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## CAPTAIN OF THE PORT, WESTERN ALASKA NAVIGATION SAFETY ADVISORY

Cold temperatures are causing a buildup of ice in lower Cook Inlet. To assist mariners with the dangers posed by ice and winter weather conditions, we are implementing Condition A of the Operating Guidelines for Ice Conditions in Lower Cook Inlet, **effective February 1, 2021**, of the Operating *Guidelines* for Ice Conditions in Cook Inlet signed November 5, 2020. Condition A specifies that there is ice present with no immediate impact to mooring and represents the lowest severity of ice present in lower Cook Inlet.

The National Weather Service (NWS) Cook Inlet Sea Ice analysis:

<https://www.weather.gov/afc/ice>

All vessels scheduled to arrive in Cook Inlet north of Homer, Alaska must submit a voyage plan no less than 24 hours prior to arrival at the Kachemak Bay Pilot Station. We have posted the *Guidelines* referenced above to the Sector Anchorage Homeport webpage. The Voyage Plan template is Enclosure (3) of the *Guidelines*.

Sector Anchorage Homeport webpage:

[https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/western-alaska-\(anchorage\)](https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/western-alaska-(anchorage))

While use of the voyage plan template is not mandatory, your voyage plan must include all information listed in the template. Voyage plans must be e-mailed to [Sector.Anchorage@uscg.mil](mailto:Sector.Anchorage@uscg.mil). Based on information in your voyage plan, we will determine if the vessel needs an exam prior to entry into Cook Inlet and will notify the submitter if an exam is required. Vessel agents can coordinate with Marine Safety Detachment Homer at (907) 235-3292 to schedule an exam.

Please direct questions regarding this advisory or the *Guidelines* referenced above to the Sector Anchorage Waterways Management Division at (907) 428-4189 or after hours at (907) 428-4100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L. M. Lusk".

L. M. LUSK  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
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