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Great Lakes Pilotage Rates Proposed Rule Published

The Coast Guard today announced Federal Register publication of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to amend the 2012 Great Lakes pilotage rates starting August 1, 2013, in accordance with statutes and regulations relating to the annual review of rates.

The Coast Guard proposes rate adjustments annually for pilotage services on the Great Lakes. Rates were last amended in February 2012. The proposed adjustments would establish new base rates and are made in accordance with a required full ratemaking procedure. The proposed new rates would be established by March 1, 2013 and become effective on August 1, 2013. The proposed update reflects changes in benchmark contractual wages and benefits and an adjustment for inflation. This rulemaking promotes the Coast Guard's strategic goal of maritime safety.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and related materials may be reviewed at <u>http://www.regulations.gov</u> docket number: USCG-2012-0409.

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