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# Public Notice

## Enlargement of a Naval Restricted Area

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### CORPS OF ENGINEERS ENLARGES A NAVAL RESTRICTED AREA IN WATERS SURROUNDING NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE BANGOR

**NOTIFICATION** — Interested parties are hereby notified that the Corps of Engineers has granted a request by the U.S. Navy to enlarge the existing naval restricted area (RA) in the waters of Hood Canal fronting the Naval Submarine Base at Bangor, Washington. We have enlarged the RA by amending 33 CFR 334.1220 as described below and as shown on the enclosed depiction.

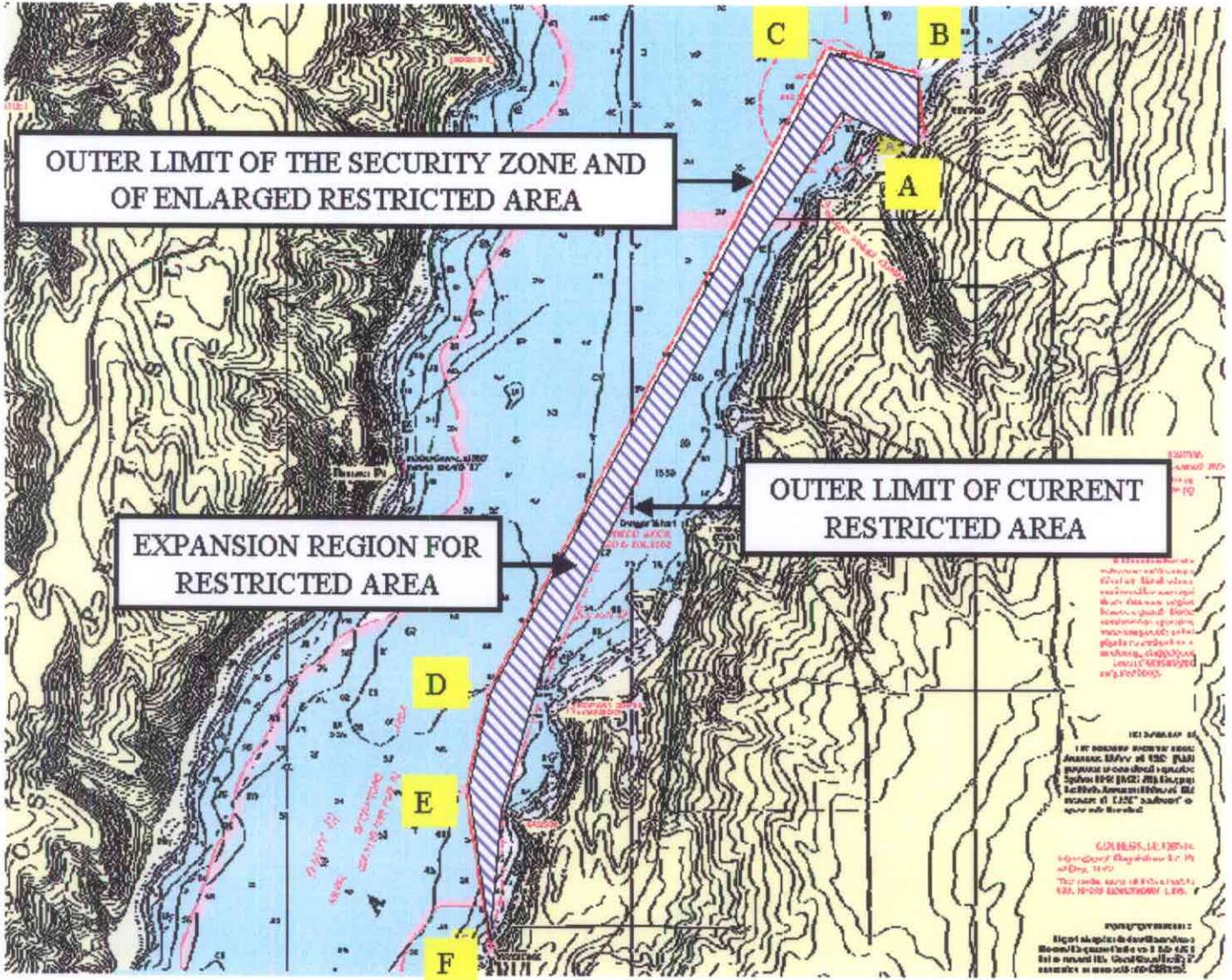
On 24 June 2002, the Seattle District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Seattle District) circulated a public notice advertising the U.S. Navy's request to enlarge a naval restricted area around Naval Submarine Base Bangor. The request was handled in accordance with Section 7 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1917 and Chapter XIX of the Army Appropriation Act of 1919, under procedures listed at 33 CFR 334. On 30 September 2002, the Seattle District recommended establishment of the restricted area to Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Headquarters). Headquarters made the decision to enlarge the restricted area, and notice of the Final Rule (33 CFR 334.1215) was published in the Federal Register on January 5, 2004.

