



Marine Safety Information Bulletin Eleventh District

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Notice of Inquiry: Pacific Coast - Port Access Route Study (PAC-PARS)

In support of the PAC-PARS, USCG District Eleven has published a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) on the Federal Register to focus the study, improve information gathering, and expand public engagement. In it, the Coast Guard requests public comments regarding vessel traffic patterns in the regions near Point Mugu and south of the Channel Islands in the Pacific Missile Range, offshore San Francisco, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Humboldt Bay and Morro Bay offshore Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) as outlined in the attached chart. The information generated from this NOI will be used to improve waterway operations and vessel movement along the California coast.

The PAC-PARS will determine whether vessel routes should be established, adjusted, and/or modified to improve navigation safety due to planned or potential uses, such as: offshore development, current port capabilities, planned port improvement projects, vessel traffic, anchorage areas, historical changes in vessel traffic patterns, weather, and navigation challenges. To improve timeliness and a whole of government approach, public comments and pertinent information collected from data analysis will be shared across government agencies on a continuous basis. Additionally, the Coast Guard is committed to maintaining open communication and transparency with all waterway users, especially during this study. Mariners are encouraged to provide answers to the questions included in the NOI and provide any additional information that should be considered regarding the four geographic focus areas.

The Notice of Inquiry is available at Federal Register docket number USCG-2021-0345, at the federal portal: <https://www.regulations.gov/>.

Using the website above, you may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2021-0345. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION section for further instructions on submitting comments. We request all comments and material be submitted on or before May 26, 2022.

Following the NOI 90-day comment period, a draft PAC-PARS will be completed and published on the federal register, under the same docket number, for public review. The Notice of Study, NOI, and draft PAC-PARS provide multiple opportunities for public participation and keep with the Coast Guard’s commitment to maintaining open dialog and accessibility with the maritime community and public. The draft PAC-PARS is tentatively scheduled to be published before the end of 2022.

For questions regarding this Marine Safety Information Bulletin, the Notice of Inquiry, or the study, email the PAC-PARS team at PACPARS@USCG.MIL.

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