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## NOTICE OF SAFETY ZONE ESTABLISHMENT BY ORDER OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT PUGET SOUND, SEATTLE, WA

**SITUATION:** The Coast Guard established a temporary safety zone in the waters of Tacoma Narrows, Washington State. Entry into this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port (COTP) or his designated representative. This order is issued under the authority of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, Title 33, U. S. Code 1221 et. Seq., and the regulations issued thereunder, Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations Part 165.

**PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES:** The following area is a safety zone: All waters within the Tacoma Narrows Waterway, Washington State, 100 yards north and south of a line from point 47° 17' 04.08" North, 122° 33' 03.6" West to 47° 16' 31.38" North, 122° 31' 48.24" West. This area approximately consists of all waters of the Tacoma Narrows within 100-yards north and south of the existing power lines located approximately 1 NM north of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.

**REASON FOR ISSUANCE:** Power lines will be removed from power line towers on both banks of the Tacoma Narrows. The Coast Guard has determined it is necessary to close the area in the vicinity of the removal in order to protect watercraft and their occupants from the hazards associated with falling cable or other associated objects.

**ESTIMATED DURATION:** This safety zone will be in effect from 12:01 a.m. (PST) November 03, 2006 to 11:59 p.m. (PST) November 30, 2006, during times in which power line removal work is being conducted between the power line towers on both banks of the Tacoma Narrows or unless sooner cancelled by the COTP.

**SPECIAL RULES:** No person or vessel may enter, depart or transit this zone without prior authorization from the COTP or his designated representatives. Vessels and persons ordered to depart this safety zone by the COTP, or his representative, must do so without delay.

**REQUESTS TO ENTER THE ZONE:** Vessels may not navigate within the safety zone without prior approval from the COTP or his representatives. The Coast Guard will be monitoring Channel 14 VHF-FM for commercial vessels seeking movement authorization and Channel 21 VHF-FM for recreational vessels seeking movement authorization.

**PENALTIES:** The Ports and Waterways Safety Act prescribes that whoever violates an order issued under the act is liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$32,500 for each violation. Each day of continuing violation shall constitute a separate violation. If such a violation is willful, you are subject to a criminal penalty of not more than \$250,000 and/or six years imprisonment. This criminal penalty is classified as a class "D" felony under federal law.

**APPEALS:** Should you feel aggrieved by this safety zone, you may, under the procedures as prescribed in 33 CFR 160.7, appeal orally or in writing to the Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Jackson Federal Bldg., 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA 98174. However, if the initial appeal is made orally, a written submission is required within five days of the oral presentation. While any appeal request is pending all provisions of this safety zone remain in effect.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. P. Metruck".

S. P. METRUCK  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Captain of the Port, Puget Sound