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PORT ACCESS ROUTE STUDY OF NEW JERSEY SEACOAST AND APPROACHES TO DELAWARE BAY – NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

The Coast Guard is conducting a Port Access Route Study (PARS) to determine whether existing or additional vessel routing measures are necessary along the seacoast of New Jersey and approaches to the Delaware Bay. The study will consider whether existing or additional routing measures are necessary to improve navigation safety due to factors such as planned or potential offshore development, current port capabilities and planned improvements, increased vessel traffic, existing and potential anchorage areas, changing vessel traffic patterns, weather conditions, or navigational difficulty.

The aim of vessel routing measures are to reduce the risk of marine casualties. Examples of potential measures include traffic separation schemes, two-way routes, recommended tracks, deep-water routes, precautionary areas, and areas to be avoided. The recommendations of the study may lead to future rulemakings or appropriate international agreements.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received on or before July 6, 2020. Requests for a public meeting must be submitted on or before June 4, 2020.

For additional information, submission of comments, and/or to request a public meeting regarding the PARS, please visit the below website:

<https://www.regulations.gov>, and insert “USCG-2020-0172” in the “search box.”

Comments and requests for a public meeting can be made by selecting “Comment Now”. The Coast Guard will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

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