

TABLE NO. 4.—LEASE PREFIXES AND MMS-DESIGNATED AREAS—Continued

MMS-designated areas	Lease prefixes
Wind River Reservation	502, 535, 634.

Dated: December 30, 1999.

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Associate Director for Royalty Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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**Drawbridge Operating Regulation;
Black River, Wisconsin**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Temporary Deviation from Regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Drawbridge, Mile 1.0, Black River at LaCrosse, Wisconsin. This deviation allows the drawbridge to remain closed to navigation for 59 days from January 3, 2000 to March 1, 2000. This action is required to allow the bridge owner time for preventive maintenance in the winter, when there is less impact on navigation.

DATES: This deviation is effective from January 3, 2000 to March 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger K. Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, Commander (obr), Eighth Coast Guard District, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103-2832, (314) 539-3900, extension 378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Bridge has a vertical clearance of 17.0 feet above low water and 4.0 feet above high water in the closed to navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial tows. This deviation has been coordinated with the commercial waterway industry. No one objected to the proposed deviation.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has requested a temporary deviation from the normal operation of the bridge to remove mechanical devices for refurbishing.

The deviation is for the period January 3, 2000 to March 3, 2000. This temporary deviation allows the draw of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Bridge to remain in the close-to-navigation position for 59 days. The drawbridge operation regulation normally requires that the drawbridge open on signal if at least two hours notice is given.

Dated: December 27, 1999.

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Captain, USCG, Acting District Commander,
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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**Drawbridge Operations Regulations;
Columbia River, OR**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is changing the operating regulations for the dual Interstate 5 drawbridges across the Columbia River, mile 106.5, between Vancouver, WA, and Portland, OR. The amendment simplifies the operating regulations by removing the river level and vessel types as schedule factors and establishes a single schedule during which the draw spans need not be opened for the passage of vessels from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday except federal holidays.

DATES: This rule is effective February 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket CGD13-99-011 and are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Commander(oan), Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98174-1067, room 3510 between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John E. Mikesell, Chief, Plans and Programs Section, Aids to Navigation and Waterways Management Branch, Telephone (206) 220-7272.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

On June 29, 1999, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking entitled Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Columbia River, Oregon, in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 34748). We received two letters commenting on the proposed rulemaking. No public hearing was requested and none was held.

Background

The purpose of this rule is to streamline the operating regulations by removing the various periods when the dual lift spans need not open for vessels and replacing them with a single schedule, Monday through Friday, for all vessels. This rule does not change the operation of the draw spans on weekends and federal holidays, when openings on signal are provided.

The current operating regulations are dependent upon river level measured by the gauge at the bridges. The hours during which the bridges need not open for navigation are presently changed whenever the river level is at 6 feet or above. This rule removes river level as a schedule factor to streamline the regulations to an easily remembered and administered schedule of operation. This rule applies uniformly to all types of navigation, no longer distinguishing between commercial and recreational vessels.

Discussion of Comments and Changes

The Coast Guard received two letters in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking. One letter objected to the lack of distinction between commercial and recreational traffic in the proposed regulation. The respondent wished this distinction to be retained. This distinction is not necessary for operation of the draws and is not in keeping with current Coast Guard policy for the operation of drawbridges. The proposal was not incorporated in the final rule. A second letter, from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), owner of the dual bridges, persuaded the District Commander to drop the proposed one-hour notice requirement for all draw openings