

**HEADQUARTERS  
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TO: The people within the States of Washington, Oregon and California, and to the Public Generally:

WHEREAS, the enemy has made attacks upon vessels and land installations along the Pacific Coast, and it is expected that such attacks may be resumed, and it is necessary to provide adequate protection for shipping and for war utilities, war materials and war premises against attacks by sea and by air; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, issued Public Proclamation No. 1, dated 2 March 1942, reciting certain findings of fact and establishing Military Areas Nos. 1 and 2 within the territory of the Western Defense Command, which recitals and the creation of Military Areas, including subsequent modifications thereof, are hereby reaffirmed; and also issued Public Proclamation No. 10, dated 5 August 1942, establishing a Zone of Restricted Lighting within Military Areas Nos. 1 and 2 and providing certain restrictions within said Zone, and Public Proclamation No. 12, dated 10 October 1942, amending said Proclamation No. 10; and

WHEREAS, military necessity continues to require regulations for the control of lighting within the Zones hereinafter established and in the manner hereinafter provided, but current developments and further investigation indicate the advisability, consistent with military necessity, of modifying in certain respects the lighting restrictions heretofore required by Public Proclamations Nos. 10 and 12;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Delos C. Emmons, Lieutenant General, U. S. Army, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the President of the United States and by the Secretary of War and my powers and prerogatives as Commanding General of the Western Defense Command, do hereby declare that:

**Section 1. RESCISSION OF PUBLIC PROCLAMATIONS NOS. 10 AND 12.** Said Public Proclamations Nos. 10 and 12, Headquarters, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, are hereby rescinded as of the effective date of this Proclamation, but this rescission shall not affect any offense committed or penalty incurred under the provisions of said Public Proclamations or any orders issued thereunder.

**Section 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF LIGHTING ZONES.** The following Lighting Zones within said Military Areas Nos. 1 and 2 are hereby designated and established:

(a) **Lighting Zone A**, as particularly described in Exhibit 1 and as generally shown on the map marked Exhibit 2, each attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(b) **Lighting Zone B**, comprising all that portion of Lighting Zone A which is within ten miles from the sea as defined in Section 8(b) hereof.

(c) **Lighting Zone C**, as particularly described and generally shown in said Exhibits 1 and 2 hereof.

**Section 3. EFFECTIVE HOURS.** All lighting restrictions hereinafter provided shall be applicable and observance thereof required at all times from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise each night from 1 October to 30 April, and from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise each night from 1 May to 30 September.

**Section 4. RESTRICTIONS IN BOTH LIGHTING ZONES A AND B.** Subject to the exceptions hereinafter provided, during the hours specified in Section 3 hereof illumination within Lighting Zones A and B shall be controlled as follows:

(a) **Advertising and Decorative Lighting.** Illuminated signs and ornamental, decorative and display lighting of every description which are located out-of-doors, and floodlighting which illuminates buildings or signs, shall be extinguished.

(b) **Upward Light.** All light sources of every description shall be situated or



shielded so that no direct rays from any light source are emitted above the horizontal out-of-doors.

(c) **Outdoor Area Illumination.** Illumination on any outdoor area shall not exceed one foot candle at any point.

**Section 5. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS IN LIGHTING ZONE B.** Subject to the exceptions hereinafter provided, during the hours specified in Section 3 hereof, any light source located within Lighting Zone B which is directly visible from the sea, as hereinafter defined, shall be either extinguished or shielded so that it is no longer directly visible from the sea, in addition to the applicable restrictions provided in Section 4 hereof.

**Section 6. RESTRICTIONS IN LIGHTING ZONE C.** Subject to the exceptions hereinafter provided, during the hours specified in Section 3 hereof illumination within Lighting Zone C shall be controlled as follows:

(a) **Upward Light.** All electric incandescent lamps in excess of 100 watts capacity, and all other light sources producing equivalent light intensity, when located out-of-doors, shall be shielded so that no direct rays from any light source are emitted above the horizontal out-of-doors. Any accumulation of light sources located within or above any ten foot square of outdoor ground area shall be deemed to be a single light source, and if the aggregate intensity of such an accumulation of light sources exceeds the limit expressed in the preceding sentence, then all such light sources shall be shielded.

