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**NCFSAC Meeting:** 26-28 September 2023

**Location:** Seattle, Washington

**Coordinating Office:** USCG Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance, Fishing Vessel Safety Division (CG-CVC-3)

**Subject:** Task Statement 05-23

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**Description of Task:**

Examine and make recommendations to the USCG on best practices to reduce and mitigate the negative consequences caused by the misalignment of state and federal regulations regarding drug laws legalizing the recreational and/or medical use for drugs also classed as dangerous drugs by federal law and applicable transportation related statutes. This is critical for the safety of operations and creating an environment for vessel personnel to work in a drug-free workplace, with special emphasis on critical safety sensitive jobs such as navigation and engineering duties to bring fishing vessels into alignment with other commercial vessels. Develop recommendations that include testing for pre-employment, routine, and reasonable cause.

**Recommended Action:**

- Forward to Committee for consideration.
- Upon Committee acceptance, Committee review task content and submit recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

**Recommended Time Frame:**

- During 26-28 September 2023 NCFSAC meeting or as determined by DFO.

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Mark Neeland, Captain, USCG, NCFSAC DFO

Task accepted by the Committee:

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Mr. Gerald Dzugan, NCFSAC Chair