

The Coast Guard First District Commander seeks public input on AtoN changes Proposed. Coast Guard is modernizing and rightsizing the buoy constellation, whose designs mostly predate Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), Electronic Navigation Charts (ENC), and Electronic Charting Systems (ECS), for long-term reliability and serviceability. This effort, which includes buoy discontinuation, will result in the most sustainable navigation risk reduction to support and complement modern mariners, today's much larger ships, ECS system availability and requirements, and powerful smartphone navigation subscription apps affordably accessible to virtually all waterway users. The Proposed buoy constellation changes are intended to:

- Support the navigational needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century prudent mariner, vice those of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century (pre-GPS, AIS, e-charts, mobile device apps, improved radar, etc.),
- Deliver effective, economical service - manage vessel transit risk to acceptable levels at acceptable cost,
- Best maintain the most critical risk reducing buoys for the long-term, and
- Provide resilience against AtoN discrepancies, GNSS disruptions/ECS failures.

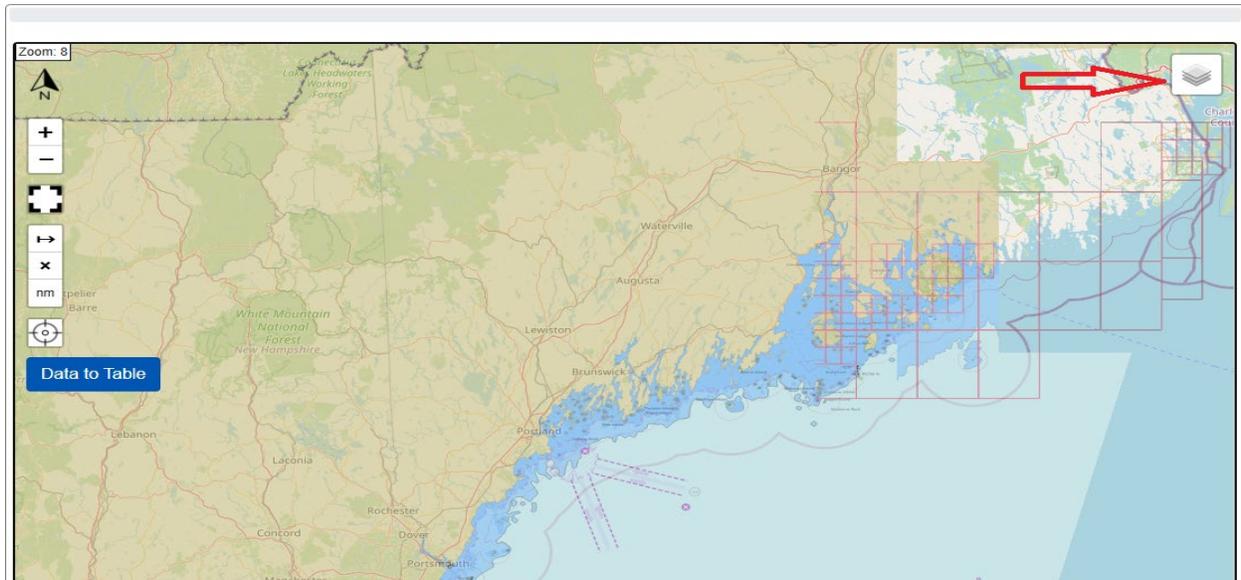
Interested mariners are strongly encouraged to comment on this in writing, either personally or through their organization. All comments will be carefully considered and are requested prior to 13 June 2025 to complete the process. To most effectively consider your feedback and improve the data collection, when responding to this proposal, please include size and type of your vessel, recreational or commercial, how you use the signal to navigate, and distance at which you start looking for and utilizing it. Please do not call the Coast Guard via telephone or other means, only written responses to this proposal will be accepted. Refer to Project No. 01-25-015. E-mail can be sent to: [D01-SMB-DPWPublicComments@uscg.mil](mailto:D01-SMB-DPWPublicComments@uscg.mil).



