

Alaskan Arctic Coast Port Access Route Study (AACPARS)



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Background



- ▶ On **21 Dec 2018** U.S. Coast Guard opened a 8-month comment period on the AACPARS
- ▶ Comment period ends **1 Sep 2019**
- ▶ Area of study includes Northern coast of Alaska from Point Hope to US/Canada EEZ



Goals of AACPARS

- ▶ Reduce Environmental Impact
- ▶ Reduce Maritime Accidents
- ▶ Reduce Oil Spills
- ▶ Reduce Marine Mammal Strikes
- ▶ Increase Waterway Safety
- ▶ Increase Predictability of Navigation
- ▶ Increase Waterway Efficiency



PARS Process

Federal Register Notice

Public Comment (21 Dec 2018 – 1 Sep 2019)



Port Access Route Study

Vessel Traffic, Marine Environmental, Mandatory or Voluntary, AtoN Considerations



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Public Comment (on PARS recommendations)



US Interagency Group

Departments of State, Defense, and Commerce



Joint US-Canada Proposal Negotiations



International Maritime Organization



Areas of Interest

- ▶ 1. Times/Locations where vessel operations could cause significant consequences to species of concern, subsistence activities, or marine mammal migration routes
- ▶ 2. Areas of known biological importance (i.e. Hanna Shoal)
- ▶ 3. Times/Locations of current & expected future subsistence activity
- ▶ 4. Areas identified or expected to have high potential for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) resource development
- ▶ 5. Onshore areas of particular environmental concern
- ▶ 6. Areas where extreme weather/ice conditions that could impact navigation are expected to be present
- ▶ 7. Prevailing wind/current patterns & how they might change in the future depending on varying sea ice coverage
- ▶ 8. Specific habitat characteristics that tend to attract higher concentrations of marine mammals



Competing Demands

- ▶ Subsistence Hunting
- ▶ Oil and Gas Industry
- ▶ Offshore Oil/Gas Leases
- ▶ Environmental Concerns
- ▶ Tribes
- ▶ Village Corporations
- ▶ U.S. Coast Guard
- ▶ State/Local Government
- ▶ Canada
- ▶ Non-Governmental Agencies
- ▶ Regional Corporations
- ▶ Eco Tourism
- ▶ Defense & Security

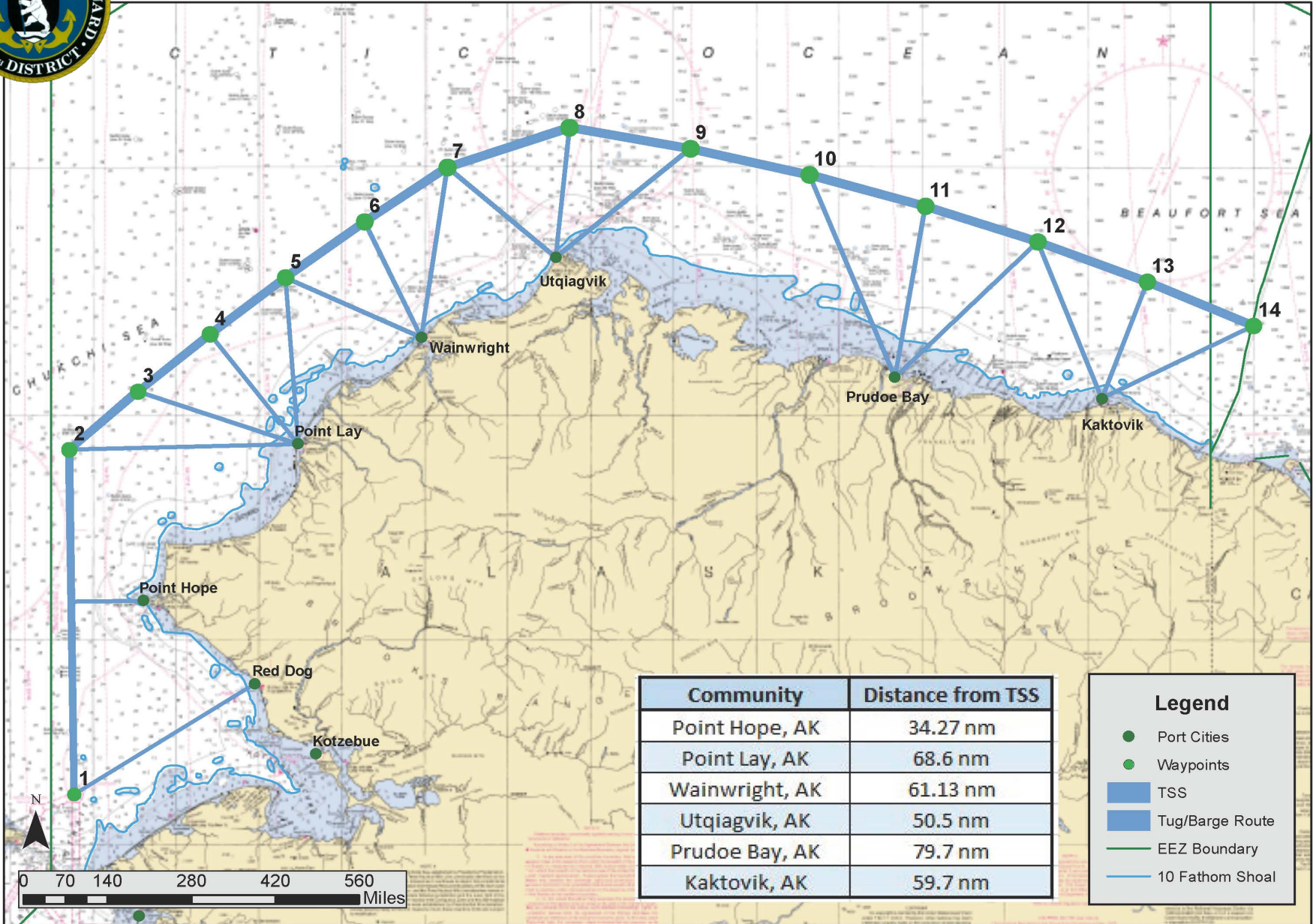


Conceptual Ship Routing Measures

- ▶ Example route is highlighted by the blue line located approximately 50 miles offshore, except in the vicinity of Point Hope, AK, and is a continuation of the Bering Strait Routing Measure with the spirit and intent of the Conflict Avoidance Agreement taken into consideration
- ▶ The outlined shoal indicates depths of 10 fathoms or less.



