

Process for Proposed Regulation of U.S. Coast Guard Discharges in Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank NMSs



1. Scoping

Published Notice of Intent to prepare draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and conduct scoping; solicited comments to help NOAA determine the scope of issues to include in EA.

April 21, 2016 - May 31, 2016

2. Develop Draft EA; Draft Related Documents

Considering scoping comments; conducting impact analysis; developing draft EA, and will develop any necessary related documentation.

June 1 – Fall/Winter 2016/17

3. Reviews & Public Comment

Draft EA and draft related documentation, including proposed regulations (if appropriate); conduct required agency and other consultations; and public comment.

Winter/Spring 2017

4. Publish Final EA and Related Docs.; Decision Effective

Respond to comments; revise documents based on public comment. Publish final EA and final regulations (if appropriate); Record of Decision; final required review.

Summer 2017
(Timeframes are estimated.)