

hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and 224 occurred between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Due to the limited openings at night, LDOTD has requested that the 4-hour notification, used at other times during the year, be extended to include night time hours during shrimp season. These changes provide savings to the taxpayer and still serve the reasonable needs of navigation. Alternate routes are available at all times. They are the Calcasieu Ship Channel, the Intracoastal Canal and the Salt Ditch.

Discussion of Comments

One letter was received in reference to the change. The National Marine Fisheries Service stated that the change to the special operation regulation does not adversely impact marine fishery resources.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule 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. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that Order. It is 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 this rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard considered whether this rule has a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" include (1) small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and (2) governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

The rule also considered the needs of local commercial fishing vessels and the economic impact is expected to be minimal. Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This rule does not provide for a collection of information under the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism Assessment

The Coast Guard analyzed this rule under the principals and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and determined that this rulemaking does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environmental Assessment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that under Figure 2-1, CE #32 (e) of the NEPA Implementing Procedures COMDINST M16475.IC, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

Regulations

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends Part 117 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for Part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 105 Stat. 5039.

2. Section 117.459 is revised to read as follows:

§ 117.459 Kelso Bayou.

The draw of the S27 bridge mile 0.7 at Hackberry, shall operate as follows:

(a) From May 20, through October 31, the draw shall open on signal from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. From 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given.

(b) From November 1 through December 22, the draw shall open on signal from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. From 3 p.m. to 7 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given.

(c) From December 23 through May 19, the draw shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Three Mile Slough, Sacramento County, CA, State of California Department of Transportation State Route 160 Highway Bridge

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation to the regulations governing the opening of the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) vertical lift bridge over Three Mile Slough near Rio Vista, CA. The deviation specifies that the bridge need not open for vessels from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. August 19, 1998. The purpose of the deviation is to allow Caltrans and its contractors to electrically test the main power cables. The work requires that the bridge remain closed for 8 hours to complete the testing.

DATES: Effective period of the deviation is 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. August 19, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard anticipates that the economic consequences of this deviation will be minimal. With adequate Local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners notification, commercial vessel operators should have ample time to plan their transits accordingly. This deviation from the normal operating regulations in 33 CFR 117.5 is authorized in accordance with the provisions of 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: July 9, 1998.

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Acting Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District Acting.

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