



# Alaskan Arctic Coast Port Access Route Study (AACPARS)

PROPOSED VESSEL ROUTE

## Coast Guard Solicits Comments

### FULL DETAILS

All comments received to date and a chart showing the proposed two-way route can be downloaded from:

<http://www.regulations.gov>

Type "USCG-2018-1058" into search bar and press "search".

Click "Open Docket Folder".

All comments and associated documents will be displayed.

### Goals of AACPARS

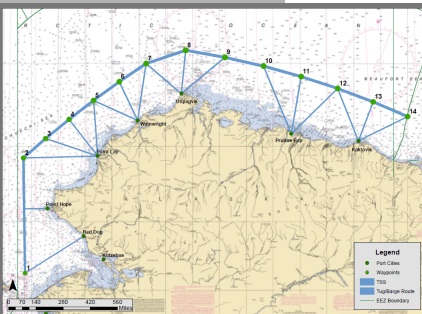
- Reduce Impact on Environment
- Reduce Maritime Accidents
- Reduce Oil Spills
- Reduce Marine Mammal Strikes
- Increase Safety on Waterway.
- Increase Navigation Predictability
- Increase Efficiency of Waterway

On 21 December 2018 the Coast Guard opened a 8-month comment period on the Alaskan Arctic Coast Port Access Route Study (AACPARS). Anticipating a potential increase in vessel traffic, the Coast Guard initiated this study, in part, to devise ways to make commercial vessel traffic safer in the Arctic. Based on comments received during the Bering Strait PARS in 2015, the Coast Guard developed conceptual vessel routing measures for the Arctic. These routing measures consist of a series of 4-nautical mile wide, two-way routes coupled with precautionary areas at junction points.

Under the conceptual routing system, which is voluntary for all vessels, fishing would be permitted within the two-way route. Vessels engaged in fishing within the route would be expected to operate in accordance with the Navigation Rules and not impede the safe passage of other vessels transiting via the shipping lane.

This conceptual route closely mirrors current traffic patterns for the Alaskan Arctic Coast. If commercial vessel traffic increases, we anticipate this conceptual route would minimize disruptions and increase waterway safety because commercial cargo vessels would be expected to follow charted shipping lanes.

The Coast Guard is very interested in receiving input from all waterway users and welcomes comments on how consolidating vessel traffic into a defined vessel routing system may impact or benefit the region.



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Public Comment Period Closes on 30 June 2020

