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GLOUCESTER MAN SENTENCED FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Boston - A Gloucester man was sentenced late Friday in federal court for sexually harassing a federal at-sea monitor.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Leo T. Sorokin sentenced John Cusick, 50, to two months in prison to be followed by one year of supervised release. He is not to contact the victim either directly, indirectly or by way of a third party, while on supervised release. Cusick was convicted of sexual harassment after a four-day jury trial in October 2011.

Cusick, during a several day commercial fishing trip out at sea, forcibly assaulted, sexually harassed, impeded, interfered with, or intimidated a female federal at-sea monitor who was working on the vessel collecting data while the vessel was engaged in fishing activities. During the course of the trip, which departed from Gloucester and returned to port in Boston, Cusick made numerous and repeated unwanted sexually explicit comments and gestures to the monitor according to evidence.

United States Attorney Carmen M. Ortiz and Logan Gregory, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office for Law Enforcement, Northeast Enforcement Division, made the announcement today. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Suzanne Sullivan of Ortiz's Major Crime's Unit.

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