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## Report of Firing Is Being Probed

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — The Coast Guard said Sunday it is investigating a crew's report that its tuna boat was fired upon 90 miles south of Ensenada, Mexico, by what appeared to be a Mexican naval vessel.

Crewmen estimated the vessel fired 30 to 50 rounds from a .50-caliber machine gun across the bow of the boat Saturday.

There was no report of injuries or of an attempt to board the boat.

The vessel, the Southern Pacific, was en route to San Diego from fishing grounds off Central America with a 225-ton tuna catch.

Capt. Manual Souza told the Coast Guard he was 13 miles off shore at the time of the shooting. Mexico claims a nine-mile jurisdiction.