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Vessels are also prohibited from mooring or tying up to, loitering alongside or in the immediate vicinity of naval equipment and barges in the restricted area.

(3) Area No. 3. Vessels are allowed to transit the area at any time. Due to the presence of underwater cables and instrumentation, anchoring is prohibited and the towing of a drag or any object within 100 feet of the bottom is also prohibited. Anchoring is allowed within 100 yards of the shore of Back Island except within 100 yards of each side of the area where electrical and other cables are brought ashore. The termination location of the cables on the land is marked with a warning sign that is visible from the water.

(4) Area No. 4. Due to the presence of communication and power cables crossing from Revillagegedo Island to Back Island no anchoring or towing of a drag is allowed. Anchoring is allowed within 100 yards of the shore of Back Island except within 100 yards of each side of the area where the cables are brought ashore. The termination location of the cables on the land is marked with a warning sign that is visible from the water.

(5) Area No. 5. (i) The area will be open unless the Navy is actually conducting operations. To ensure safe and timely passage through the restricted area vessel operators are required to notify the Range Operations Officer of their expected time of arrival, speed and intentions. For vessels not equipped with radio equipment, the Navy shall signal with flashing beacon lights whether passage is prohibited and when it is safe to pass through the area. A flashing green beacon indicates that vessels may proceed through the area. A flashing red beacon means that the area is closed to all vessels and to await a green clear signal. Each closure of the area by the Navy will normally not exceed 30 minutes.

(ii) Small craft may operate within 500 yards of the shoreline at speeds no greater than 5 knots in accordance with the restrictions in effect in area No. 3.

(iii) During the period May 1 through September 15 annually, the Navy will only conduct acoustic measurement tests which will result in transitory restrictions in Area #5 for a total of no more than 15 days.

(iv) Transitory restrictions in Area #5 will not be enforced during daylight hours when Navy testing coincides with pre-scheduled special events in Behm Canal. Special events are defined as summer holidays or celebrations, competitions, or economic endeavors scheduled by an agency or organization, and typically occurring every year for the utilization of natural resources of Behm Canal. Special events include commercial emergency seine fishery openings from July 25 through September 15, historic salmon derbies lasting eight days or less, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Independence Day or any nationally recognized three day weekend to celebrate these holidays.

(v) Public notification that the Navy will be conducting operations in Behm Canal will be given at least 72 hours in advance to the following Ketchikan contacts: U.S. Coast Guard, Ketchikan Gateway Borough Planning Department, Harbor Master, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, KRBD Radio, KTKN Radio, and the Ketchikan Daily News.

(c) Vessels will be allowed to transit Restricted Area #5 within 20 minutes of marine radio or telephone notification to the Navy Range Operations Officer.

(d) Enforcement. The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, David Taylor Research Center and such agencies he/she may designate.

§ 334.1290  In Bering Sea, Shemya Island Area, Alaska; meteorological rocket launching facility, Alaskan Air Command, U.S. Air Force.

(a) The danger zone. An arc of a circle with a 45-nautical-mile radius of the launch point centered at latitude 52°43'30" N., longitude 174°06'05" E extending clockwise from 110° true bearing to 200° true bearing.

(b) The regulation. (1) Rockets will normally be launched one each day Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Rocket hardware will discharge into the sea 22.5 to 37.5 nautical miles off the launchsite. The instrument package with parachute will impact about 1½ hours later at an undetermined area, depending on weather conditions.

(2) All mariners entering the area will do so at their own risk and are cautioned to take evasive action as necessary.


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§ 334.1290  In Bering Sea, Shemya Island Area, Alaska; meteorological rocket launching facility, Alaskan Air Command, U.S. Air Force.

(a) The danger zone. A rhomboidal area beginning at latitude 59°51'30" N., longitude 148°42'00" W.; thence to latitude 59°22'30" N., longitude 147°00'00" W.; thence to latitude 58°52'00" N., longitude 148°03'00" W.; thence to latitude 59°20'00" N., longitude 149°45'00" W., and thence to point of beginning.

(b) The regulations. (1) 20-mm. cannon will be fired at towed targets in the air. One firing mission will be conducted every 2 weeks during daylight hours only and weather permitting.

(2) The fact that practice firing is to take place over the designated area shall be advertised to the public 7 days in advance through the usual media for the dissemination of such information. Notice to the U.S. Coast Guard and NOTAM shall be issued at least 48 hours before firing is to be conducted on the range. Information as to the dates, time, and characteristics of the firing shall be advertised in advance of each session of firing.

(3) Prior to conducting each practice firing, the danger zone shall be patrolled by aircraft to note the location of all vessels within the area. The practice firing exercise shall be conducted in the portion of the danger zone not occupied by surface craft.

(4) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Alaskan Air Command, U.S. Air Force, Anchorage, Alaska, or such agencies as he may designate.