

should be served upon the parties listed in Attachment A to the order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carol A. Woods, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room 6401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366-2340.

Dated: August 20, 1996.

Charles A. Hunnicutt,

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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Coast Guard

[CGD 96-037]

Annual Certification of Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the Oil Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990, the Coast Guard may certify, on an annual basis, a voluntary advisory group instead of a Regional Citizens' Advisory Council for Prince William Sound, Alaska. This certification allows the advisory group to monitor the activities of terminal facilities and crude-oil tankers under the Prince William Sound Program established by the statute. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Coast Guard has recertified the alternative voluntary advisory group for Prince William Sound, Alaska.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LCDR Peter A. Jensen, Project Manager, Port and Environmental Management Division (G-MOR-1), (202) 267-6134, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, Congress passed the Oil Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990 (the Act), 33 U.S.C. 2732, to foster the long-term partnership among industry, government, and local communities in overseeing compliance with environmental concerns in the operation of terminal facilities and crude-oil tankers.

Section 2732(o) permits an alternative voluntary advisory group to represent the communities and interests in the vicinity of the terminal facilities in Prince William Sound, instead of a

council of the type specified in subsection 2732(d), if certain conditions are met. The Act requires that the group enter into a contract to ensure annual funding, and that it receive annual certification by the President to the effect that it fosters the general goals and purposes of the Act and is broadly representative of the community and interests in the vicinity of the terminal facilities. Accordingly, in 1991, the President granted certification to the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC). The authority to certify alternative advisory groups was subsequently delegated to the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and redelegated to the Chief, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

On April 30, 1996, in the Federal Register, the Coast Guard announced the availability of the application for recertification that it received from the RCAC and requested comments (61 FR 19110). Sixteen comments were received.

Discussion of Comments

Although all of the comments received by the Coast Guard supported recertification of the PWSRCAC, three of them provided constructive criticism of PWSRCAC operations. One of the comments questioned the support provided by some Council members to certain parties opposing the Prince William Sound shipper contingency plans which were imposed by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. The commentator emphasized that PWSRCAC's role is that of an advisor speaking with one voice and not individuals advocating their own interests. A second comment expressed the need for PWSRCAC to ensure greater participation by two local Native villages. The final comment objected to an increase in PWSRCAC's budget unless expenditures were more fully justified. It is the Coast Guard's position that those comments can be addressed successfully by PWSRCAC and has forwarded them to PWSRCAC for their review, consideration for what is necessary to resolve the issues, and to provide their response to the commentator and the Coast Guard. Therefore, since none of the comments received opposed the recertification, the Coast Guard has determined that recertification of the RCAC in accordance with the Act is appropriate.

Recertification: By letter dated July 3, 1996, the Chief, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection certified that the RCAC qualifies as an alternative voluntary advisory group under 33

U.S.C. 2732(o). This recertification terminates on June 30, 1997.

Dated: August 14, 1996.

J.C. Card,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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[CGD 95-015]

Limited Service Domestic Voyage Load Lines for Certain River Barges on Lake Michigan

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is amending its policy regarding the limited service domestic voyage load line routes for unmanned, river-service, dry-cargo barges operating on Lake Michigan between Chicago (Calumet Harbor), Illinois and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and between Chicago and St. Joseph, Michigan. This notice also extends the Chicago/St. Joseph route further north to Muskegon, Michigan. Public comments on this action are solicited.

DATES: The exemption is effective August 26, 1996. Comments must be received on or before November 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA/3406) (CGD 95-015), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or may be delivered to room 3406 at the same address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-1477.

The Executive Secretary maintains the public docket for this notice (CGD 95-015). Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas Jordan, Office of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (G-MSE-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 1308. The telephone number is (202) 267-2988.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Prior to the establishment of limited service domestic voyage load line routes on Lake Michigan, cargoes originating at inland river ports and destined for Lake Michigan ports had to be either transported overland or, if transported