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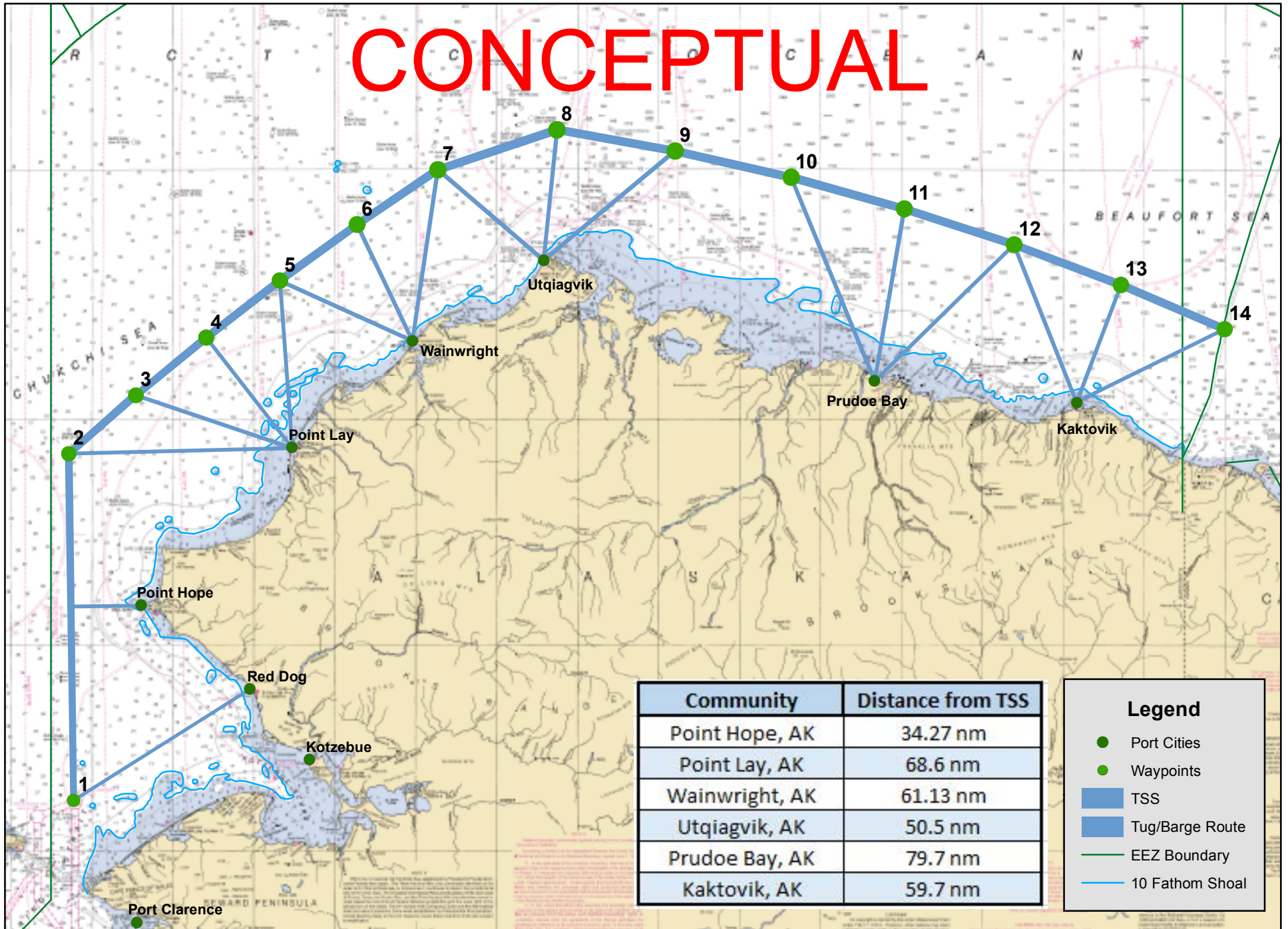
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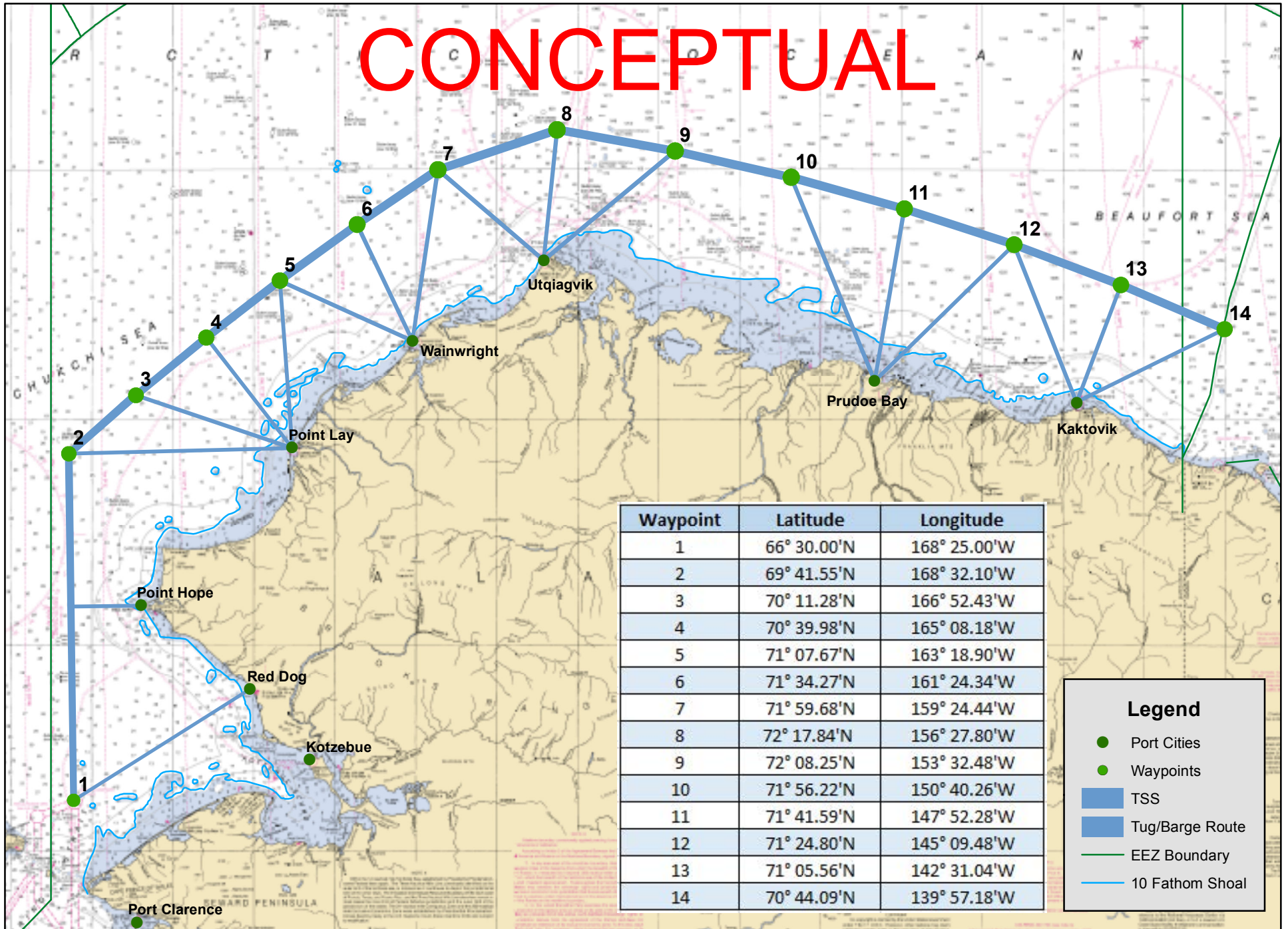
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