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Officer, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, and such agencies as he may designate.

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§ 334.690 [Reserved]

§ 334.700 Choctawhatchee Bay, aerial gunnery ranges, Air Proving Ground Center, Air Research and Development Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

(a) *The danger zones*—(1) *Aerial gunnery range in west part of Choctawhatchee Bay.* The waters of Choctawhatchee Bay within an area described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west shore at latitude 30°28'30", longitude 86°30'00"; thence southeasterly to latitude 30°25'30", longitude 86°21'30"; thence southwesterly to a point on the south shore at latitude 30°23'30", longitude 86°23'00"; thence northwesterly to a point on the south shore at latitude 30°24'00", longitude 86°25'00"; and thence northwesterly to the point of beginning; excluding that part of the area included within the aerial gunnery range along the north shore of Choctawhatchee Bay (described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section).

(2) *Aerial gunnery range along north shore of Choctawhatchee Bay.* The waters of Choctawhatchee Bay within an area described as follows: Beginning at a point in the waters of Choctawhatchee Bay at latitude 30°26'00", longitude 86°25'30"; thence north to the shore at longitude 86°25'30"; thence southeasterly and northeasterly along the shore to longitude 86°15'00"; thence south to latitude 30°26'29", longitude 86°15'00"; thence southwesterly to latitude 30°26'12", longitude 86°20'35"; thence north to latitude 30°26'57", longitude 86°20'35"; thence southwesterly to the point of beginning.

(b) *The regulations*—(1) *Aerial gunnery ranges.* (i) The aerial gunnery range in the west part of Choctawhatchee Bay (described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section) may be used by persons and

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watercraft except during periods when firing is conducted. During these periods, firing will be controlled by observation posts, and persons and watercraft will be warned by patrol boats. During periods of firing, traverse of this area shall not be denied to regular cargo-carrying or passenger-carrying vessels or tows proceeding on established routes. In case any such vessel is within the area, the officer in charge of gunnery operations will cause the cessation or postponement of fire until the vessel has cleared that part of the area within the range of the weapons being used. The vessel shall proceed on its normal course and shall not delay its progress.

(ii) No person, vessel or other craft shall enter or remain within the aerial gunnery range along the north shore of Choctawhatchee Bay (described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section) at any time.

(2) *Enforcing Agency.* The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Air Proving Ground Center, Eglin AFB, and such agencies as he may designate.

[26 FR 11197, Nov. 28, 1961. Redesignated at 50 FR 42696, Oct. 22, 1985, as amended at 62 FR 17555, Apr. 10, 1997]

§ 334.710 The Narrows and Gulf of Mexico adjacent to Santa Rosa Island, Air Force Proving Ground Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

(a) *The restricted area.* The waters of The Narrows and the Gulf of Mexico easterly of the periphery of a circular area 5 nautical miles in radius, centered at latitude 30°23'10.074", longitude 86°48'25.433" (USC&GS Station Tuck 3), within the segment of a circle, 3 nautical miles in radius, centered at latitude 30°24'00", longitude 86°41'47".

(b) *The regulations.* (1) The area will be used intermittently during daylight hours. During periods of use the entry into the area will be prohibited to all persons and navigation.

(2) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Air Force Proving Ground Command,

Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, and such agencies as he may designate.

[23 FR 8061, Oct. 18, 1958. Redesignated at 50 FR 42696, Oct. 22, 1985, as amended at 62 FR 17555, Apr. 10, 1997]

§ 334.720 Gulf of Mexico, south from Choctawhatchee Bay; guided missiles test operations area, Headquarters Air Proving Ground Command, U.S. Air Force, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

(a) *The danger zone.* The waters of the Gulf of Mexico south from Choctawhatchee Bay within an area described as follows: Beginning at a point five nautical miles southeasterly from USC&GS Station Tuck 3, at latitude 30°23'10.074", longitude 86°48'25.433", three nautical miles offshore of Santa Rosa Island; thence easterly three nautical miles offshore and parallel to shore, to a point south of Apalachicola Bay, Florida, latitude 29°32'00", longitude 85°00'00"; thence southeasterly to latitude 29°17'30", longitude 84°40'00"; thence southwesterly to latitude 28°40'00", longitude 84°49'00"; thence southeasterly to latitude 28°10'00", longitude 84°30'00"; thence 270° true to longitude 86°48'00"; thence due north along longitude 86°48'00" to the intersection of the line with a circle of five nautical miles radius centered on USC&GS Station Tuck 3, at latitude 30°23'10.074", longitude 86°48'25.433", thence northeasterly along the arc of the circle to the point of beginning.

(b) *The regulations.* (1) The area will be used intermittently during daylight hours for a week or 10 days at a time. Firing will take place once or twice a day for periods ordinarily of not more than one hour. Advance notice of such firings will be published in local newspapers and in such other manner as the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Mobile, Alabama, may direct.

(2) During periods of firing, passage through the area will not be denied to cargo-carrying or passenger-carrying vessels or tows proceeding on established routes. In case any such vessel is within the danger area, the officer in charge of firing operations will cause the cessation or postponement of fire until the vessel shall have cleared the portion of the danger area involved. The entire area involved will be under

constant observation of both surface patrol vessels and air patrol planes prior to and during periods of firing and notice will be given to vessels and tows of intention to fire by buzzing low over the vessel, upon which signal vessels and tows shall proceed on their established course promptly and clear the area as soon as possible.

(3) All persons and vessels exclusive of those identified in paragraph (b)(2) of this section will be warned to leave the immediate danger area during firing periods by surface patrol craft. Upon being so warned, such persons and vessels shall clear the area immediately. Such periods normally will not exceed two hours.

(4) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Air Force Proving Ground Command, Eglin Field, Florida, and such agencies as he may designate.

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§ 334.730 Waters of Santa Rosa Sound and Gulf of Mexico adjacent to Santa Rosa Island, Air Force Proving Ground Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

(a) *The danger zones*—(1) *Prohibited area.* Waters of Santa Rosa Sound and Gulf of Mexico within a circle one nautical mile in radius, centered at latitude 30°23'10.074", longitude 86°48'25.433" (USC&GS Station Tuck 3). The portion of the area in Santa Rosa Sound includes the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway between miles 209.6 and 211.4 from Harvey Lock, Louisiana.

(2) *Restricted area.* The waters of Santa Rosa Sound and Gulf of Mexico surrounding the prohibited area described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, within a circle five nautical miles in radius centered at latitude 30°23'10.074", longitude 86°48'25.433" (USC&GS Station Tuck 3). The portion of the area in Santa Rosa Sound includes the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway between miles 334.6 and 216.4 from Harvey Lock, Louisiana.

(b) *The regulations.* (1) Experimental test operations will be conducted by the U.S. Air Force within the prohibited area on an intermittent basis.