

Port Access Route Study (PARS) Chukchi Sea, Bering Strait & Bering Sea

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Authority & Purpose of PARS

Title 33 United States Code, Section 1223(c)
Authorizes the Commandant of the USCG to designate necessary fairways and traffic separation schemes (TSSs) to provide safe access routes for vessels proceeding to and from U.S. ports.

PARS Actions to Date

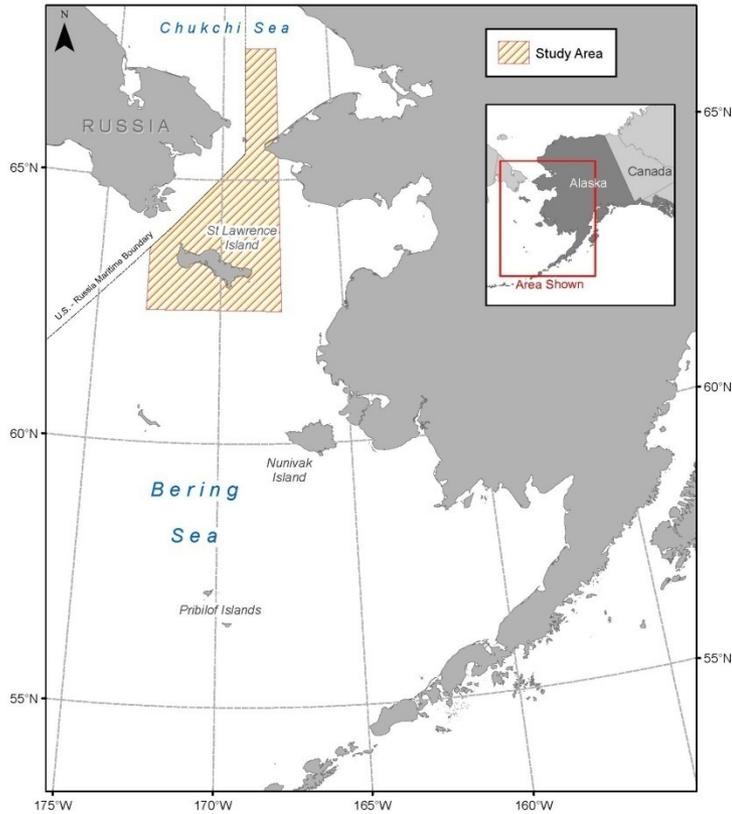
- Nov 2010 – USCG began PARS of Bering Strait and solicited public comment on the need for a vessel routing system in the region.
- Sep 2011 – PARS public comment period closed with 25 public submissions that overwhelmingly supported some form of vessel routing system but caution that specific impacts could not be determined until a vessel route was proposed.

PARS Actions to Date (cont.)

- 2012 – 2014 – After reviewing public comments the USCG determined the scope of the PARS needed to be expanded and a proposed vessel route developed.
- Dec 2014 – USCG re-announced the PARS with an expanded geographic scope and a proposed vessel routing system.

PARS Expanded Study Area

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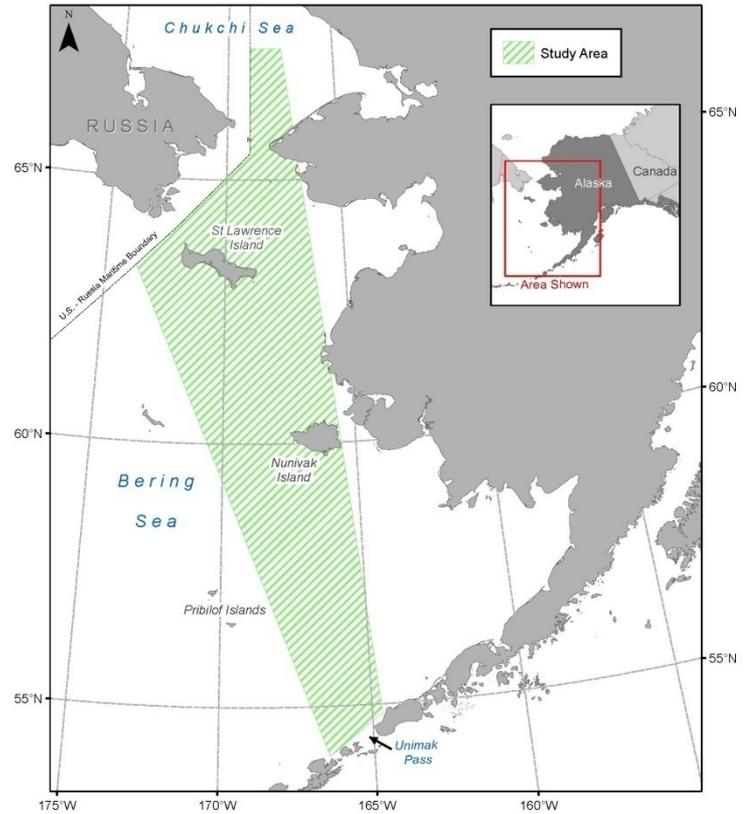


