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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2026-1405]

Security Zones; Protection of Military Cargo, Captain of the Port Zone Puget Sound, WA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce security zones for the Protection of Military Cargo from November 8 through November 12, 2026, to provide for the security of life and vessels on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for Protection of Military Cargo within the Captain of the Port Zone Puget Sound, WA identifies the security zones for this event in the Blair Waterway and Sitcum Waterway in Commencement Bay, WA. During the enforcement periods, the operator of any vessel in the regulated area must comply with directions from the Captain of the Port or a designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.1321 will be enforced for the security zones identified in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below for the dates and times specified**.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notification of enforcement, call or email LT Anthony Pinto, Sector Puget Sound Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 206-217-6051, email sectorpugetsoundWWM@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Coast Guard will enforce security zones in 33 CFR 165.1321 for the Blair Waterway Security Zone (33 CFR 165.1321(c)(1)) and the Sitcum Waterway Security Zone ((c)(2)), for military outloads from 12:01 a.m. on November 8, 2026, through 11:59 p.m. on November 12, 2026. This action is being taken to provide for the security of life and vessels on navigable waterways during this 5-day event. Our regulation for Protection of Military Cargo within the Captain of the Port Zone Puget Sound, WA, § 165.1321, specifies the location of the regulated area for the Military Outloads which encompasses portions of the Blair Waterway and Sitcum Waterway in Commencement Bay, WA. During the enforcement periods, as reflected in § 165.1321(d), if you are the operator of a vessel in the regulated area, you must comply with directions from the Captain of the Port or any Designated Representative to enter, move within, or exit the security zones. Vessels 20 meters or greater in length should seek permission from the COTP or a Designated Representative at least 4 hours in advance. Vessels less than 20 meters in length should seek permission at least 1 hour in advance. VTS Puget Sound may be reached on VHF channel 14.

In addition to this notification of enforcement in the *Federal Register*, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners.

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