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USCG ANCHORAGES RULEMAKING COMMENTS ARE DUE by Thursday, May 11, 2017

What's wrong with this rulemaking as published:

- The USCG says that there's no need for an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement), claiming that the anchorage areas are already in use, so there would be no changes/impacts as a result of the rulemaking.
- Even if it would be OK to not address impacts from the current use of these proposed anchorage areas, there are reasonably foreseeable changes:
 - Larger ships: our ports are being equipped to handle ultra-large container ships and the increased cargo volumes these ships bring
 - More ships and different cargos: Tesoro refinery's proposal to manufacture and export xylene
 - Different cargos: Xylene
 - Larger ships + more ships = more bunkering (fueling of ships) while at anchor. More bunkering at the proposed anchorage areas = increased risk of oil spills
- Impacts due to the location of the proposed anchorage areas near the Vendovi Island Preserve, Jack Island Preserve, San Juan Islands National Monument, San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuge, and the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.
- Impacts to federally listed as endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales. The rulemaking states: "***USCG finds that the proposed action would have No Effect on endangered marine mammals or marine mammal critical habitat.***"

What you can ask for:

- Conduct an EIS that addresses all reasonably foreseeable impacts and all mitigations including no bunkering at proposed anchorages areas at the Vendovi and Jack island preserves, and William Point.
- Implement this rulemaking to include a full assessment of all adverse environmental impacts and ensure that all the US anchorage areas in use in the Salish Sea (including Puget Sound) are codified and regulated to include all appropriate accident and oil spill risk mitigation measures and environmental impact mitigation measures.
- Prevent deep-draft vessels from anchoring outside of designated and codified anchorage areas.

ALL COMMENTS MUST INCLUDE Docket number USCG-2016-0916

Online Comment Portal (see top right of webpage):

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/02/10/2017-02683/anchorages-captain-of-the-port-puget-sound-zone-wa>

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Online and email comments must be submitted by May 11, 10:00pm PST

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