(b) **Outdoor Area Illumination.** Illumination on any outdoor area shall not exceed five foot candles at any point.

**Section 7. EXCEPTIONS.** Certain exceptions from the foregoing restrictions are made as follows:

(a) **Industry, Safety, Health and Welfare.** Variations from any of the restrictions of this Proclamation may be permitted by the written approval of the Ninth Regional Civilian Defense Board obtained in advance, but only when and to the extent required to achieve and maintain maximum industrial efficiency, or reasonable safety of persons or property, or to maintain health and welfare, and only to the extent consistent with the requirements of military necessity as determined from time to time by the undersigned. All approvals of lighting variations shall be reported to, and subject to revocation by the Commanding General, Western Defense Command. All approvals presently in effect under the provisions of said Public Proclamation No. 10, as amended by Public Proclamation No. 12, in respect to any illumination within Lighting Zones A, B or C, established herein, shall remain in effect as if reissued hereunder.

(b) **Interior Lighting.** Upward light emitted out-of-doors from any light source shall be permitted if the light source is (1) within any building and more than six feet from the nearest window or other opening in the wall of the building, or (2) at any location within a building used primarily as a residence, apartment, hotel or residential club, if all the direct rays emitted above the horizontal out-of-doors are shielded by any customary residential type of lamp shade; but in either case no direct rays from any light source shall be emitted through any skylight, and all indoor light sources within Lighting Zone B shall be shielded so that they are not directly visible from the sea. (See Section 6 for further exception of interior light sources in Lighting Zone C.)

(c) **Recreational Lighting.** Outdoor area illumination up to a maximum of thirty foot candles is permitted in any location more than three miles from the sea as hereinafter defined, but only when and to the extent actually required and primarily used for sports or recreation, and when otherwise in compliance with the applicable restrictions of Sections 4 and 5 hereof.

(d) **Vehicle Lights.** All vehicle lights required by law are permitted; provided, however, that within Lighting Zone B, in areas visible from the sea as hereinafter defined, driving lamps shall be operated only on the low or depressed beam. Authorized emergency vehicles on official emergency missions are excepted from all the restrictions of this Proclamation.

(e) **Route and Destination Signs.** Illuminated route and destination signs on public carrier vehicles are excepted from all the restrictions of this Proclamation.

(f) **Traffic Signs and Signals.** Illuminated signs and signals authorized by governmental authority to control or direct traffic are excepted from all the foregoing restrictions; provided, however, that such signals are illuminated by electric lamps of not more than 100 watt capacity or the equivalent, and that the actual light sources illuminating such signs are shielded to comply with Sections 4 and 5 hereof.

(g) **Highway Flares and Obstruction Lights.** Fusees or similar flares in an emergency, or so-called bomb type flares and warning lanterns, are excepted from all the foregoing restrictions, but only when and to the extent actually and immediately required to warn traffic of obstruction.

(h) **Navigation and Railroad Lights.** Authorized lights necessary to facilitate air or water navigation, authorized railroad signal lights, and headlights of railroad locomotives when in motion are excepted from all restrictions of this Proclamation.

(i) **Street and Highway Lights.** All street and highway lights are excepted from the restrictions of Sections 4 and 6 hereof, but they must be shielded so that each light source emits no more than ten per cent of its total lamp lumens above the horizontal and must be controlled so that such light sources contribute no more than three foot candles of illumination at any point upon the ground, and in lighting Zone B must be situated or shielded so that the light sources are not directly visible from the sea as hereinafter defined.

**Section 8. DEFINITION.** As used herein, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

(a) **"Light Source":** Any light generating element and the bright portion of any reflector, lens, luminaire, transparency, or other equipment associated therewith for the control or diffusion of light.

(b) **"Sea":** The waters of the Pacific Ocean; the waters of the Straits of Juan de Fuca lying west of a line running due north and south through the easternmost point of the easterly boundary of the City of Clallam Bay, Washington; and those bodies of water on the shoreline of California generally known as Santa Monica Bay, Santa Barbara Channel, San Luis Obispo Bay, Estero Bay and Monterey Bay. The waters of San Francisco Bay, lying easterly of a line extending from Point Bonita through Mile Rock, are not intended and shall not be construed to be a part of the sea.

