SUBJ: CHANGE OF ENFORCEMENT AREA FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL REGULATIONS IN PUGET SOUND

1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE BOUNDARY LINE ENFORCEMENT AREA FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS IN PUGET SOUND IS CHANGED. THIS CHANGE WILL AFFECT APPLICATION OF THE COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL INDUSTRY SAFETY ACT (CFVISA) REGULATIONS REGARDING REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE APPLIED TO THE VESSEL DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION WITH RESPECT TO THE BOUNDARY LINE.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF APPLYING THE CFVISA REGULATIONS, ALL U.S. WATERS EAST OF A LINE DRAWN NORTH FROM ANGELES POINT WILL BE CONSIDERED TO BE WITHIN THE BOUNDARY LINE. VESSELS IN THIS AREA MUST MEET ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR VESSELS OPERATING INSIDE THE BOUNDARY LINE. VESSELS WHICH OPERATE WESTWARD OF THIS LINE WILL BE CONSIDERED TO BE OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARY LINE AND MUST MEET ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR THIS AREA. AGAIN, THIS BOUNDARY LINE INTERPRETATION ONLY APPLIES TO COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS OPERATING IN THESE AREAS.

3. AN EXACT DESCRIPTION OF THE BOUNDARY LINE FOR THE CFVISA REGULATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:
A LINE DRAWN FROM THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF ANGELES POINT, AT A POSITION OF LATITUDE 48° 09' N, LONGITUDE 123° 33' W, TO A POINT MIDWAY BETWEEN THE LINE DRAWN TO RACE ROCK LIGHT, AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY, NORTHWEST ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY TO THE WEST SIDE OF POINT ROBERTS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; FROM ANGELES POINT TO LATITUDE 48° 13.5' N, LONGITUDE 123° 32.5' W, THEN NORTHEAST ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY 12 NM TO A POINT AT LATITUDE 48° 17' N, LONGITUDE 123° 15' W, THEN CONTINUING ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY FOR 10 NM
TO A POINT AT LATITUDE 48° 25.4' N, LONGITUDE 123° 07' W, THEN NORTHWEST 2.5 NM TO A POINT AT LATITUDE 48° 27.3' N, LONGITUDE 123° 10' W, THEN CONTINUING ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY 5.7 NM NORTHWEST TO A POINT AT LATITUDE 48° 32.5' N, LONGITUDE 123° 13' W, THEN CONTINUING 9 NM NORTHWEST ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY TO LATITUDE 48° 41.5' N, LONGITUDE 123° 15' W, THEN CONTINUING ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY NORTHEAST 11 NM TO A POINT AT LATITUDE 48° 46' N, LONGITUDE 123° 00.6' W, THEN NORTH ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY 4 NM TO LATITUDE 48° 50' N, LONGITUDE 123° 00.6' W, THEN 16.2 NM NORTHWEST TO LATITUDE 49° 00.2' N, LONGITUDE 123° 19.3' W, THEN 9.3 NM EAST ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY TO THE INTERSECTION OF BOUNDARY BLUFF ON THE WEST SIDE OF POINT ROBERTS AT LATITUDE 49° 00.2' N, LONGITUDE 123° 05.5' W.

4. COMMANDS ARE REQUESTED TO GIVE THIS MESSAGE WIDE DISSEMINATION ESPECIALLY TO BOARDING PERSONNEL. QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE MARINE SAFETY OFFICE PUGET SOUND FISHING VESSEL EXAMINER OR TO THE DISTRICT FISHING VESSEL SAFETY COORDINATOR, LCDR TOM ORZECH AT 206-220-7210