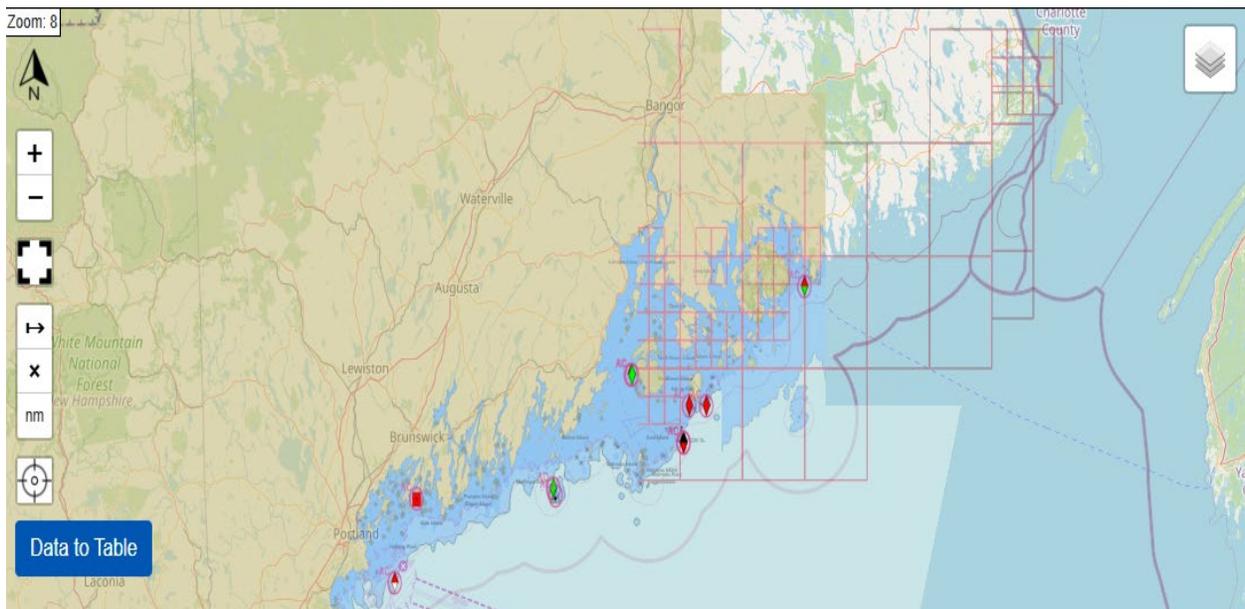
The proposed buoy discontinuation summary can be viewed through a smartphone or tablet by scanning the QR code above, or for more Proposal details with other navigation information, through the Coast Guard's Local Notice to Mariners interactive tool on the NAVCEN web page at: [Maritime Safety Information Products | Navigation Center](#) using follow the following steps.

1. Position the electronic chart to the area you wish to see. You may zoom in and out to view more detailed or expanded area. (*Note: It's recommended not to zoom too far out to help limit your selection, so the appropriate data is rendered.*)

- At the top right of the page, left click the *layers* icon and select the *Proposed Notice of Change layer*, by checking the small box to the left. Once selected any current Proposal running in the LNM should appear, on the chart.



The aids to navigation will be highlighted on the chart as seen below:



- To view the proposed aid to navigation, left click on the *highlighted buoy* and an information box will appear with more detailed Proposed Notice of Change information.

Zoom: 10



Data to Table

**Block Island Sound And Gardiners Bay / ATON / Advanced Notice of Change**

DISTRICT: 1  
TITLE: Block Island Sound And Gardiners Bay / ATON / Advanced Notice of Change  
SUB CATEGORY: Advanced Notice of Change  
WATERWAY NAME: Block Island Sound And Gardiners Bay  
DESCRIPTION: ATON / Advanced Notice of Change From: 2024-09-25 To: 2025-03-24 Location: 41.22955° N / 72.06666° W Aid Name: Valliant Rock Lighted Whistle Buoy 11 LLNR: 19825

