

District Eleven (D11) and District Thirteen (D13) are collaboratively conducting a “Pacific Coast – Port Access Route Study” (PAC-PARS).

Public comment is critical to the Coast Guard’s effort to provide services in the final analysis of the PAC-PARS. Please see the links on the back of this pamphlet to submit your comment.



Harbor Safety Committees are a great opportunity to discuss waterway management practices with the Coast Guard.



Access to the study can be found by scanning the QR Code at the bottom of this flyer, or visit:

<https://www.regulations.gov>

And search the docket number:

“USCG-2021-0345”

Questions or concerns can be sent to:

PACPARS@USCG.MIL

Please submit all official comments to the docket above.
Comments and related material must be received on or before 25 January, 2022.

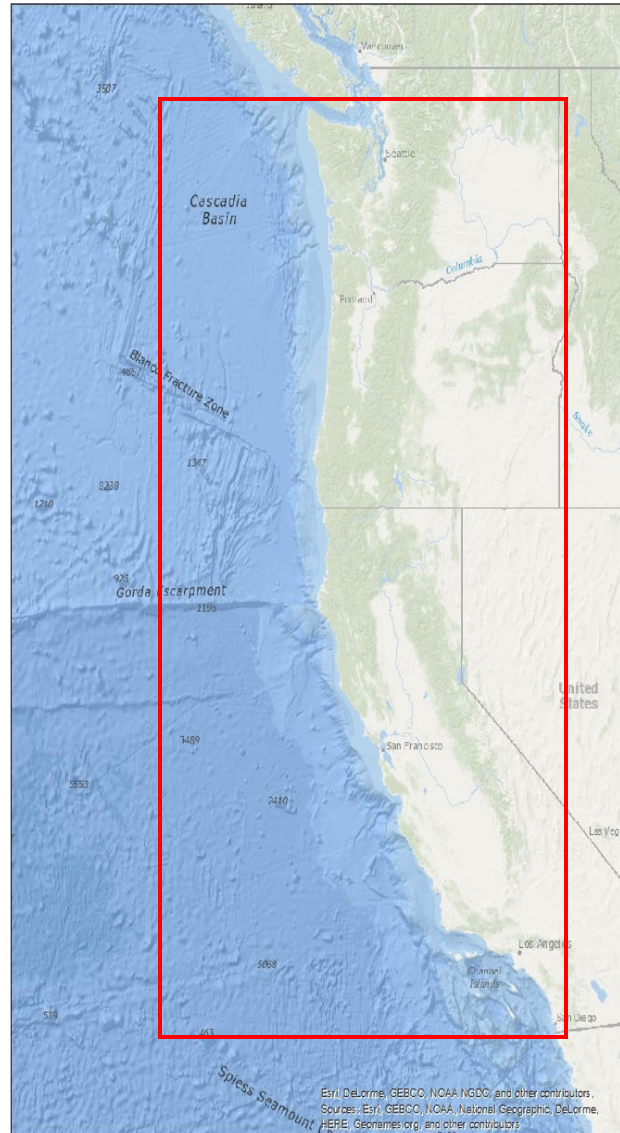
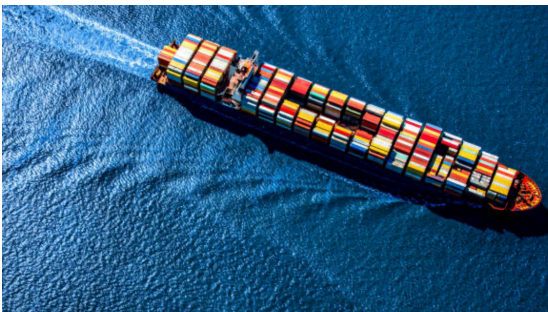
PACIFIC COAST PORT ACCESS ROUTE STUDY (PAC-PARS)



What is the Pacific Coast Port Access Route Study (PAC-PARS)?

The PAC-PARS is a study through the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to evaluate the usage of coastal waterways by vessel tracking data as well as the public's comment. The study is a required process to determine if current navigation protocols are adequate for existing and future traffic levels.

The PAC-PARS will be the first comprehensive evaluation of all vessel traffic patterns that utilize the Pacific Coast waterways outside of California, Oregon, and Washington.



What is prompting the PAC-PARS study?

Vessel traffic, offshore renewable energy infrastructure, aquaculture, and commercial and government rocket testing are a few changes occurring along the West Coast. The USCG is conducting a study on navigational conditions for coastal and outer-continental shelf transits. The USCG wants to ensure that safe navigation can be maintained as development continues.

The study will provide a baseline to assist with future determinations of waterway suitability for current and future waterway needs.

What areas are we looking into?

The primary ports of the Pacific Coast Port Access Route Study (PAC-PARS) are: San Diego, CA, Los Angeles/Long Beach, CA, San Francisco, CA, Humboldt Bay, CA, Coos Bay, OR, Yaquina Bay, OR, Astoria, OR, Grays Harbor, WA, and Puget Sound, WA.