

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.

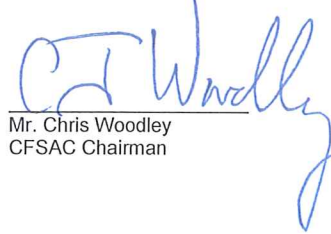


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Date forwarded: _____

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

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TASK STATEMENT

1. TASK TITLE

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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). 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: _____