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## Regulated Navigation Areas; Bars along the Coasts of Oregon and Washington Interim Rule Published

The Coast Guard today announced *Federal Register* publication of an Interim Final Rule that amends certain provisions in 33 CFR 177- Correction of Especially Hazardous Conditions that have been superseded by 33 CFR § 165.1325 – Regulated Navigation Areas (RNAs); Bars Along the Coasts of Oregon and Washington. The amendments remove confusion as to which safety requirements apply to recreational vessels, uninspected passenger vessels, small passenger vessels, and commercial fishing vessels when operating within the regulated navigation areas. After the Coast Guard published a final rule on November 17, 2009, the regulatory provisions contained in 33 CFR §165.1325 effectively consolidated all of the requirements for operating on or near these bars, rendering 33 CFR § 177.07(f) and 33 CFR §177.08 obsolete. Today's interim rule removes these obsolete provisions from the Code of Federal Regulations.

The Interim Rule and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number: USCG-2013-0216. The Coast Guard will accept public comments on the interim rule until Sept. 9, 2013.

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