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Strait of Juan de Fuca Traffic Separation Schemes Final Rule Published

The Coast Guard announced today Federal Register publication of a final rule on traffic separation schemes in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and its approaches, Puget Sound and its approaches, Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, and the Strait of Georgia.

This rulemaking modifies the configuration of shipping lanes used to help manage traffic bound for Canada and the United States through the Strait of Juan de Fuca and adjacent waters bordering northern Washington State. The new coordinates described in the final rule are consistent with the limits of the traffic separation scheme currently shown on navigation charts and described in the "United States Coast Pilot." Compliance with these rules is voluntary and recommended.

The final rule and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2002-12702.

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