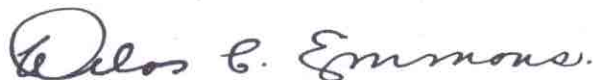
(c) **"Visible from the Sea":** Actually and directly visible at any time from the sea, as defined above; provided that, solely for the purpose of Section 7 (d) hereof, the phrase "visible from the sea" shall include those portions of streets or highways which may not in fact be visible from the sea but which are within areas generally visible from the sea.

**Section 9. PENALTIES.** Any person violating any of the provisions hereof, or orders issued pursuant hereto, is subject to immediate exclusion from the territory of the Western Defense Command, and to the criminal penalties provided in Public Law No. 503, 77th Congress, approved 21 March 1942 (18 U.S.C.A. 97a), and to any other penalties provided by law.

**Section 10. ENFORCEMENT.** The Ninth Regional Civilian Defense Board is designated as the primary agency to aid in the enforcement of this Proclamation. It is requested that the civil law enforcement agencies and state and local governmental bodies within the areas affected by this Proclamation assist in the enforcement hereof.

**Section 11. BLACKOUT RULES.** This Proclamation shall have no effect upon existing or future laws or regulations governing blackouts.

**Section 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Proclamation shall become effective on 10 October 1943.



DELOS C. EMMONS  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army  
Commanding



# EXHIBIT 1

## DESCRIPTION OF LIGHTING ZONE A

Lighting Zone A, referred to in the foregoing Public Proclamation No. 19, includes all the portions of the following counties as hereinafter described: Lighting Zone A includes only that portion of the following counties situated within fifteen miles from the sea as defined in Section 8(b) of said Proclamation, except where a different portion of a county is hereinafter specifically described. Where the described boundary line of Lighting Zone A passes through any city or village, all of such city or village is included within Lighting Zone A. For this purpose, the boundary of any such city or village shall be deemed to include all the area within the city limits of any such incorporated city, and the contiguous areas of any such incorporated or unincorporated city or village which are served by a continuation of the same street lighting system serving said city or village.

### WASHINGTON COUNTIES

**CLALLAM**  
**GRAYS HARBOR**—all that portion situated within fifteen miles of the Pacific Ocean or situated within fifteen miles of Grays Harbor.  
**JEFFERSON**  
**PACIFIC**—entire area of the county.  
**WAHIAKUM**—entire area of the county.

### OREGON COUNTIES

**CLATSOP**—all that portion situated within fifteen miles of the Pacific Ocean or situated within fifteen miles of the Columbia River.  
**COOS**  
**DOUGLAS**  
**LINCOLN**  
**CURRY**  
**LANE**  
**TILLAMOOK**

### CALIFORNIA COUNTIES

**ALAMEDA**—all that portion situated more than five miles west of California State Highway No. 21, which runs through Martinez, Walnut Creek and Dublin.  
**CONTRA COSTA**—all that portion situated more than five miles west of California State Highway No. 21.  
**DEL NORTE**  
**HUMBOLDT**  
**LOS ANGELES**—all that portion situated south of the Santa Clara River or south of the Angeles National Forest and westerly of Meridian 118° which runs through the eastern boundary of the City of Monrovia.

### CALIFORNIA COUNTIES (Continued)

**MARIN**—entire area of the county.  
**MENDOCINO**  
**MONTEREY**  
**ORANGE**—entire area of the county.  
**SAN DIEGO**  
**SAN FRANCISCO**—entire area of the county.  
**SAN LUIS OBISPO**  
**SAN MATEO**—entire area of the county.  
**SANTA BARBARA**  
**SANTA CRUZ**—entire area of the county.  
**SOLANO**—all that portion within a radius of five miles from the City Hall of Vallejo, California.  
**SONOMA**  
**VENTURA**

## DESCRIPTION OF LIGHTING ZONE C

Lighting Zone C, referred to in the foregoing Public Proclamation No. 19, includes all the portions of the following counties as hereinafter described: The entire area of each county named below, except any portion of the county included in Lighting Zone A, is included in Lighting Zone C, except where a portion of a county is specifically described. Where the described boundary line of Lighting Zone C passes through any city or village, all of such city or village is included within Lighting Zone C. For this purpose, the boundary of any such city or village shall be deemed to include all the area within the city limits of any such incorporated city, and the contiguous areas of any such incorporated or unincorporated city or village which are served by a continuation of the same street lighting system serving said city or village.

