

U.S. Coast Guard Announces Homeport of Polar Security Cutter



An artist's rendering of the new polar security cutter, which the U.S. Coast Guard announced will be homeported in Seattle. VT Halter Marine Inc.

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Coast Guard announced that Seattle will be the home of the service's new polar security cutters.

"The Pacific Northwest has been the home of our icebreaking fleet since 1976, and I am confident that the Seattle area will continue to provide the support we need to carry out our critical operations in the polar regions," Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Karl L. Schultz said.

The Coast Guard is the nation's lead agency responsible for providing assured surface access in the polar regions. The addition of the polar security cutters in Seattle will support the United States' ability to conduct national missions, respond to critical events and project American presence in the high latitudes.

The Coast Guard conducted a detailed analysis to identify locations that could accommodate the polar security cutter. Based on operational and logistical needs, Seattle was determined to be the appropriate homeport for the first three PSCs.

In April 2019, VT Halter
Marine Inc. of Pascagoula, Mississippi, was awarded a contract
for the detail
design and construction of the PSC class.