



SURVIVAL FACTORS GROUP
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ATTACHMENT 9
ENFORCEMENT OF SAFETY ZONE COAST GUARD

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Bridge Collapse
Mount Vernon, WA; 05/23/2013

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NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT OF SAFETY ZONE; SKAGIT RIVER BRIDGE, SKAGIT RIVER, MOUNT VERNON, WA

SITUATION: The Coast Guard is establishing a safety zone around the Skagit River Bridge located in Mount Vernon, WA. This action is necessary to protect vessels and persons from dangers associated with the collapse of the Skagit River Bridge and to ensure the safety of the emergency response, salvage, and construction crews on scene. The safety zone will prohibit any person or vessel from entering or remaining in the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or his Designated Representative.

PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES: The Coast Guard is establishing a safety zone encompassing all waters on the Skagit River, Mount Vernon, Washington enclosed by the follow points: 48° 26'41"N, 122° 20'35"W; thence north to 48° 26'46"N, 122° 20'35"W; thence east along the shoreline to 48° 26'44"N, 122° 20'20"W; thence south to 48° 26'41"N, 122° 20'20"W; thence west back to the point of origin.

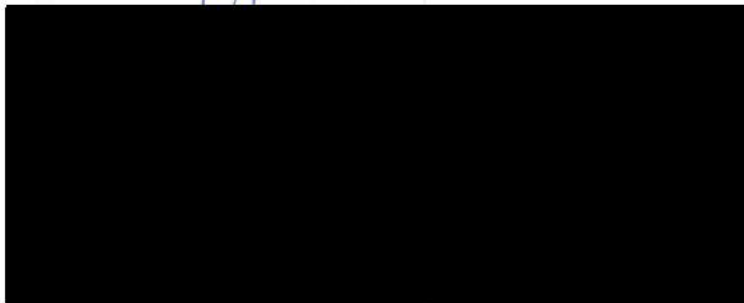
REASON FOR ISSUANCE: On May 23, 2013 at approximately 7:00 p.m. the Skagit River Bridge collapsed. When Skagit County and Snohomish County responders arrived on scene they witnessed three partially submerged automobiles and floating bridge debris in the Skagit River. The safety zone created by this rule is necessary to help ensure the safety of maritime public and personnel involved in response, salvage, and restoration operations.

DURATION: This rule is effective from 12:00 p.m. on May 24, 2013 until 11:59 a.m. on June 24, 2013.

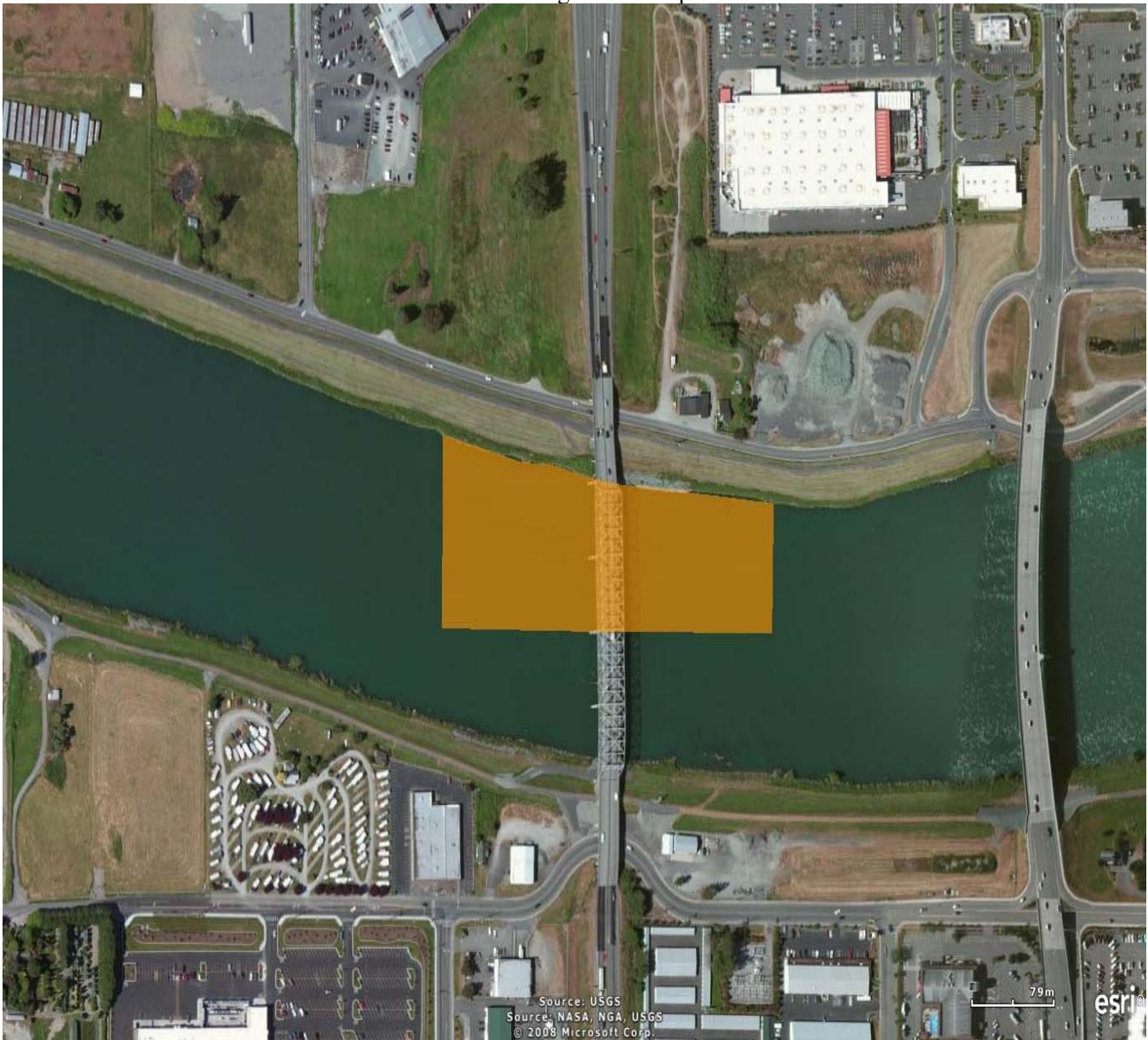
REQUESTS TO ENTER THE ZONE: In accordance with the general regulations in 33 CFR 165, Subpart C, vessels wishing to enter the zone must request permission for entry by contacting the Joint Harbor Operation Center at 206-217-6001 or the on-scene patrol craft on VHF-FM CH13. Once permission for entry is granted vessels must proceed at a minimum speed for safe navigation.

PENALTIES: The Ports and Waterways Safety Act prescribes that whoever violates an order issued under the act is liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$40,000 for each violation. Each day of continuing violation shall constitute a separate violation. If such a violation is willful, you are subject to a criminal penalty of not more than \$250,000 and/or six years imprisonment under federal law, 33 U.S.C. 1232.

APPEALS: Should you feel aggrieved by this safety zone, you may, under the procedures as prescribed in 33 CFR 160.7, appeal orally or in writing to the Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Jackson Federal Bldg., 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA 98174. However, if the initial appeal is made orally, a written submission is required within five days of the oral presentation. While any appeal request is pending all provisions of this safety zone remain in effect.



****Not for Navigational Purposes****



You are hereby directed to remain clear of this safety zone while it is in effect. If you violate this safety zone you may be subject to the following penalties:

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