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British Columbia Navigation Safety Corridors

In the spring of 2015 the British Columbia Coast Pilots have released the Navigation Safety Corridors (NSCs) for the BC coast as developed to date. These corridors are used on the pilots' portable pilotage unit (PPU) and are set to provide an alarm when the vessel's predictor enters the corridors.¹

Each corridor is saved as a separate file at this time. A corridor is made out of positions along the coast that are connected. In the attached files the position's latitude is in column B and the longitude is in column C. For each position in every file the values are always 'North' and 'West' respectively. The positions are provided in decimal degrees (dd.ddddd).

Also included is a file with an index of the list of corridors and the date they were published. When corridors are updated or amended these dates will change.

Included with these NSCs and files is also a copy of IMO Resolution A.893(21) which highlights the various components of passage planning. They include the components of appraisal and planning which, amongst other items, include that the master shall ensure that a passage plan is prepared from berth to berth, including those areas necessitating the presence of a pilot.

¹ Each pilot may have set their PPU vessel predictor to a different value and hence may be alarmed at different positions as the navigational safety corridor is approached.