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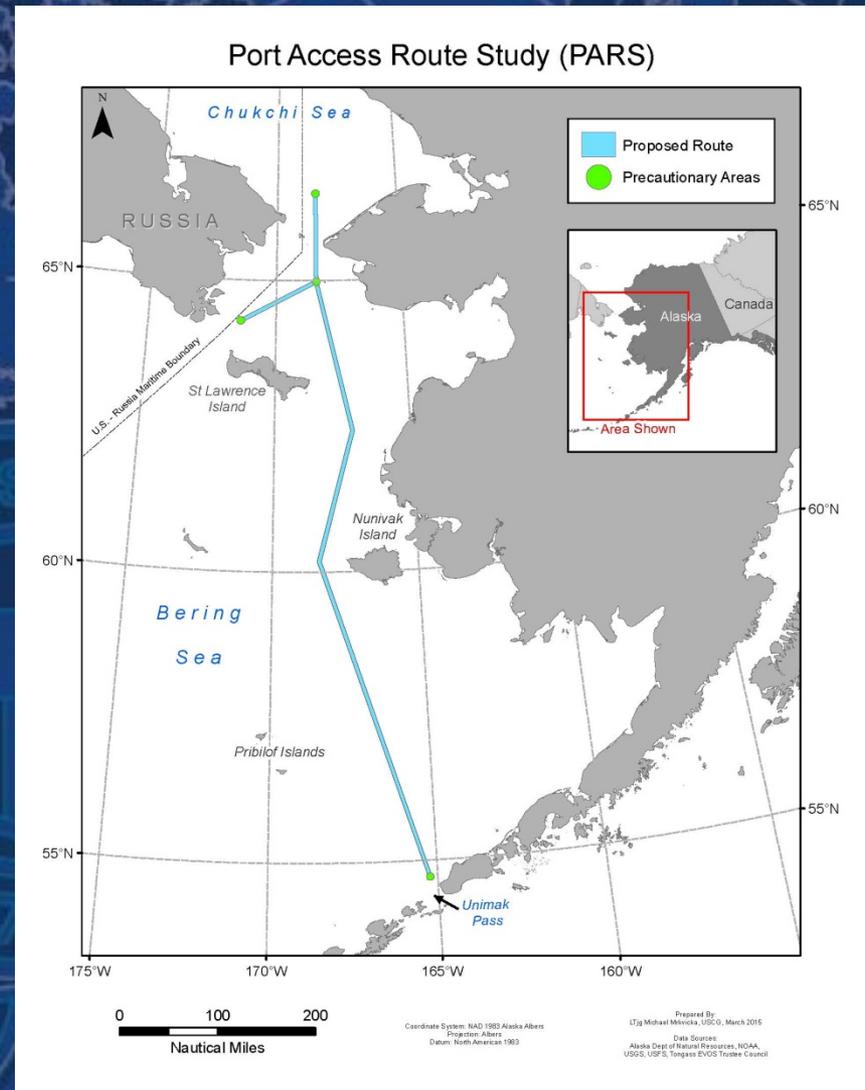
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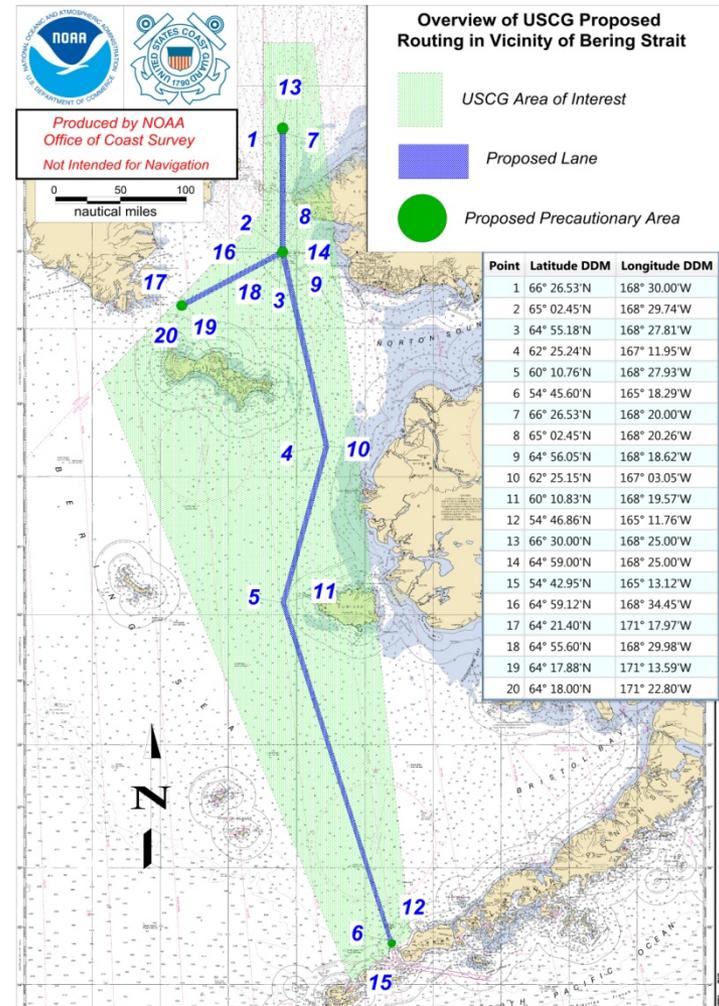
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