

11/1/2019

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Attached is the Task Statement titled Lifesaving / Man Overboard (MOB) Voluntary Best Practice Guide (#01-19-b) signed by Captain Edwards and myself.

Please reply to my email by Wednesday (11/6) next week if you would like to volunteer to be on the sub-committee and / or would you like to be the sub-committee chair?

As I consider the Task, I envision that the sub-committee members gathering documentation, photographs, summaries of what are the current MOB prevention and MOB response practices utilized by fishermen (or other mariners) within their geographic area of operations / area of familiarity. Of particular interest would be to collect info on those practices which currently are unique to a particular area but may be useful in other regions of the country. I would suggest that it would be useful to reach out to the USCG Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinators at your regional district office and local fishing vessel safety examiners as those individuals can be a wealth of information.

As was discussed in the Advisory Committee meeting, as you gather information please be expansive as it relates to the following variables:

- Various vessel size / lengths
- Vessel design / fisheries
- Vessel types (fishing vessel, fish tender vessel, and fish processing vessel)
- Geographic Areas
- Number of Persons on Board
- Recovery Equipment / Technologies Available (including MOB alarms, use of rescue swimmers)
- Relevant Available Data (USCG; NIOSH Studies)
- Human Factors
- Training (to include specialized training for rescue swimmers)

The task is due 6 March, which isn't much time given the holidays will soon be on us. I would suggest a few milestones but will leave it to the sub-committee to add / subtract / flesh out / modify as necessary.

Strategy Session:	Tentative Before 11/15?
Research / Information Gathering:	Due _____
Deliberation / Discussion of the Information Gathered:	Due _____
Draft Document Preparation:	Due _____
Review of Draft Document / Materials:	Due _____
Final Submission to USCG:	Due _____

Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee (CFSAC)

TASK STATEMENT

1. TASK TITLE

#01-19(b) Lifesaving/Man Overboard (MOB) Voluntary Best Practice Guide

2. BACKGROUND

Man overboard loss of life is one of the leading areas of fatalities in the commercial fishing industry (as highlighted in the 2018 National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) report [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6716a2.htm?s\\_cid=mm6716a2\\_e](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6716a2.htm?s_cid=mm6716a2_e)). Contributors to falls overboard can result from complacency, fatigue, impairment, weather conditions, work environment, and more. The Coast Guard aims to reduce loss of life through a voluntary best practice guide and dockside safety exam outreach.

3. TASK

Develop a Lifesaving/MOB Voluntary Best Practice Guide to be used by the Commercial Fishing Industry to reduce the occurrence of falls overboard.

- a. The guide is intended to be used by the commercial fishing industry.
- b. The guide should factor:
  - Vessel size/length
  - Vessel design/fisheries
  - Vessel type (e.g. fishing vessel, fish tender, fish processing)
  - Geographic area
  - Number of persons on board
  - Recovery equipment technologies available
  - Relevant available data (example: USCG; NIOSH studies)
  - Human factors
  - Training

4. DUE DATE

Target due date: 06 March 2020

5. COMMERCIAL FISHING SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE- SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

Name/phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Represent in the CFSAC Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee (CFSAC)

TASK STATEMENT #01-19(b) ACTION SHEET

**TASK TITLE:** #01-19(b) Lifesaving/Man Overboard (MOB) Voluntary Best Practice Guide

**DESCRIPTION OF TASK:** Develop a Voluntary Best Practice Guide to be used by the Commercial Fishing Industry for the prevention of man overboard situations. The guide should consider human factors and design that contribute to falls overboard, additionally, preferred lifesaving response actions by responders should be reflective in the guidance. The guide should address industry preferred recovery methods and equipment that consider fishing vessel type, operations, and geographic areas fished/worked. The Lifesaving/MOB Voluntary Best Practices Guide is intended to be incorporated with the "Voluntary Safety Initiatives and Good Marine Practices for Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels" by both the fishing industry and U.S. Coast Guard Dockside Examiners as an outreach educational tool during dockside safety exams.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** The Coast Guard seeks CFSAC input on the development of a Lifesaving/MOB Voluntary Best practice Guide that can be adopted by the commercial fishing industry to promote safety oriented procedures that may contribute to lives saved through preplanning and adopted best practices by commercial fishing industry crews. The framework should be flexible, accommodating the variety of fishing vessel types, operations, and geographic areas in which they operate. The CFSAC assigned work-group should seek input from industry technical experts, as may be needed for consultation during the drafting of the document.

**RECOMMENDED TIME FRAME:**

Date Required: 06 March, 2020

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Forwarded for Committee consideration.

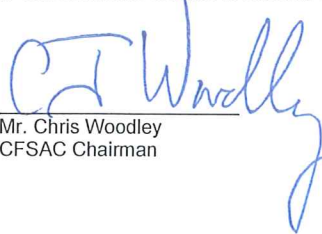


Captain Matt Edwards  
CFSAC Designated Federal Official

Date forwarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Action: The task was accepted by the Committee, and a new Subcommittee created to address the issue on

Date: 10/30/2019



Mr. Chris Woodley  
CFSAC Chairman