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Mr. Stephen McGrath
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RE: Petition for Rulemaking to Amend Anchorage Boundaries within the Richardson Bay Special Anchorage Area

Dear Mr. McGrath,

This is a follow up to my letter dated February 1, 2023 regarding Coast Guard District Eleven's response to your petition for rulemaking requesting amending the Richardson Bay Special Anchorage Area, 33 CFR § 110.126a.

A Navigation Safety Risk Assessment was conducted to determine whether there is a need to amend the Richardson Bay Special Anchorage. The results of this analysis suggest that there are no navigational or environmental factors that would necessitate changes to the anchorages from a federal perspective.

Per 33 CFR § 110.126a, the Coast Guard authority for operational management is delegated to the Richardson Bay Regional Authority and the County of Marin. This specifically allows management of the Special Anchorage Area by local authorities to establish requirements on matters including the anchorage of vessels, placement of moorings, and use of anchored and moored vessels within the special anchorage area.

We encourage the Richardson Bay Regional Agency to use its delegated authority in the management of this special anchorage. Should you have any questions about our determination, please contact Commander George at William.J.George@uscg.mil or (510) 289-6733.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. J. Caputo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R. J. CAPUTO
Captain
U.S. Coast Guard

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