Within the waters of Hood Canal, the designation enlarges the previously established RA along 3 miles of the Naval Submarine Base Bangor shoreline. Near the area used for submarine moorage, the previously established RA restricted unauthorized vessels or persons from coming within 300 yards of the berthing areas. This revision restricts unauthorized vessels or persons from coming within 500 yards of the berthing area, and lesser but still extended distances elsewhere along the base's shoreline. At its narrowest point along the length of the RA, Hood Canal is over a mile wide. With the enlarged naval restricted area implemented, over 1400 yards of deep water would remain in the center and western thirds of Hood Canal, sufficient for the unimpeded passage of all vessels typically using the area.

With publication of the Final Rule in the Federal Register on January 5, 2004 establishment of the naval restricted area will be effective 30 days later, on February 4, 2004.

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Navigation Chart Excerpt  
Amended text of 33 CFR 334.1220

Only Area 1 is highlighted below. Area 2, a 1000-yard diameter circular area, is unchanged by this amendment. Area 2 has its circumference overlain with Point C at the top of the graphic below.



Purpose: increase protection of Navy assets moored at Naval Submarine Base Bangor.  
 Datum: North American Datum 1983

Proposed: Enlarge Naval restricted Area In: Hood Canal  
 At: Naval Submarine Base Bangor Kitsap County, Washington  
 Request by Navy Region Northwest

Date: January 7, 2004

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WORDING OF THE RESTRICTED AREA REGULATIONS —

**PART 334-DANGER ZONE AND RESTRICTED AREA REGULATIONS**

§ 334.1220 is amended to read as follows:

§ 334.1220 Hood Canal, Bangor; naval restricted areas.

(a) Hood Canal, Bangor; Naval restricted areas—

(1) Area No. 1. That area bounded by a line commencing on the east shore of Hood Canal at latitude 47 deg.46'18" N, longitude 122 deg.42'18" W; thence latitude 47 deg.46'32" N, longitude 122 deg.42'20" W; thence to latitude 47 deg.46'38" N, longitude 122 deg.42'52" W; thence to latitude 47 deg.44'15" N, longitude 122 deg.44'50" W; thence to latitude 47 deg.43'53" N, longitude 122 deg.44'58" W; thence to latitude 47 deg.43'17" N, longitude 122 deg.44'49" W.

(2) Area No. 2. Waters of Hood Canal within a circle of 1,000 yards diameter centered on a point located at latitude 47 deg.46'26" N, longitude 122 deg.42'49" W.

(3) The regulations--(i) Area No. 1. No person or vessel shall enter this area without permission from the Commander, Submarine Base Bangor, or his/her authorized representative.

(ii) Area No. 2. (A) The area will be used intermittently by the Navy for magnetic silencing operations.

(B) Use of any equipment such as anchors, grapnels, etc., which may foul underwater installations within the restricted area, is prohibited at all times.

(C) Dumping of any nonbuoyant objects in this area is prohibited.

(D) Navigation will be permitted within that portion of this circular area not lying within Area No. 1 at all times except when magnetic silencing operations are in progress.

(E) When magnetic silencing operations are in progress, use of the area will be indicated by display of quick flashing red beacons on the pier located in the southeast quadrant of the area.

(4) Enforcement. The regulations in this subsection shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Submarine Base Bangor, or his/her authorized representative.