

Commander Thirteenth Coast Guard District

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"Including only one alternative in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) introduces risk that no permittable alternative will be evaluated in the SEIS. It is my sincere hope that the SEIS will include evaluation of an alternative that meets the preliminary navigation clearance determination (PNCD) requirement of 178 feet."

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IBR ignoring

USCG warnings

17 June 2022

"Any proposed new bridge should have a vertical navigation clearance (VNC) of greater than or equal to that of the existing I-5 twin bridges of 178 feet or preferable, unlimited VNC, as well as a horizontal navigation clearance (HNC) as permitted during the final USACE 408 permit. There are alternative options to accomplish this VNC to include a tunnel or a high-level lift bridge or bascule bridge, which would provide an unlimited vertical clearance."

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