

ATON Retirements Update

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As seen in the Coast Guard's Notices to Mariners, <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/Inms/LNM01152025.pdf>, they are proposing to eliminate a number of Aids To Navigation (ATONs). Local ones include the Fifteen Foot Rock Bell. FR, Light List Number 10425, and Can 3, Light List Number 10365, Can 5, Light List Number 10375, on the Eagle Island Channel, towards Popes Head and, Salem Channel Can 3 Light List Number 9965. There are others in the Annisquam River, Essex Bay. Nahant Bay Approach, Plum Island Sound, Sandy Bay and else ware. A complete list can be found here: <https://uscg-marker-removals.webflow.io/>

If you would like to comment about these proposed ATON retirements, email to DO1-SMB-DPWPUBLICComments@uscg.mil, and cite Project No. 01-25-015. Please include the size and type of your vessel, whether recreational or commercial, and distance from the aid that you start looking for it, and if and how you use the signal.

On July 15th an amendment to the Coast Guard Reauthorization bill delays any buoy removal by USCG until a study of the region's navigational needs can be conducted.

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