

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. Section 117.1097 is revised to read as follows:

§ 117.1097 Sheboygan River.

The draw of the Eighth Street bridge, mile 0.69 at Sheboygan, shall open as follows:

(a) From May 1 through October 31—
(1) Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., the bridge shall open on signal, except that:

(A) From 6:10 a.m. to 7:10 p.m., Monday through Saturday, the draw need open only at 10 minutes after the hour, on the half-hour, and 10 minutes before the hour; and

(B) From Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the draw need not open between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m., and between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

(2) Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least 2 hours advance notice is provided.

(b) From November 1 through April 30, the draw shall open on signal if at least 12 hours advance notice is provided.

(c) At all times, the draw shall open as soon as possible for public vessels of the United States, state or local government vessels used for public safety, vessels in distress, vessels seeking shelter from rough weather, or any other emergency.

Dated: May 2, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

36 CFR Part 13

Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska; Commercial Fishing Regulations and Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule and environmental assessment, extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces that the public comment period for the proposed rule concerning commercial fishing at Glacier Bay National Park and the associated environmental assessment

(EA) is being extended 169 days to November 15, 1998. The proposed rule was published on April 16, 1997 (62 FR 18547). This is the third extension of the public comment period on the proposed rule.

The proposed rule, intended to provide a framework for enhanced review and comment by all interested parties, would implement fair measures to ensure protection of the values and purposes of Glacier Bay NP, including the preservation, enjoyment, and scientific value of the park's unique marine ecosystem. In general, the proposed rule would prohibit all commercial fishing in Glacier Bay proper but provide certain limited exemptions over a 15 year phase-out period, and authorize established commercial fishing in the park's marine waters outside Glacier Bay proper subject to reexamination at the end of 15 years.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule and EA will be accepted through November 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed rule and EA should be submitted to: Superintendent, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 140, Gustavus, Alaska 99826.

Copies of the environmental assessment and an executive summary are available by writing Glen Yankus, National Park Service, Alaska Support Office, 2525 Gambell St., Anchorage, AK 99503-2838. A copy of the Executive Summary for the EA will be available on the park's web site at <http://www.nps.gov/glba> in the management issues section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glen Yankus, National Park Service, Alaska Support Office, (907) 257-2645.

Dated: May 28, 1998.

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Chief, Ranger Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 36

RIN 2900-AI92

Loan Guaranty: Requirements for Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loans

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the Department of Veterans

Affairs (VA) loan guaranty regulations concerning the requirements for Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loans (IRRRLs) by generally limiting these loans to instances where the veteran's monthly mortgage payment will decrease, and by requiring that the loans being refinanced either be current in their payments or meet certain credit standard provisions. This appears to be necessary to ensure that these loans are made only when they provide a real benefit to the veteran, and to protect the financial interest of the Government.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (O2D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AI92." All written comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Judith Caden, Assistant Director for Loan Policy (264), Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7368.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, VA guarantees loans made by lenders to eligible veterans to purchase, construct, improve, or refinance their homes (the term veteran as used in this document includes any individual defined as a veteran under 38 U.S.C. 101 and 3701 for the purpose of housing loans). This document proposes to amend VA's loan guaranty regulations by revising the requirements for VA-guaranteed Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loans (IRRRLs).

This proposed rule addresses the same issues that were addressed in an interim final rule which was established in a document published in the **Federal Register** on October 8, 1997 (62 FR 52503) and rescinded in a document published in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 1997 (62 FR 63454). The interim final rule requested comments. The comments submitted in response to the interim final rule, in addition to those comments received in response to this proposed rule, will be considered and will be discussed in the final rule document. Also, we note that every lender that participates in the VA home loan guarantee program was sent a copy of the provisions of the interim final