

**§ 161.60**

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(d) Reporting Point. Inbound vessels in the Strait of Juan de Fuca upon crossing 124-W.

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**§ 161.60 Vessel Traffic Service Prince William Sound.**

(a) The VTS area consists of the navigable waters of the United States north of a line drawn from Cape Hinchinbrook Light to Schooner Rock Light, comprising that portion of Prince William Sound between 146°30' W. and 147°20' W. and includes Valdez Arm, Valdez Narrows and Port Valdez.

(b) The Valdez Arm VTS Special Area consists of the waters of the Valdez Arm Traffic Separation Scheme (described in § 167.1703 of this chapter); the waters northeast of a line drawn from shoreline to shoreline through the points 60°58.04' N, 146°46.52' W and 60°58.93' N, 146°48.86' W; and southwest of a line bearing 307° True from Tongue Point at 61°02.10' N, 146°40.00' W.

(c) The Valdez Narrows VTS Special Area consists of those waters of Valdez Arm, Valdez Narrows, and Port Valdez northeast of a line bearing 307° True

from Tongue Point at 61°02'06" N., 146°40' W.; and southwest of a line bearing 307° True from Entrance Island Light at 61°05'06" N., 146°36'42" W.

(d) Additional VTS Special Area Operating Requirements. The following additional requirements are applicable in the Valdez Narrows VTS Special Area:

(1) No VMRS User shall proceed north of 61° N. without prior approval of the VTS.

(2) For a vessel listed in paragraph (d)(3) of this section—

(i) Approval to enter this area will not be granted to a vessel when a tank vessel of more than 20,000 deadweight tons is navigating therein;

(ii) A northbound vessel shall remain south of 61° N. until the VTS has granted permission to proceed; and

(iii) A southbound vessel shall remain in Port Valdez east of 146°35' W. and north of 61°06' N. until the VTS has granted permission to proceed.

(3) Paragraph (d)(2) of this section applies to—

(i) A vessel of 1600 gross tons or more; and

(ii) A towing vessel of 8 meters or more in length, except for a vessel performing duties as an escort vessel as defined in 33 CFR Part 168.

(e) Reporting Points.

TABLE 161.60(d)—VTS PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REPORTING POINTS

Designator	Geographic name	Geographic description	Latitude/longitude	Notes
1A .....	Cape Hinchinbrook .....	Cape Hinchinbrook .....	60°16'18" N; 146°45'30" W ..	Northbound Only.
1B .....	Schooner Rock .....	Schooner Rock .....	60°18'42" N; 146°51'36" W ..	Southbound Only.
2A .....	Naked Island .....	Naked Island .....	60°40'00" N; 147°01'24" W ..	Northbound Only.
2B .....	Naked Island .....	Naked Island .....	60°40'00" N; 147°05'00" W ..	Southbound Only.
3A .....	Bligh Reef .....	Bligh Reef Light (Pilot Embark) .....	60°50'36" N; 146°57'30" W ..	Northbound Only.
3B .....	Bligh Reef .....	Bligh Reef Light (Pilot Disembark) .....	60°51'00" N; 147°01'24" W ..	Southbound Only.
4A .....	Rocky Point .....	Rocky Point .....	60°57'48" N; 146°47'30" W ..	Northbound Only.
4B .....	Rocky Point .....	Rocky Point .....	60°57'48" N; 146°50'00" W ..	Southbound Only.
5 .....	Entrance Island .....	Entrance Island Light .....	61°05'24" N; 146°37'30" W..	

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**§ 161.65 Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River.**

(a) The Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) area consists of navigable waters of the Lower Mississippi River (LMR) below 30°38.7' N 91°17.5' W (Port Hudson Light at 254.5 miles Above Head of Passes

(AHP)), the Southwest Pass, and those within a 12-nautical mile radius around 28°54.3' N 89°25.7' W (Southwest Pass Entrance Light at 20.1 miles Below Head of Passes).

(b) The Algiers Point VTS Special Area consists of the navigable waters