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WATERWAYS ANALYSIS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (WAMS) STUDY: ST JOHNS RIVER TO JACKSONVILLE HARBOR- FLORIDA

The U.S. Coast Guard is initiating a WAMS study of the St Johns River to Jacksonville Harbor commencing January 1, 2010, to March 31, 2010. This study will target navigable waters from the St. Johns Lighted Entrance Buoy inbound to downtown Jacksonville. WAMS studies are conducted periodically to better facilitate safe and effective navigation.

This study will examine the effectiveness of Aids to Navigation (ATON) with a focus on the following:

- The overall effectiveness aids, traffic patterns, and waterway being used;
- Waterways markings in accordance with most recent Army Corps of Engineer surveys;
- Appropriateness of aids being used (size, type, lighted or unlighted);
- Need for aids to be added or removed from certain areas;
- Adequacy of aids' signal displays;
- Accuracy of navigational publications and charts.

We encourage interested parties to provide comments on existing ATON and recommendations for the establishment of new aids in the area covered by this study. Please submit WAMS comments, information and/or recommendations to CWO3 Steve McDonnell of the Waterways Management Division by March 31, 2010 at (904) 564-7565, via e-mail at steven.d.mcdonnell@uscg.mil, or mail at the above address (Attention: CWO McDonnell).

We anticipate conducting WAMS studies for the ports of Fernandina and Canaveral later in calendar year 2010 and will send out additional MSIB regarding those studies at the appropriate time.

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