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Notice of Availability for Policy on Safety Requirements and Manning Exemption Eligibility on Distant Water Tuna Fleet Vessels Published

Today the U.S. Coast Guard announced the publication of a Federal Register Notice announcing a final policy on Safety Requirements and Manning Eligibility on Distant Water Tuna Fleet Vessels. The effective date of the policy is July 1, 2011. The letter provides guidance to District and Sector offices regarding vessel eligibility for a manning exemption letter to temporarily fill a licensed position with a foreign citizen (excluding the master) on Distant Water Tuna Fleet (DWTF) vessels if no United States citizens are readily available. Additionally, the policy letter clarifies safety examination requirements and reiterates certain safety requirements already in effect for Distant Water Tuna Fleet vessels.

A draft version of this policy letter was made available via a notice of availability published in January 2011. Comments received on the draft policy letter were considered. The changes made in the final policy letter announced today are included in the new Notice of Availability.

The Federal Register notice and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2010-1146.

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