

NEWS BREAK

Wednesday's News Break selects an article from **Monday, September 28** of The Seattle Times e-Edition for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected article and answer the attached study questions. **Please remember to always preview the content of the article before sharing with your students.**

Fishing industry pushes Coast Guard for safety exams every 2 years (NW Monday, page B1).

Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

1. What is the Coast Guard and what job(s) does the Coast Guard perform? What type of safety exams do you think the Coast Guard would perform for the fishing industry and why?

2. **Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions below.**

- A. amendment
- B. balked
- C. bridled
- D. compliance
- E. conducting
- F. credit
- G. implement
- H. interpretation
- I. interval
- J. legislation
- K. mandatory
- L. malfunctioning
- M. marker
- N. oversight
- O. provision
- P. voluntarily

- 1. to react in an angry way
- 2. a law or set of laws made by a government
- 3. praise or special attention that is given to someone for doing something or for making something happen
- 4. a condition that is included as part of an agreement or law
- 5. something that shows the presence or existence of something
- 6. the act or process of doing what you have been asked or ordered to do; in the way that is required by (a rule, law, etc.)
- 7. required by a law or rule
- 8. a period of time between events
- 9. a change in the words or meaning of a law or document
- 10. to fail to function or work properly

11. done or given because you want to and not because you are forced to
12. to plan and do (something, such as an activity)
13. the act or result of explaining or interpreting something : the way something is explained or understood
14. to suddenly show that you do not want to do something : to refuse to do what someone else wants you to do
15. the act or job of directing work that is being done
16. to begin to do or use (something, such as a plan) : to make (something) active or effective

Comprehension

1. Why do industry officials want the exams, which become mandatory on October 15, to be required every two years?
2. The Coast Guard will now require commercial fishing vessels to undergo dockside safety examinations only once every how many years?
3. What do North Pacific industry officials credit these examinations with helping reduce?
4. What did representatives from the North Pacific fishery association and some seafood companies do to show their protest over the change to the exam interval?
5. How long has the Coast Guard been conducting voluntary dockside exams?
 - a) For five years.
 - b) For a decade.
 - c) For more than two decades.
6. When the Coast Guard does an exam what does the Coast Guard issue that states the vessel is in compliance with federal safety laws?
7. Before the examination were made a requirement, some fishermen balked at letting Coast Guard teams aboard to examine their vessels. So in 2010, Congress passed legislation that included a provision making the examination a requirement for all commercial fishing vessels that operate where?
8. Fishing vessel owners are free to voluntarily request a two-year examination from the Coast Guard – **true or false?**
9. Senator Maria Cantwell, who serves on a Senate subcommittee with oversight of fishing-industry safety legislation, sent Coast Guard Commandant Paul Zukunft a letter asking him to do what?
10. Senator Maria Cantwell said the change in the 2012 legislation was only intended to give the Coast Guard the flexibility with exam intervals for certain _____ - _____ fisheries. (Fill in the blanks)

Additional Activities

1. The article states that "*Commercial fishing has longed ranked as one of the most deadly occupations in the nation.*" What do you think makes commercial

fishing one of the most deadly occupations? After reading this article do you think that the safety exams done by the Coast Guard should be more frequent or less frequent and why? What other occupation can you think of that would be considered among the most deadly and why?

2. Read pages J10 and J11 of the NIE special section "Seafood 101: Seafood and Our Changing Ocean" from the Sunday, September 27 e-Edition of The Seattle Times to learn more about careers in seafood/the fishing industry. Then write 2 – 3 sentences summarizing one of the careers you read about.

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Answer Key to Vocabulary

- A. 9
- B. 14
- C. 1
- D. 6
- E. 12
- F. 3
- G. 16
- H. 13
- I. 8
- J. 2
- K. 7
- L. 10
- M. 5
- N. 15
- O. 4
- P. 11

Answer Key to Comprehension Questions

1. So that the Coast Guard has a better chance of spotting things like torn survival suits, malfunctioning alarms and other safety problems.
2. Once every five years.

3. They credit the examinations with helping reduce fishermen deaths off Alaska.
4. They signed and sent a protest letter to the U.S. Coast Guard (Commandant Paul Zukunft).
5. c) For more than two decades.
6. The Coast Guard issues a sticker.
7. All commercial fishing vessels that operate more than three miles off the nation's coast.
8. True
9. She sent him a letter asking him to immediately reverse the policy of having examinations only every five years.
10. low-risk