

on deep water development projects are made.

(1) The provisions of the Act dealing with existing leases allow the Secretary to grant suspensions on an individual lease or unit basis. However, section 304 of the Act (Lease Sales) refers to "tracts" and "leases" (plural). How should MMS apply the royalty suspension volumes to tracts offered for sale?

(2) Is there any basis for MMS to offer suspension volumes larger than the minimums specified in the Act?

Dated: February 20, 1996.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

46 CFR Chapter I

[CGD 85-080]

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Small Passenger Vessel Inspection and Certification

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: On January 10, 1996, the Coast Guard published on Interim Final Rule (IFR) containing a complete revision to the regulations governing small passenger vessels. As discussed below, the Coast Guard will hold four public meetings on the dates and at the locations specified below in order to give the public an opportunity for oral presentations.

DATES: The meetings will be held on the following dates from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.:

- March 19, 1996; St. Louis, Missouri.
- April 10, 1996; Oakland, California.
- April 23, 1996; Mobile Alabama.
- April 30, 1996; New Haven, Connecticut.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held on the dates and at the locations identified below:

- St. Louis, Missouri, Tuesday, March 19, 1996. Robert A. Young Federal Building, Second Floor Auditorium, 1222 Spruce St., St. Louis, MO 63103. Telephone No. (314) 539-3091.
- Oakland, California; Wednesday, April 10, 1996. Oakland Federal Building, Third Floor Conference Center, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612. Telephone No. (510) 238-4800.

—Mobile, Alabama; Tuesday, April 23, 1996. Mobile Civic Center, Meeting Room 16, 401 Civic Center Drive, Mobile AL 36602. Telephone No. (334) 434-7261.

—New Haven, Connecticut; Tuesday, April 30, 1996. Navy/Marine Corps Reserve Center, Classroom #4, 30 Woodward Ave, New Haven, CT 06512. Telephone No. (203) 467-5322.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LT Eric Christensen, Project Manager, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, (G-MOS-2), phone (202) 267-1181, telefax (202) 267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IFR published on January 10, 1996, was in response to numerous comments received to a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) published in the Federal Register [54 FR 4412] on January 30, 1989, and Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SNPRM) published in the Federal Register [59 FR 1994] on January 13, 1994. The IFR stated that the Coast Guard planned to hold at least one public meeting on this rulemaking, in addition to receiving written comments, and solicited recommendations for dates and meeting sites. In response to the public comments received, the Coast Guard will hold a total of four public meetings.

In the preamble of the IFR (page 882), the Coast Guard solicited public comment on several requirements established in the IFR. Specifically, the Coast Guard would like more input on the following parts of 46 CFR:

- Part 179: Construction equivalency for wooden hull vessels, p. 971.
- Sections 119.530 and 182.530: Spaces requiring a bilge high level alarm, pp. 927 and 995.
- Sections 122.420 and 185.420: Documentation of crew training, pp. 938 and 1007-1008.
- Sections 122.520 and 185.520: Documentation of abandon ship and man overboard drills and training, pp. 940-941 and 1009-1010.
- Sections 122.524 and 185.524: Documentation of fire fighting drills and training, pp. 941 and 1010.
- Sections 122.728 and 185.728: Documentation of EPIRB testing, pp. 943 and 1012.

In addition, the Coast Guard is soliciting input on open hatch protection and non-skid surfaces for stairways discussed in the preamble under §§ 116.900 and 177.900 "Guards for exposed hazards", p. 875.

Attendance is open to the public. With advanced notice, and as time

permits, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify the person listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than the day before the meeting. Written material may be submitted prior to, during, or after the meeting. If time permits, the Coast Guard intends to hold a question and answer period following the oral presentations. As stated in the IFR (page 864), the Coast Guard will receive written comments through June 10, 1996.

Dated: February 15, 1996.

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Director for Standards, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 1

[CC Docket No. 95-185; CC Docket No. 94-54; FCC 96-61]

Interconnection Between Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers and Equal Access and Interconnection Obligation Pertaining to Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

SUMMARY: In this *Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, the Commission requests comments on the implications of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 on the proposals and topics for comment regarding interconnection between local exchange carriers and commercial mobile radio service providers as identified in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*Notice*), CC Docket Nos. 95-185 and 94-54, 61 FR 03644 (Feb. 1, 1996). The Commission requests the parties to address the extent to which the recent legislation may affect the jurisdictional discussion in the *Notice*. The intended effect of the Commission's action is to receive input on the implications of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 on these issues.

DATES: Comments are due on or before March 4, 1996, reply comments are due on or before March 25, 1996.