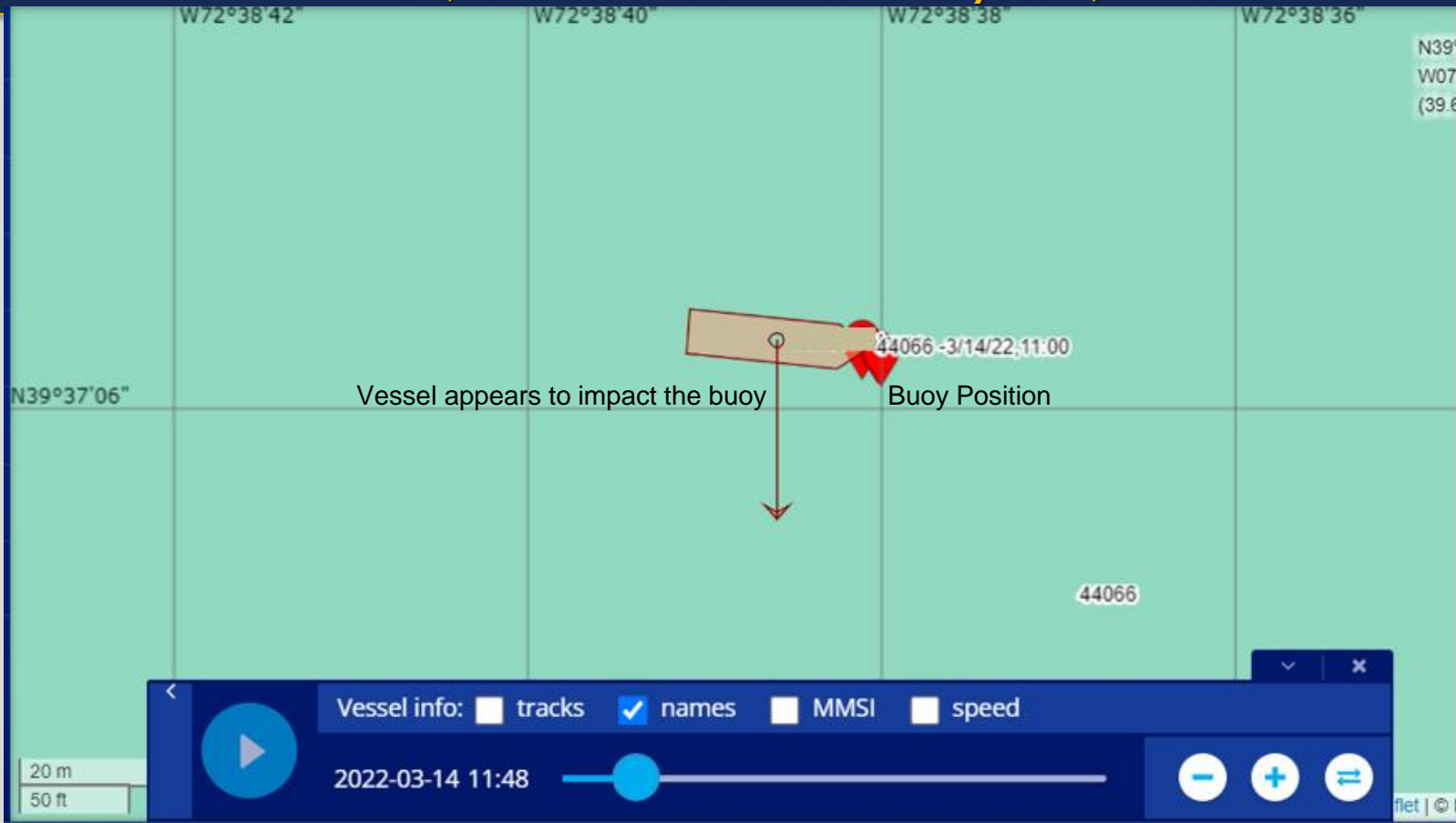
# Detection Types/Methods

## AIS (Automatic Identification System) – Vessel Playback



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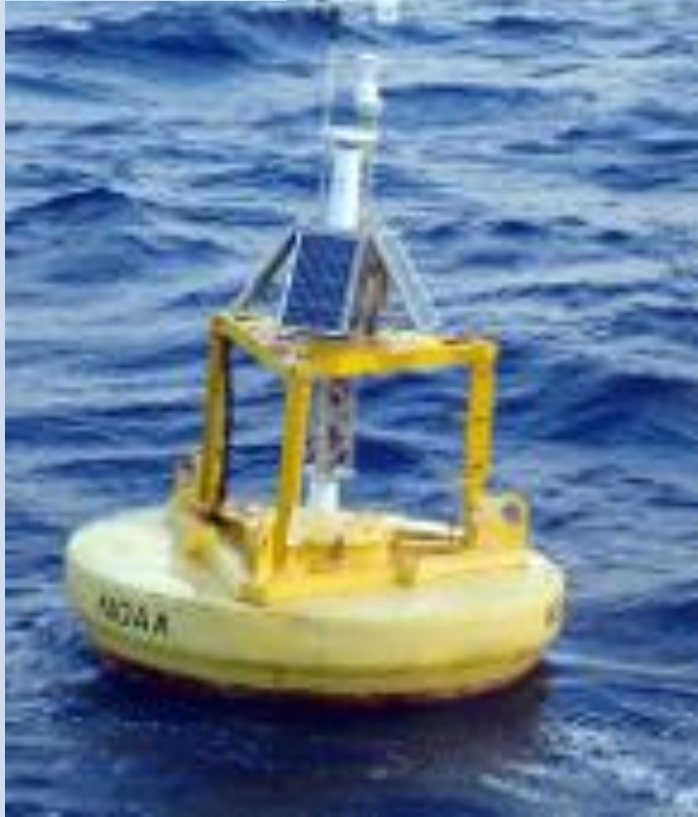
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Intact Buoy