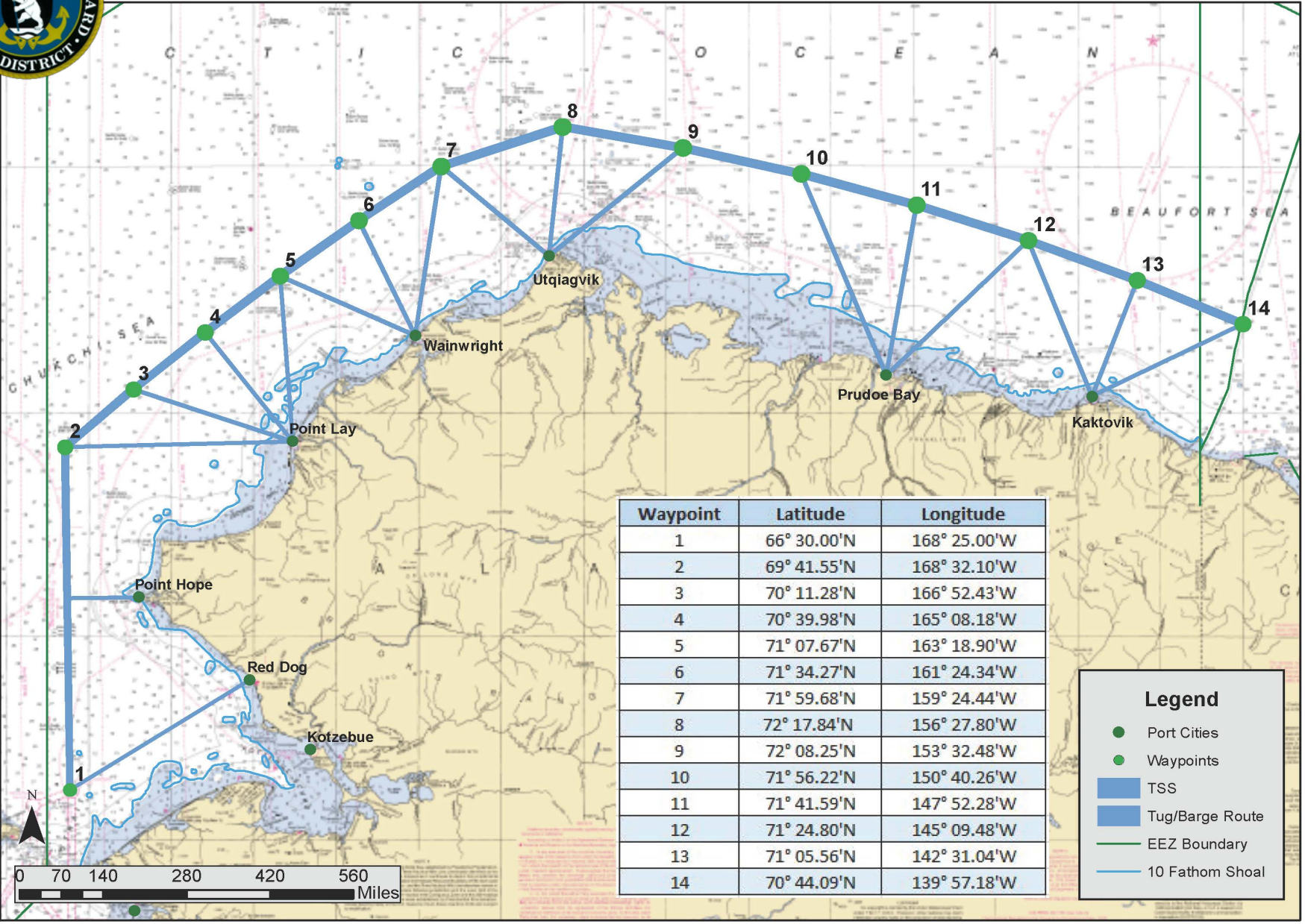
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Waypoint	Latitude	Longitude
1	66° 30.00'N	168° 25.00'W
2	69° 41.55'N	168° 32.10'W
3	70° 11.28'N	166° 52.43'W
4	70° 39.98'N	165° 08.18'W
5	71° 07.67'N	163° 18.90'W
6	71° 34.27'N	161° 24.34'W
7	71° 59.68'N	159° 24.44'W
8	72° 17.84'N	156° 27.80'W
9	72° 08.25'N	153° 32.48'W
10	71° 56.22'N	150° 40.26'W
11	71° 41.59'N	147° 52.28'W
12	71° 24.80'N	145° 09.48'W
13	71° 05.56'N	142° 31.04'W
14	70° 44.09'N	139° 57.18'W

Legend

- Port Cities
- Waypoints
- TSS
- Tug/Barge Route
- EEZ Boundary
- 10 Fathom Shoal

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The Way Ahead

- ▶ Flyer Distribution
 - ▶ Validate Conceptual Route
- ▶ Update to Federal Register Notice
- ▶ Suggestions?



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