

Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal (MARCO Portal) Metadata:

Potential Shipping Safety Fairways Along the Atlantic Coast

Description:

On June 19, 2020, the USCG issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking seeking comments regarding the possible establishment of shipping safety fairways along the Atlantic Coast of the U.S. identified in the Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study (ACPARS). This potential system of fairways is intended to ensure that traditional navigation routes are kept free from obstructions that could impact navigation safety.

The ACPARS identified nine primary navigation safety corridors that may be suitable for designation as fairways. Three of these are coastwise primary navigation safety corridors which would most likely be used by smaller and slower moving vessels. Initial evaluations suggest that the highest conflict between transiting vessels and alternative undertakings in offshore regions—such as resource exploration and development, production of renewable energy, environmental preservation and protection, and resource conservation and defense—are likely to occur in these near-coast regions. Six offshore fairways were also recommended in the ACPARS final report. The offshore fairways are most likely to be used by larger and faster-moving deep-draft vessels.

Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before August 18, 2020.

Federal Register:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/06/19/2020-12910/shipping-safety-fairways-along-the-atlantic-coast>

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