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Port Access Route Study: Approaches to Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts

This bulletin addresses the notice of availability of draft report and request for comments for the Approaches to Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts Port Access Route Study.

1. On March 31, 2022, the First Coast Guard District commenced an Approaches to Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts Port Access Route Study (MNMPARS) to evaluate the adequacy of existing vessel routing measures and determine whether additional vessel routing measures are necessary for port approaches to Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and international and domestic transit areas in the First Coast Guard District area of responsibility. The recommendations of this study may subsequently be implemented through rulemakings or in accordance with international agreements.
2. On January 3, 2023, the First Coast Guard District published in the Federal Register a notice of availability of draft report and request for comments (88 FR 83). Due to a publishing error, the 30-day comment period did not commence until January 12, 2023. The Coast Guard is seeking public comments on the content, proposed routing measures, and development of the MNMPARS draft report.
3. All comments received on or before **February 13, 2023**, will be reviewed and considered prior to publication of a final report in the Federal Register.
4. To view the draft report, complete one of the following:
 - Go directly to <https://www.regulations.gov/document/USCG-2022-0047-0044> or
 - Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, insert “USCG-2022-0047” in the search box, and click “Search”. Then scroll to find the document entitled *Draft Report Approaches to Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts Port Access Route Study* under the document type “Supporting & Related Material.”
5. To view the notice and submit your comments online, complete one of the following:
 - Go directly to <https://www.regulations.gov/document/USCG-2022-0047-0045> or
 - Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, insert “USCG-2022-0047” in the search box, and click “Search”. Then scroll to find the most recent “Notice” entitled *Port Access Route Study: Approaches to Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts* and click “Comment”.
6. For questions regarding this Marine Safety Information Bulletin contact LTJG Thomas Davis, Waterways Management at First Coast Guard District, telephone (617) 223-8632, e-mail SMB-D1Boston-MNMPARS@uscg.mil.

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