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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SEVERE WEATHER

Adverse weather can rapidly and severely escalate risk to the safety of vessels and waterfront facilities in Dutch Harbor and along the Aleutian Islands. In a continuing effort to reduce such risk and prevent marine casualties, I promulgated the *2009-2010 Operating Procedures for Severe Weather in the Aleutian Islands and Pribilof Islands*.

These procedures define severe weather as: sustained winds that exceed 45 knots, wind gusts that exceed 60 knots, a "winter storm warning" by the National Weather Service, or any combination of the three. This definition is now under review to determine whether the 45 knot threshold should be lowered to 35 knots.

I invite the public to comment on the 45 knot threshold, as well as the operating procedures in general to see how they might be improved.

Please submit comments by April 30, 2010 to LT Karen Denny at (907) 581-3466, or by email: karen.denny@uscg.mil.

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