

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****[CGD 97-058]****Towing Safety Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. All meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The meeting of the TSAC working groups will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The TSAC Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 19, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The TSAC working groups will meet in Room 2415, second floor, and the Committee meeting will be held in the Baruch Room, fourth floor, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington, DC. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Lieutenant Lionel Mew, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Lionel Mew, Assistant Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-0218, fax (202) 267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Progress report from the Electronic Charting working group.
- (2) Final report from the Tankbarge Structural Soundness working group.
- (3) Progress report from the Fire Suppression working group.
- (4) Progress report from the Licensing working group.
- (5) Status of the implementation of the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (International Safety Management (ISM) Code).
- (6) Status of the Towing Vessel Licensing rulemaking project.
- (7) Final report of the American Waterways Operators/U.S. Coast Guard

Tankbarge Transfer Spills Quality Action Team.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. At the Chairperson's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting should notify the Assistant Executive Director no later than September 19, 1997. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 19, 1997. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meetings, that person should submit 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director no later than September 9, 1997.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Lieutenant Mew as soon as possible.

Dated: August 22, 1997.

R.L. Skewes,

Captain, USCG, Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****[CGD 96-044]****International, Private-Sector Tug-of-Opportunity System, Notice of Availability of a Ship-Drift Analysis for the Northwest Olympic Peninsula and the Strait of Juan de Fuca****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of extension; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard made available the Ship-Drift Analysis for the Northwest Olympic Peninsula and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, prepared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), through a notice published in the **Federal Register** on July 24, 1997 (62 FR 39885). The Coast Guard is extending the comment period, which closed on August 14, 1997, until August 29, 1997, to let the public participate more fully in this rulemaking.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to LT William Pittman, Commandant (G-MOR), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone (202) 267-0426, fax (202) 267-4085.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR William Carey, Commander, Thirteenth U.S. Coast Guard District (mep), telephone (206) 220-7221, fax (206) 220-7225. The telephone number is equipped to record messages on a 24-hour basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The comment period is being extended to allow for comments that, because of their technical nature, may require additional time to prepare. This extension results from requests from the public for more time. The Coast Guard is seeking comments from the public on how to apply the NOAA analysis to the marine-safety criteria set forth in a Report to Congress on International, Private-Sector Tug-of-Opportunity System for the Waters of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary and the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Dated: August 22, 1997.

R.C. North,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine, Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****[Docket No. 91-33, Notice No. 03]****Functional Capacity Index**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment on proposed Pediatric Functional Capacity Index.

SUMMARY: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is developing a scale to quantify the consequences of pediatric injuries received in motor vehicle crashes based on adjusted life-years. This index is an extension of the basic index described in Docket No. 91-33, Notice No. 01. The factor used to adjust the injured person's remaining life-years is called the Functional Capacity Index (FCI). It combines decrements in each of ten dimensions of functioning into a whole body score. The development of the definitions of the functional attributes and their various capacity levels has