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**CENAB-OP-RMN(DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY/NAVAL AIR STATION  
PATUXENT RIVER/CHESAPEAKE BAY IN VICINITY OF BLOODSWORTH  
ISLAND, MD/AMENDMENT TO EXISTING REGULATIONS)**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE 07-78 IS TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION AS DESCRIBED BELOW HAS BEEN GRANTED.

The Baltimore District has granted a request to the Department of the Navy, Naval Air Station Patuxent River for amendments to an established danger zone as described below:

APPLICANT: Director  
NAVAIR Range Department  
Patuxent River, Maryland 20670

LOCATION: Chesapeake Bay, in the vicinity of Bloodsworth Island, Maryland.

ACTION: The Department of the Navy has requested and has been granted amendments to the regulations in 33 CFR 334.190 which establishes a danger zone, in Waters of the United States, in the vicinity of Bloodsworth Island, Maryland. The proposed amendment will reflect the current operational and safety procedures at the Bloodsworth Island Range and highlight a change in the enforcement authority from the Commander, Naval Base Norfolk, Virginia to the Commander, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland.

(a) The areas - (1) Prohibited Area. All waters within a circle 0.5 miles in radius with its center at latitude 38° 10' 00", longitude 76° 06' 00"; Bloodsworth Island, Pone Island, Northeast Island, and Adams Island.

(2) The danger zone. All waters of Chesapeake Bay and Tangier Sound within an area bounded as follows: Beginning at latitude 38° 08' 15", longitude 76° 10' 00"; thence to latitude 38° 12' 00", longitude 76° 10' 00"; thence to latitude 38° 12' 00", longitude 76° 07' 00"; thence to latitude 38° 13' 00", longitude 76° 06' 00"; thence to latitude 38° 13' 00", longitude 76° 04' 00"; thence to latitude 38° 12' 00", longitude 76° 02' 00"; thence to latitude 38° 12' 00", longitude 76° 00' 00"; thence to latitude 38° 08' 15", longitude 76° 00' 00"; thence to the point of beginning, excluding the prohibited area described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) The regulations. (1) No person, vessel or other craft shall approach closer than 75 yards to the beaches, shoreline, or piers of Bloodsworth, Pone Island, Northeast Island, Adams Island, or any Patuxent River Naval Air Station property at any time unless authorized to do so by the enforcing agency. No person, vessel or other craft shall approach rafts, barges, or platforms closer than 100 yards.

(2) No person, vessel, or other craft shall enter or remain in the danger zone when notified by the enforcing authority to keep clear. Any watercraft under way or at anchor, upon being so warned, shall immediately vacate the area and shall remain outside the area until conclusion of potentially hazardous test or training events.

(3) The area will be in use intermittently throughout the year.

(4) Prior to the commencement of any potentially hazardous test or training event that requires clearing of non participant boats from the danger zone, surface or air search of the entire area will be made for the purpose of locating and warning all craft and persons not connected with the test or training event, and a patrol will be maintained throughout the duration of the event.

(5) All persons, vessels, or other craft shall clear the area when warned by patrol vessels.

(6) Patrol vessels will provide warning that a potentially hazardous test or training event is in progress or is about to commence; when so warned, fishing or oystering vessels or other craft not directly connected with the event shall not navigate within the danger zone. Deep-draft vessels proceeding in established navigation channels normally will be permitted to traverse the area upon coordination with range patrol vessels. The patrol vessels will ensure safe separation between all non-participant vessels and potentially hazardous operations.

(7) When potentially hazardous testing or training is not in progress or is not about to commence, oystering and fishing boats and other craft may operate within the danger zone.

(8) All potentially hazardous test or training events will be performed in such a way as to contain the hazard footprint to the established danger zone described in section (a) above. Naval authorities will not be responsible for damage to nets, traps, buoys, pots, fish pounds, stakes, or other equipment that may be located within the danger zone.

(9) Nothing in this regulation shall be intended to prevent the lawful use of approved waterfowl hunting blinds along the shorelines of Bloodsworth Island range complex, provided that all necessary licenses and permits have been obtained from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the completed copy of the permit has been submitted to the Conservation Division Director at NAS Patuxent River. Waterfowl hunters must observe all warnings and range clearances, as note herein.

(10) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, and such agencies as he/she may designate.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Steve Elinsky, of this office, at 410.962.4503.