

(d) *South Channel of the Savannah River East Anchorage.* The waters of the South Channel of the Savannah River lying east of the Fort Pulaski Bridge beginning at longitude 080°54'.9" W extending east to longitude 080°53'.9" W across South Channel.

(e) *Calibogue Sound Anchorage.* The waters of the Calibogue Sound lying within the following coordinates, the area west of the west shore of Hilton Head Island; starting at 32°08'12.0" N, 080°48'55.0" W; thence to 32°08'12.0" N, 080°49'13.0" W; thence to 32°06'50.0" N, 080°49'55.0" W; thence to 32°06'50.0" N, 080°49'43.0" W; back north on the west shore of Hilton Head Island to the point of beginning.

(f) *May River Anchorage.* The waters of the May River within the following coordinates, the area north of the north shore of Bull Island; starting at 32°11'45.0" N, 080°48'03.0" W; thence to 32°11'56.0" N, 080°48'02.0" W; thence to 32°12'06.0" N, 080°48'17.0" W; thence to 32°12'38.0" N, 080°49'35.0" W; thence to 32°12'14.0" N, 080°49'43.0" W; back east along the north shore of Bull Island to the point of beginning.

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33 CFR Part 162

[CGD09-95-027]

Temporary Speed Limits for the St. Marys River

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to make a temporary amendment to the speed limits for the St. Marys River during the 1995-96 icebreaking season. This amendment will reduce the speed limit by 2 miles per hour through that part of the system, between Munuscong Lake Lighted Buoy 8 (LLNR 13065) and Lake Nicolet Light 80 (LLNR 13465) upbound and between Lake Nicolet Light 80 (LLNR 13465) and West Neebish Channel Light 9 (LLNR 13715) downbound. These temporary changes to the speed regulations are a precautionary measure to minimize any possible damage to the environment due to movement of large commercial vessels through the ice.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 13, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard, Vessel Traffic Service, 337 Water Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. The comments will be available for inspection and copying at the Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service, 337 Water Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Normal office hours are between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Comments may also be hand delivered to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Eric Ensign, U.S. Coast Guard, Group Sault Ste. Marie, 337 Water Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, 49783, (906) 635-3303.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their name and address, identify this rulemaking [CGD09-95-027] and the specific section of this proposal to which each comment applies, and give a reason for each comment. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the Project Officer at the address under **ADDRESSES**. If it determines that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the Federal Register.

Discussion of Proposed Regulations

In a letter received on February 26, 1993, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources advised the Commander of the Ninth Coast Guard District of concerns over the environmental impact of ship transits through the St. Marys River during the period of March 21 to April 1. April 1 is the nominal date for the opening of the locks at Sault Ste. Marie, which allows large commercial shipping access to the St. Marys River from Lake Superior. In accordance with an agreement reached on June 29, 1993, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Commander of the Ninth Coast Guard District is making this temporary change to the speed regulations during periods when ice breaking is being conducted in the vicinity of Neebish Island, St. Marys River, Michigan, as a precautionary

measure to minimize any possible damage to the environment. The speed limit is being reduced by 2 statute miles per hour in the area between Munuscong Lake Lighted Buoy 8 (LLNR 13065) and Lake Nicolet Light 80 (LLNR 13465), upbound, and between Lake Nicolet Light 80 (LLNR 13465) and Munuscong Lake Light 9 (LLNR 13715), downbound. The Light 9 checkpoint has been added to extend the reduced speed limit area past Winter Point, thereby protecting the sensitive environment between Winter Point and Light 9. Speed limits apply to the average speed between established reporting points.

The comment period for this proposal is less than 60 days to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the proposal, yet still provide adequate time for a final rule to be published before the beginning of the ice breaking season. The Coast Guard has established temporary changes in speed limits on the St. Marys River during icebreaking season for several years and therefore it is the Coast Guard's view that 30 days provides adequate opportunity for public comment on this proposal.

Drafting Information

The drafter of this regulation is Lieutenant Eric Ensign, Project Officer, U.S. Coast Guard, Vessel Traffic Service Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and Lieutenant Charles D. Dahill, Project Attorney, Ninth Coast Guard District Light Office.

