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From: Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District  
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Subj: DESIGNATION OF FRESH WATER SERVICE AREAS FOR DRYDOCK  
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EIGHTH DISTRICT

1. The Code of Federal Regulations provides various drydock intervals for all inspected vessels based on time spent in fresh and salt water areas.
2. Enclosure (1) identifies fresh and salt water delineations for the 8<sup>th</sup> District OCMI zones so OCMI's can properly evaluate fresh water versus salt water service to determine required drydocking intervals for Certificated vessels.

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C. T. DESMOND  
By direction

Encl: (1) Eighth Coast Guard District Fresh/Salt Water designated service areas

Dist: All Eighth District MSOs, MSU, and MSDs

1. The following areas, within the OCMI zone noted, are considered Fresh Water for inspection purposes:

MSO Port Arthur

- a. All of the Intracoastal Waterway.
- b. All of the Mermantau River north of the mouth.
- c. All of the Calcasieu River north of the northern end of the entrance jetties.
- d. All of the Sabine River north of the northern end of the entrance jetties.

MSO Houston

- a. Galveston Bay above buoys 59 & 70 of the Houston Ship Channel.
- b. Bayport Channel
- c. Five Mile Cut
- d. Barbours Cut
- e. Cedar Bayou
- f. San Jacinto Bay
- g. Goose Creek
- h. San Jacinto River
- i. Mitchell Bay
- j. Carpenter Bayou
- k. Tucker Bayou
- l. Jacintoport
- m. Boggy Bayou Basin
- n. Greens Bayou
- o. Cotton Patch Bayou
- p. Hunting Bayou
- q. Sims Bayou
- r. Harrisburg Bend

- s. Brays Bayous
- t. Houston Turning Basin
- u. Buffalo Bayou
- v. Houston Ship Channel above buoys 69 & 70

MSU Galveston

- a. none

MSO Corpus Christi

- a. none

MSO Mobile

- a. GIWW EHL
  - (1) Mile 154-160
  - (2) Mile 254-271
  - (3) Mile 307-360
- b. Wakulla river inland of Three mile Pt.
- c. Apalachicola River inland of mile 350 EHL GIWW
- d. Escambia and East Bays, FL
- e. Mobile River inland of Comynie Bay
- f. Back Bay Biloxi inland of L & N RR Bridge

2. For the sake of simplicity, **all** waters in the MSO Morgan City and MSO New Orleans areas are considered *fresh* water with the **exception** of the following *salt water areas*:

MSO New Orleans

- a. All of Barataria Bay including all of Creole Bay, Hackberry Bay, Mud Lake, Wilkinson Bay, Bay Chene Fleur, Bay Jimmy, Bay Baptiste, Bayou Dulac, Bay San Bois, and Lake Grande Esaille.
- b. All waters inside an area bounded by the Freeport Sulfur Company Canal, the Westbank of the Mississippi River, and a line drawn due south from Fort Jackson to the Gulf of Mexico.
- c. Bayou Portage, MS

- d. East Pearl River inland of L & N RR Bridge
- e. East Bay
- f. West Bay
- g. Garden Island
- h. Chandeleur Sound
- i. All waters east of a line drawn from Ymeloskay, Louisiana, on the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet south to Bohemia, Louisiana, excluding the Mississippi River.
- j. All waters seaward of the Intracoastal Waterway east from the point where the ICW intersects the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet; all of Lake Borgne; all of Mississippi Sound; the Rigolets; and Lake Catherine. (NOTE: The ICW itself is considered freshwater.)

MSO Morgan City

- a. Gulf of Mexico
- b. Vermilion Bay
- c. Weeks Bay
- d. West Cote Blanche Bay
- e. East Cote Blanche Bay
- f. Atchafalaya Bay
- g. All waters south of a line drawn from Eugene Island Lighthouse east to Bassa on the western side of Baratavia Bay, including all of Atchafalaya Bay.