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The Commission will hold three public meetings/listening sessions to receive input and feedback from the private sector concerning the significant issues involving crime, security, and terrorism in U.S. seaports. During the course of these public meetings, the members of the Commission will also be interested in hearing about private sector solutions and recommendations for addressing issues related to crime, terrorism and security in seaports. Presenters will be required to advise the Commission at least 24 hours in advance (at 202 927-2700) if they intend to make an oral statement at a meeting, and will be required to submit written statements that reflect their views and recommendations in advance of the meetings. Some "observations" of the working group and Commissioners during their recent visits to selected seaports in the United States include: internal conspiracies are an issue at many seaports; there is a lack of vulnerability assessments for seaports; access to seaports is frequently uncontrolled, allowing vulnerability to terrorism and criminal activity; security-related meetings are not held in most ports; and equipment and technology is lacking at many ports. The Commission is also interested in hearing the public's response to the following questions: What is the appropriate role for the Federal, state, and local government in seaports? Do we need nationwide security "standards" for seaports? If so, should these standards be voluntary or mandatory? Whose responsibility is it to fund security enhancements at seaports?

Parties interested in attending the meetings are requested to inform The Interagency Commission of their intention to attend the sessions to assure adequate accommodations are provided to the public. The notice may be given in writing or telephonically. Written notices should be sent to: The Interagency Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports, Suite 1301 N, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. Telephone replies may be made to Ms. Barbara Ferrell at (202) 927-2700.

In the interest of assuring that all participants at the meetings are allowed the opportunity to be heard, the Commission reserves the right to limit the amount of time speakers may have to make oral statements. The Commission is also requesting that one person from each organization, or firm, speak on behalf of all their members in attendance at the meetings.

Dated: January 7, 2000.

D. Lynn Gordon,

Executive Director, Interagency Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Advisory Council Charter

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the Public Advisory Council Charter—Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with section 9a(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988). Following consultation with the General Services Administration, the Secretary of the Interior hereby renews the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) charter to continue for 2 years.

DATES: The charter will be filed under the Act January 27, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laury Parramore, Council Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), (703) 836-1392.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Service to help the Department of the Interior (Department) and the Service achieve their goal of increasing public awareness of the importance of aquatic resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational fishing and boating. The Council will represent the interests of the sport fishing and boating constituencies and industries and will consist of no more than 18 members appointed by the Secretary to assure a balanced, cross-sectional representation of public and private sector organizations. The Council will consist of two ex-officio members: Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the President, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA). The 16 remaining members will be appointed at the Secretary's discretion to achieve balanced representation for recreational fishing and boating interests. The membership will be comprised of senior-level representatives for recreational fishing, boating, and aquatic resource conservation. These appointees must have demonstrated expertise and experience in one or more of the

following areas of national interest: The director of a State agency responsible for the management of recreational fish and wildlife resources, selected from a coastal State if the President of IAFWA is from an inland State, or selected from an inland State if the President of IAFWA is from a coastal State; saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing; recreational boating; recreational fishing and boating industries; conservation of recreational fishery resources; aquatic resource outreach and education; and tourism.

The Council will function solely as an advisory body and in compliance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Act).

The Certification of renewal is published below.

Certification

I hereby certify that the renewal of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by those statutory authorities as defined in Federal laws including, but not restricted to, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 in furtherance of the Secretary of the Interior's statutory responsibilities for administration of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's mission to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Council will assist the Secretary and the Department of the Interior by providing advice on activities to enhance fishery and aquatic resources.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Invasive Species Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee and Invasive Species Council.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee and the Invasive Species Council. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the Council, as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control and minimizing the economic,