Federalism Implications

This action has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612, and it has been determined that the rulemaking does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

A recent environmental impact study by the United States Army Corps of Engineers indicated that March 21 is the optimal opening date. [see U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Opening Operations of the Lock Facilities on March 21 (February 1993), Supplement III to the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Operations, Maintenance, and Minor Improvements of the Federal Facilities at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan (July 1977)]. The same study by the Corps of Engineers indicates that there is no significant impact on fish populations due to movement of large commercial vessels through the ice. However, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources asserts that there may be such an impact during the early period of

March 21 to April 1. The Ninth Coast Guard District has adopted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers EIS, EIS Supplements, and EIS studies on Operations, Maintenance, and Minor Improvements of the Federal Facilities at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. In addition, the Coast Guard is preparing a supplement for the 1974 Ninth Coast Guard District EIS regarding icebreaking activity on the Great Lakes.

Economic Assessment and Certification

This regulation is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. They have been exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. They are 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 these regulations to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of the DOT is unnecessary.

Collection of Information

This regulation will impose no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 162

Harbors, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Vessels, Waterways.

Proposed Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard proposes to amend Part 162 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 162—INLAND WATERWAYS NAVIGATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for 33 CFR Part 162 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. The table in § 162.117(g) is suspended and a new paragraph (g)(3) is added to read as follows:

§ 162.117 St. Marys River, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

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(3) *Winter speed limits effective December 29, 1995, through April 15th, 1996.* The following table of temporary winter speed limits supersede those listed in Table 162.117(g)—St. Marys River Speed Rules and indicate the maximum speed over the ground

between reporting points for the period December 29, 1995 through April 15th, 1996:

TABLE 162.117(g)(3).—TEMPORARY WINTER SPEED LIMIT REGULATIONS

The speed limit between	Speed limit	
	Mph	Kts
De Tour Reef Light and Sweets Point Light	14	12.2
Round Island Light and Point Aux Frenes Light 21	14	12.2
Munuscong Lake Lighted Buoy 8 and Evers Point ..	10	8.7
Evers Point and Reed Point	7	6.0
Reed Point and Lake Nicolet Lighted Buoy 62	8	7.0
Lake Nicolet Lighted Buoy 62 and Lake Nicolet Light 80	10	8.7
Lake Nicolet Lighted Buoy 80 and Munuscong Lake Light 9 (downbound, West Neebish Channel)	8	7.0
Lake Nicolet Light 80 and Winter Point (West Neebish Channel)	8	7.0
Lake Nicolet Light 80 and Six Mile Point Range Rear Light	10	8.7
Six Mile Point Range Rear Light and lower limit of the St. Marys Falls Canal: Upbound	8	7.0
Downbound	10	8.7
Upper limit of the St. Marys Falls Canal and Point Aux Pins Main Light	12	10.4

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 45 and 52

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Government Property

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The next public meetings of the Government Property Rewrite Team are scheduled for November 14, 1995, and November 15, 1995. Discussion will focus on a draft revision of FAR Part 45—Government Property and the associated contract clauses.

DATES: Public Meetings: The public meetings will be conducted at the address shown below from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., local time, on November 14, 1995, and November 15, 1995.

Draft Materials: Drafts of the materials to be discussed at the public meetings will be available no earlier than October 30, 1995 and may be obtained from Ms. Angelena Moy, (PDUSD (A&T)DP/MPI) at Room 3C128 at The Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-3060.

ADDRESSES: Public Meetings: The public meetings will be held in the 4th floor conference room, VSE Corporation, 2550 Huntington Ave., Alexandria, VA 22303.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Angelena Moy, by telephone at (703) 695-1097/1098, or by FAX at (703) 695-7596.

Background

On September 16, 1994, (59 FR 47583) the Director of Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, announced an initiative to rewrite the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 45, Government Property, to make it easier to understand and to minimize the burdens imposed on contractors and contracting officers. The Director of Defense Procurement is providing a forum for an exchange of ideas and information with government and industry personnel by holding public meetings, soliciting public comments, and publishing notices of the public meetings in the Federal Register.

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48 CFR Parts 225 and 252

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Uruguay Round (1996 Agreement)

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement the renegotiated General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) Government Procurement Agreement (1996 Code) (Uruguay Round), which becomes effective January 1, 1996. This agreement is implemented in statute by the Uruguay Round Agreement Act, Pub. L. 103-465, which amends the Trade Agreements Act of 1979.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before December 12, 1995, to be considered in the formulation of the final rule.