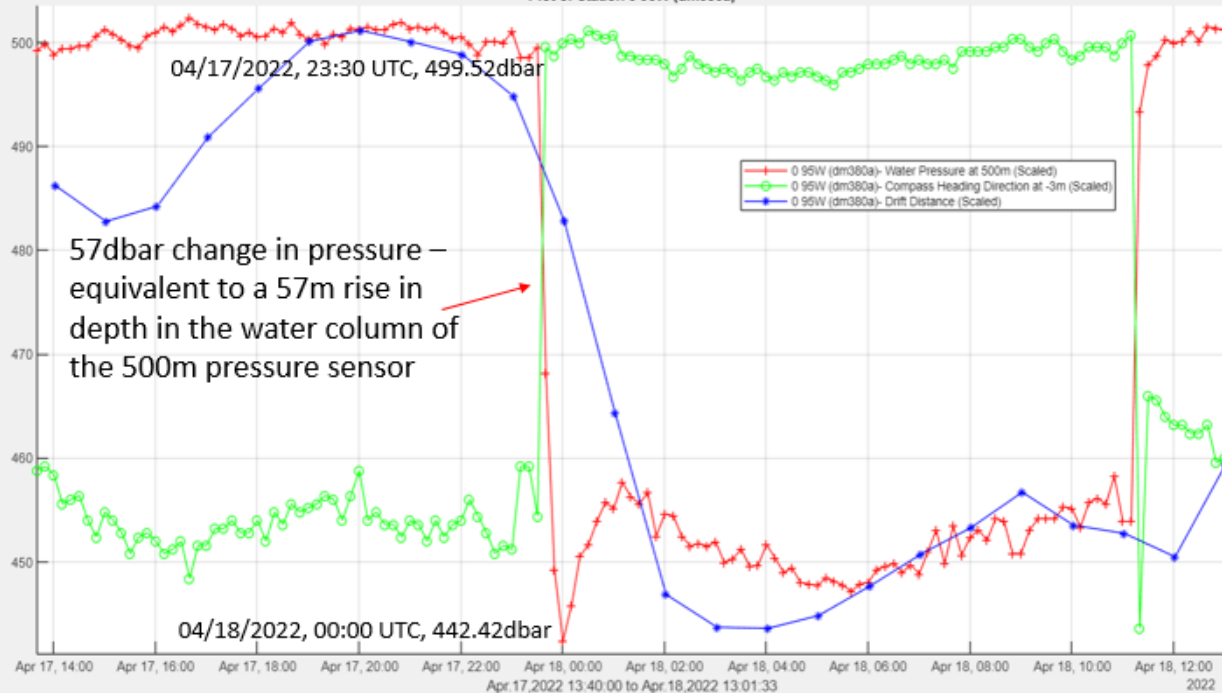
Buoy After the Collision



# Buoy Data Signature – Purse Seine Pull (“Slingshot” Operation)

Plot of Station 0 95W (dm380a)

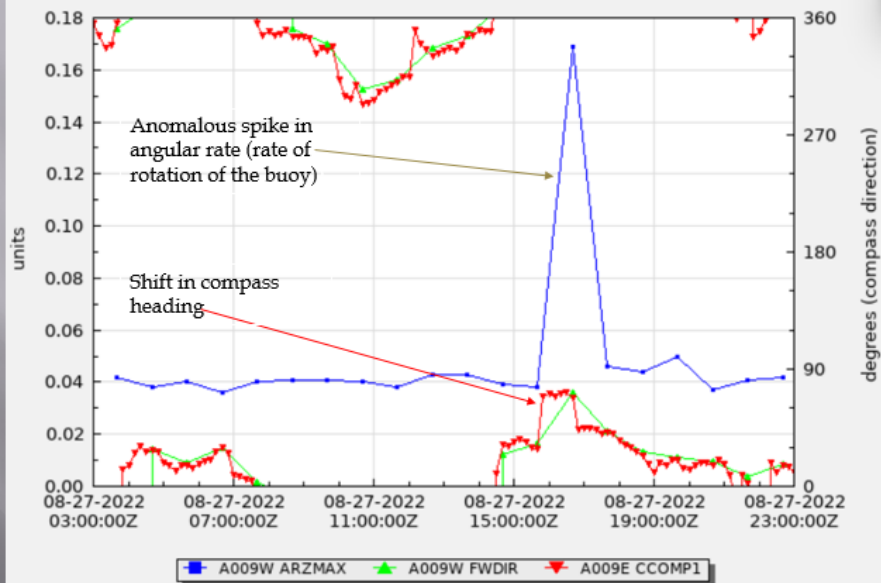
Water Pressure (decibars) equivalent to sensor depth in meters



# Detection Types/Methods

## Buoy Data Signature

NDBC - Time Series Plot  
Payload A009W vs Payload A009E



National Data Buoy Center Station ID: 41009 08/27/2022 1610 UTC

# Detection Types/Methods

## Buoy Camera Imagery



Nighttime Images



# Detection Types/Methods

Buoy Camera Imagery – Trail Cameras



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# Thank You

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