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**Final Environmental Impact Statement on Ship Strike Reduction Rule Is Filed**

NOAA administrator Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.) will hold a media teleconference on Mon., Aug. 25 at 1:15 p.m. EDT to discuss NOAA's filing of the final environmental impact statement for the ship strike reduction rule.

The rule aims to reduce the number of endangered North Atlantic right whales struck by large ships and injured or killed.

The final EIS is one of the last steps in the process to implement the rule.

**WHAT:** Media availability to discuss the final Environmental Impact Statement for the ship strike rule

**WHEN:** Mon., Aug. 25, 1:15 p.m. EDT.  
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