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Southeast Alaska Marine Firefighting Community:

This letter promulgates the Southeast Alaska (SEAK) Marine Firefighting Contingency Plan (enclosed) for the Southeast Alaska Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone as defined in Title 33 Part 3.85-10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (33 CFR §3.85-10). The COTP developed this Plan in consultation with the Southeast Alaska Marine Firefighting Committee (see enclosed Charter). This Plan is for use by federal, state, local, and tribal governments, maritime industry partners, and any other port stakeholders with a need for firefighting contingency planning information.

This plan was developed under the authority of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act of 1972 (PWSA) (Title 33 of the United States Code, Section 1221 [33 USC §1221 et seq], and 33 CFR §109.07) and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) (33 USC §4202 and 40 CFR 300). The PWSA authorizes the COTP to restrict foreign and domestic vessel movements and port operations while operating in the Navigable waters of the United States, and OPA 90 mandates the development of Area Contingency Plans, to include firefighting equipment. These statutes, in addition to the Coast Guard's traditional jurisdiction and authority to render aid to distressed persons and vessels (42 USC 88 (b)), provide the foundation for the Coast Guard's coordinating activities.

The SEAK Marine Firefighting Contingency Plan provides a regional port-level framework for a unified and coordinated response to marine fire incident preparedness. The plan complements required facility and vessel response plans but does not relieve vessel/facility owners/operators of their ultimate responsibility for the safety of vessels/facilities under their control. This Plan is a living document and is subject to updates every three (3) years. Revisions should be submitted for approval and promulgation by the SEAK Marine Firefighting Committee to the COTP for final approval.

Sincerely,

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2 Enclosures