

All hands safe in Alaska fishing boat fire

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JUNEAU, Alaska -- Nearly 100 members of a fishing boat crew safely abandoned ship after their vessel caught fire off Alaska's Aleutian Islands, a report said Wednesday. The U.S. Coast Guard in Juneau said more than a dozen fishermen stayed aboard the Pacific Glacier to battle the blaze as rescue aircraft and the cutter Alex Haley sped to the scene. The 253-foot Pacific Glacier is a fish processing ship based in Seattle. It was working about 136 miles southeast of Dutch Harbor when the fire broke out Tuesday night. The Anchorage Daily News said the fire apparently broke out in the ship's laundry. Most of the crew was taken aboard other nearby vessels. No injuries were reported as sea conditions in the often-treacherous Bering Sea remained favorable.

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