

under figure 2-1, paragraphs (34)(g), of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. By controlling vessel traffic during these events, this rule is intended to minimize environmental impacts of increased vessel traffic during the event.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

Marine Safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233 through 1236; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 100.35.

2. A temporary section, § 100.35–T05–041 is added to read as follows:

§ 100.35–T05–041 Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Michelob Championship at Kingsmill Fireworks Display, James River, Williamsburg, Virginia

(a) *Definitions.*

(1) *Regulated Area.* The waters of the James River enclosed within the arc of a circle with a radius of 400 yards and with its center located at latitude 37°07'48" N, longitude 076°24'00" W. All coordinates reference Datum NAD 1983.

(2) *Coast Guard Patrol Commander.* The Coast Guard Patrol Commander is a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard who has been designated by the Commander, Coast Guard Group Hampton Roads.

(3) *Official Patrol.* The Official Patrol is any vessel assigned or approved by Commander, Coast Guard Group Hampton Roads with a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer on board and displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

(b) *Special Local Regulations.*

(1) Except for persons or vessels authorized by the Coast Guard Patrol Commander, no person or vessel may enter or remain in the regulated area.

(2) The operator of any vessel in these areas shall:

(i) Stop the vessel immediately when directed to do so by any official patrol.

(ii) Proceed as directed by any official patrol.

(c) *Effective Dates.* This section will be effective from 8:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. on October 3, 2000.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting
Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Western Alaska 00-011]

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Safety Zone; Northstar Dock, Seal Island, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary 200-yard radius safety zone in the navigable waters around the Northstar dock, Seal Island, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. The Crowley Marine Services' *Barge 400* will be offloading modules that are part of the buildings to be set on Seal Island. This safety zone is implemented to ensure the safe and timely arrival, and offloading of the *Barge 400*.

DATES: This temporary final rule is effective from 12:01 am August 1, 2000, until 11:59 pm September 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander Rick Rodriguez, Chief of Port Operations, USCG Marine Safety Office, Anchorage, at (907) 271-6724.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

A notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation was not published. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. Publishing an NPRM and delaying the effective date would be contrary to national safety interests since immediate action is needed to minimize potential danger to the public. Due to the unpredictable edge of the ice cap in the Arctic Ocean, it was difficult to predict when vessel traffic would be able to transit safely, and therefore publishing the NPRM in a timely manner was not feasible. The *Barge 400* will be offloading a large module and other equipment onto Seal Island, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Vessels or personnel not engaged in the offloading operation and operating within the 200-yard radius may place themselves at risk of injury. The event is scheduled for August 1, 2000 and the permit request was only recently received.

Background and Purpose

The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary 200-yard radius safety zone on the navigable waters of the United States around the Northstar Dock, Seal Island, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. The Crowley Barge *Barge 400* will moor at the dock and offload the module and associated equipment. The safety zone is designed to permit the safe and timely offloading of this vessel in the timeframe in which this can be safely done. The safety zone's 200-yard standoff also aids the safety of these evolutions by minimizing conflicts and hazards that might otherwise occur with other transiting vessels. The limited size of the zone is designed to minimize impact on other mariners transiting through the area.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential cost and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10(e) of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard considers whether this rule will have significant economic impacts on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" include small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations less than 50,000. Because this safety zone is very small, will only be in effect for two months, and does not impede access to other maritime facilities in the area, the Coast Guard believes there will be no impact to small entities. Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Assistance for Small Entities

In accordance with Sec. 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121), the Coast Guard wants to assist small entities in understanding this rule so

that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking process. If your small business or organization is affected by this rule and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the office listed in **ADDRESSES** in this preamble.

Collection of Information

This rule does not provide for a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13132 and has determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism under that Order.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under Figure 2-1, paragraph 34(g) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation because it establishes a safety zone.

Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) and Executive Order 12875, Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership, (58 FR 58093; October 28, 1993) govern the issuance of Federal regulations that require unfunded mandates. An unfunded mandate is a regulation that requires a State, local, or tribal government or the private sector to incur direct costs without the Federal Government's having first provided the funds to pay those costs. This rule will not impose an unfunded mandate.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

Temporary Final Regulation

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR Part 165 as follows:

PART 165—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g), 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. Section 165.T17-00-011 is temporarily added to read as follows:

§ 165.T17-00-011 Safety Zone; Northstar, Seal Island, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

(a) *Description.* The following area is a Safety Zone: All navigable waters within a 200-yard radius of the Northstar Dock, Seal Island, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

(b) *Effective dates.* This section is effective from 12:01 a.m. August 1, 2000, until 11:59 p.m. September 30, 2000.

(c) *Regulations.*

(1) The Captain of the Port means the Captain of the Port, Western Alaska. The Captain of the Port may authorize or designate any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer to act on his behalf as his representative.

(2) The general regulations governing safety zones contained in 33 CFR, Part 165.23 apply. No person or vessel may enter, transit through, anchor or remain in this safety zone, with the exception of attending vessels, without first obtaining permission from the Captain of the Port, Western Alaska, or his representative.

The Captain of the Port or his representative may be contacted in the vicinity of the BARGE 400 via marine VHF channel 16. The Captain of the Port's representative can also be contacted by telephone at (907) 271-6700.

Dated: July 31, 2000.

W.J. Hutmacher,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Western Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA; 00-003]

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Safety Zone; Middle Harbor-San Pedro Bay, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Interim rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a safety zone on the waters of San Pedro Bay, California. The event requiring establishment of this safety zone is the dredging and landfill activities associated with the Port of Long Beach Pier T project. Entry into, transit through or anchoring within the safety zone by vessels other than those engaged in the construction of Pier T is prohibited by the Captain of the Port.

DATES: This rule will be in effect from 12:01 a.m. (PST) on August 1, 2000 until 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2002. Comments must be received on or before November 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: This docket for this regulation is maintained, and is available for inspection and copying between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except federal holidays, at U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Los Angeles-Long Beach, 165 N. Pico Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802. Comments may be mailed or hand-delivered to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Junior Grade Ken O'Connor, Waterways Management Division, Marine Safety Office/Group Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA at (562) 980-4425/26.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553, there is good cause why a notice of proposed rule making (NPRM) was not published for this regulation and good cause exists for making it effective less than 30 days after, **Federal Register** publication. Following normal rulemaking procedures could not be done in a timely fashion in that the Coast Guard was not approached concerning the necessity for implementation of a safety zone until late in the Pier T planning process. The actual stipulations of the safety zone were not finalized until a date fewer than 30 days prior to the start of the event.

Although this rule is being published as an interim rule without prior notice, an opportunity for public comment is nevertheless desirable to ensure the rule is both reasonable and workable. Accordingly, persons wishing to comment may do so by submitting written comments to the office listed in **ADDRESSES** in this preamble. Comments must be received on or before November 6, 2000. Those providing comments should identify the docket number for the regulation (COTP Los Angeles-Long Beach 00-003) and also include their name, address, and reason(s) for each comment presented. Based upon the comments received, the regulation may be changed.

The Coast Guard plans no public meeting. Persons may request a public meeting by writing the Marine Safety Office Los Angeles-Long Beach at the address listed in **ADDRESSES** in this preamble.

Discussion of Regulation

The construction of the Pier T project is scheduled to begin on May 5, 2000.