

Appropriate tactical goals follow directly from the overarching strategic goals listed in Chapter 1. The tactical goals listed below describe more specific actions and methods desired which in many cases reflect the unique aspects of this region.

Vessels

- Ensure that inspected U.S. vessels are maintained in seaworthy condition
- Identify and eliminate substandard foreign-flagged ships from U.S. waters
- Ensure that passenger vessels within the zone meet all Coast Guard standards, and are maintained and manned appropriately
- Ensure that all tank vessels meet all the safety and pollution prevention standards and are manned and maintained properly
- Ensure all certificated vessels meet all pollution prevention standards, and pollution prevention equipment is maintained and operated properly
- Increase participation in the voluntary dockside exam program for fishing vessels
- Provide safety and emergency training to fishing industry personnel, including damage control procedures, factors influencing vessel stability, fixed fire extinguishing systems, helicopter rescue procedures, and use of dewatering pumps
- Improve the security of ferry vessels, small passenger vessel, and cruise ship operations in Puget Sound
- Establish effective plans and procedures to increase security in response to increased threat and/or risk levels
- Strengthen the intelligence, communication, and response networks among all stakeholders for passenger vessel operations in Puget Sound
- Reduce commercial fishing deaths, injuries and property damage associated with operations to levels approaching that of other commercial vessels

Port Safety and Security

Facility Inspections

- Ensure compliance with NVIC 4-02 through plan review and terminal inspections and drills
- Convene industry meetings to establish good communications prior to 2003 Cruise Season
- Ensure the secure embarkation and disembarkation of passengers on cruise ships in Puget Sound
- Update and reorganize facility communications
- Conduct the prescribed number of random security patrols to demonstrate USCG presence and to detect security lapses at affected facilities. In addition, patrol teams used to verify increased MARSEC levels
- Insure that all regulated facilities submit a written security plan based upon 33 CFR 105
- Conduct fire safety examinations, as per 33 CFR 126, of designated waterfront facilities, as needed
- Establish effective communication channels via email and telephone to advise facility security personnel of changes in MARSEC Levels
- Conduct public meeting to discuss expectations of affected waterfront facilities to meet objectives in NVIC 11-02. Coordinate site visits to observe the progress of implementation

Container and Hazardous Material Inspections

- Prevent oil spills through the monitoring of oil transfers for compliance with pollution prevention regulations
- Eliminate all spills and releases of oil and hazardous materials from lightering operations
- Prevent hazardous materials accidents by identifying non-compliance with the packaged hazardous materials shipping regulations, and deter the use of containers for the illegal importation of contraband (including undeclared hazardous materials, drugs, stolen cars, aliens, weapons of mass destruction)
- Monitoring the routes of hazardous material shipments to ensure that the cargo is passing through the proper facilities
- Support both national defense and maritime safety by ensuring that explosives are packaged, stowed and segregated in a manner that will minimize the possibility of an accidental detonation, so that the Department of Defense has the materials to conduct their operations

Waterways Management

- Work with Industry, Pilots Association, and District to establish Security zones for Large Passenger Vessels, and Tank ships
- Reduce the impact of hazards to navigation including derelict vessels, tribal net issues on the MTS
- Reduce the number of anchor dragging incidents occurring in deep draft vessel anchorages
- Facilitate order and predictability of traffic in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound thereby reducing the risk of marine casualties

- Reduce interruptions and impediments to efficient movement of goods and people, while maximizing recreational access to and enjoyment of the water
- Provide a seamless integrated traffic and waterway management system with the Canadian Coast Guard as part of the Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service (CVTS)
- Coordinate with other Traffic Centers to establish a unified traffic information system with interoperable capabilities to enable expansion of our partnerships with stakeholders, as well as Federal, State and local government agencies

Personnel

- Ensure that those employed aboard U.S. merchant vessels are properly qualified and certificated to serve in various shipboard positions ranging from ordinary deck seaman or engine room wiper, to that of Master or Chief Engineer
- Ensure that marine employers have a drug-testing program in place to identify drug users and remove them from service
- Identify merchant mariner negligence, misconduct, incompetence, and dangerous drug use for application of appropriate remedial action

Casualties

- Mitigate injuries to people and damage to property and the environment through swift response to marine casualties to help ensure salvage and recovery efforts are undertaken with minimal risk and the highest regard for safety
- Identify the human performance, equipment, and environmental causal factors associated with marine casualties so that appropriate action may be taken to address those factors and prevent repeat casualties
- Minimize the harm to public health, safety, and the environment posed by oil spills and hazardous materials incidents by investigating the cause of oil spills and monitoring cleanup operations

Planning

- Develop strategic plans to guide the response to the widely varied port emergencies
- Develop partnerships with port stakeholders, and federal, state and local agencies to develop a port response network to further enhance our ability to effectively respond to port emergencies
- Facilitate development of working relations with new partner agencies within the Department of Homeland Security to help accomplish common safety and security responsibilities
- Work with Port Security Committees and other resources in AOR to ensure Security Communications

Maritime Security

- Reduce the vulnerability of the marine transportation system to intentional harm from military, criminal, or terrorist acts
- Monitor the location and operation of vessels in U.S. waters identified as security threats
- Provide a Coast Guard presence throughout the port, to provide a deterrent to terrorist activity, gather intelligence, and assess security measures