### WASHINGTON COUNTIES

**CLALLAM**  
**GRAYS HARBOR**  
**CLARK**  
**COWLITZ**  
**KING**—all that portion situated westerly of Snoqualmie National Forest.  
**KITSAP**  
**LEWIS**—all that portion situated westerly of the Sixth (6th) Guide Meridian east of the Willamette Meridian.  
**MASON**  
**PIERCE**—all that portion situated westerly of Snoqualmie National Forest.  
**SAN JUAN**  
**SKAGIT**—all that portion situated westerly of the western boundary of Mount Baker National Forest projected northerly to the northerly boundary of Skagit County.  
**SNOHOMISH**—all that portion situated westerly of Mount Baker National Forest and Snoqualmie National Forest.  
**THURSTON**  
**WHATCOM**—all that portion situated westerly of Mount Baker National Forest.

### OREGON COUNTIES

**CLACKAMAS**—all that portion situated westerly of Mount Hood National Forest.  
**CLATSOP**  
**COOS**  
**COLUMBIA**  
**DOUGLAS**—all that portion situated westerly of the Eighth (8th) Guide Meridian west of the Willamette Meridian, excepting the portion included in Lighting Zone A.  
**LANE**—all that portion situated westerly of the Eighth (8th) Guide Meridian west of the Willamette Meridian, excepting the portion included in Lighting Zone A.  
**LINCOLN**

### OREGON COUNTIES (Continued)

**MARION**—all that portion situated westerly of Willamette National Forest.  
**MULTNOMAH**—all that portion situated westerly of Mount Hood National Forest.  
**POLK**  
**WASHINGTON**  
**TILLAMOOK**  
**YAMHILL**

### CALIFORNIA COUNTIES

**ALAMEDA**  
**AMADOR**—all that portion situated westerly of El Dorado National Forest.  
**BUTTE**  
**CALAVERAS**—all that portion situated westerly of Stanislaus National Forest.  
**COLUSA**  
**CONTRA COSTA**  
**DEL NORTE**  
**EL DORADO**—all that portion situated westerly of El Dorado National Forest.  
**FRESNO**—all that portion situated westerly of Sierra National Forest.  
**GLENN**  
**HUMBOLDT**  
**KERN**—all that portion situated westerly of Meridian 118° 45', which runs approximately three miles west of Bena and seven miles east of Lebec.  
**KINGS**  
**LAKE**  
**LOS ANGELES**—all that portion situated south of the Angeles National Forest, excepting the portion included in Lighting Zone A.  
**MADERA**—all that portion situated westerly of Sierra National Forest.  
**MARIPOSA**—all that portion situated westerly of Stanislaus National Forest and Sierra National Forest.  
**MENDOCINO**  
**MONTEREY**  
**MERCED**  
**NAPA**

### CALIFORNIA COUNTIES (Continued)

**NEVADA**—all that portion situated westerly of Tahoe National Forest.  
**PLACER**—all that portion situated westerly of Tahoe National Forest.  
**RIVERSIDE**—all that portion situated westerly of the San Bernardino Meridian, including all of the city of San Jacinto.  
**SACRAMENTO**  
**SAN BENITO**  
**SAN BERNARDINO**—all that portion situated southwesterly of the San Bernardino National Forest.  
**SAN DIEGO**—all that portion situated westerly of Anza Desert State Park, excepting the portion included in Lighting Zone A.  
**SAN JOAQUIN**  
**SAN LUIS OBISPO**  
**SANTA BARBARA**  
**SANTA CLARA**  
**SHASTA**—all that portion situated westerly of the Mount Diablo Meridian.  
**SOLANO**  
**STANISLAUS**  
**SONOMA**  
**SUTTER**  
**TEHAMA**—all that portion situated westerly of the Lassen National Forest and westerly of the most westerly boundary of Lassen National Forest projected north along the Mount Diablo Meridian to the southerly boundary of Shasta County.  
**TRINITY**  
**TULARE**—all that portion situated westerly of Sierra National Forest, Sequoia National Park and Sequoia National Forest.  
**TUOLUMNE**—all that portion situated westerly of Stanislaus National Forest.  
**VENTURA**  
**YOLO**  
**YUBA**