

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117**

(CGD08-00-011)

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**Drawbridge Operating Regulation;
Massalina Bayou, Florida****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has temporarily changed the regulation governing the operation of the Tarpon Dock bascule span drawbridge across Massalina Bayou, mile 0.0, at Panama City, Bay County, Florida. The draw of the bridge may remain closed to navigation from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. on July 4, 2000. This temporary rule is issued to facilitate movement of vehicular traffic associated with a fireworks display. Presently the draw opens on signal at all times.

DATES: This rule is effective from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket CGD08-00-011 and are available for inspection or copying at the Bridge Administration Branch, Eighth Coast Guard District, 501 Magazine Street, Room 1313, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130-3396 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Frank, Bridge Administration Branch, at the address given above. Telephone (504) 589-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Regulatory Information**

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. This temporary bridge closure has become an annual event in conjunction with the 4th of July fireworks celebration. The closure is for two hours and does not significantly affect marine traffic.

Background and Purpose

The City of Panama City, Florida requested a temporary rule, changing the operation of the Tarpon Dock bascule span drawbridge. The rule is needed to accommodate the additional volume of vehicular traffic that the fireworks display is expected to generate. The Tarpon Dock bascule span drawbridge across Massalina Bayou has

a vertical clearance of 7 feet above mean high water in the closed-to-navigation position and unlimited in the open-to-navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial fishing vessels, sailing vessels and other recreational craft.

Regulatory Evaluation

This temporary 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. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it 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).

We expect the economic impact of this temporary rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

This is because the number of vessels impaired by the closed-to-navigation period is minimal. All commercial vessels still have ample opportunity to transit this waterway before and after the two-hour closure on July 4, 2000.

Small Entities

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

The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this temporary rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This rule will affect the following entities, some of which may be small entities: the owners or operators of vessels intending to transit through the Tarpon dock bridge across Massalina Bayou from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 4, 2000.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121), we want to assist small entities in understanding the temporary rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking process. If the rule would affect your small business, organization,

or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the Bridge Administration Branch, Eighth Coast Guard District at the address above.

Collection of Information

This temporary rule would call for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.).

Federalism

We have analyzed this temporary rule under E.O. 13132 and have determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism under that Order.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) governs the issuance of Federal regulations that require unfunded mandates. An unfunded mandate is a regulation that requires a State, local, or tribal government or the private sector to incur direct costs without the Federal Government's having first provided the funds to pay those costs. This temporary rule would not impose an unfunded mandate.

Taking of Private Property

This temporary rule would not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under E.O. 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This temporary rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of E.O. 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under E.O. 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This temporary rule is not an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environmental

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this temporary rule and concluded that under Figure 2-1, paragraph 32(e) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this temporary rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. Bridge Administration Program actions that can be categorically excluded include promulgation of operating

regulations or procedures for drawbridges. 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.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard is amending 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, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. From 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. on July 4, 2000, a new temporary § 117.T301 is added to read as follows:

§ 117.T301 Massalina Bayou.

The draw of the Tarpon Dock bascule span bridge, Massalina Bayou, mile 0.0 at Panama City, shall open on signal; except that from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. on July 4, 2000, the draw need not open for the passage of vessels.

Dated: May 5, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Western Alaska 00-003]

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Safety Zone; Port Graham, Cook Inlet, Alaska

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary 250-yard radius safety zone on the navigable waters located in Port Graham, Cook Inlet, Alaska. The Derrick Barge LOS ANGELES will anchor in this position and assemble the Exploratory Drilling Structure "OSPREY". This safety zone is implemented to ensure the safe and timely anchoring of the Derrick Barge LOS ANGELES and the safe assembly of the Drilling Structure OSPREY in Port Graham, Cook Inlet, Alaska. This safety

zone is necessary because the operation requires the LOS ANGELES to remain in the anchoring position until the assembly of the OSPREY is complete. Vessels or personnel not engaged in the anchoring and assembly operation, and operating within the 250-yard radius may place themselves at risk to injury.

DATES: This temporary final rule is effective from 12:01 a.m. on June 16, 2000, until 11:59 p.m. on July 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander Rick Rodriguez, Chief of Port Operations, USCG Marine Safety Office, Anchorage, at (907) 271-6724.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. Publishing an NPRM and delaying the effective date would be contrary to national safety interests since immediate action is needed to minimize potential danger to the public. The OSPREY platform is a large structure that is difficult to maneuver, and will be towed in the strong currents of Cook Inlet, Alaska and vessels or personnel not engaged in the towing or setting down operation operating within the 600-yard radius may place themselves at risk of injury. The event is scheduled for June 16, 2000 and the permit request was only recently received.

Background and Purpose

The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary 250-yard radius safety zone on the navigable waters of the United States around the position Latitude 59-21.40 N, Longitude 151-49.50 W. The Derrick Barge LOS ANGELES will anchor in this position and assemble the tower to the tower legs of the Exploratory Drilling Structure "OSPREY" in Port Graham, Cook Inlet, Alaska. The safety zone is designed to permit the safe and timely anchoring and assembly of this structure in the narrow timeframe in which this can be safely done. The safety zone's 250-yard standoff also aids the safety of these evolutions by minimizing conflicts and hazards that might otherwise occur with other transiting vessels. The limited size of the zone is designed to minimize impact on other mariners transiting through the area.

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 cost 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 proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10(e) 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 considers whether this rule will have significant economic impacts on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" include small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations less than 50,000. Because this safety zone is very small, will only be in effect for twenty five days, and does not impede access to other maritime facilities in the area, the Coast Guard believes there will be no impact to small entities. 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

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

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under Figure 2-1, paragraph 34(g) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation because it establishes a safety zone

Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) and E.O. 12875, Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership, (58 FR 58093; October 28, 1993) govern the issuance of Federal