

necessary to permit Penn Mutual to issue the Contracts and to permit Penn Mutual and Penn Insurance to issue Future Contracts which allow them to recapture Purchase Payment Enhancements as described herein. For the reasons stated in this Application, Applicants submit that the requested exemptions meet the standards set out in Section 6(c), namely, that the exemptions are necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3438]

### Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy; Open Meeting Notice

The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2000, in Room 1105, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20520. The meeting will be hosted by Committee Chairman R. Michael Gadbow and Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs E. Anthony Wayne.

The ACIEP serves the U.S. Government in a solely advisory capacity concerning issues and problems in international economic policy. The objective of the ACIEP is to provide expertise and insight on these issues that are not available within the U.S. Government.

Topics for the October 31 meeting will be:

- Priority Democracies: Colombia and Nigeria
- Resources for Foreign Policy—What Americans Get for Their Tax Dollars
- Foreign Policy Implications of Rising Oil Prices
- Updates on:
  - Biotechnology
  - Global Information Economy
  - Other Current Foreign Policy Issues

The public may attend these meetings as seating capacity allows. The media is welcome but discussions are off the record. Admittance to the Department of State building is by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on this list, please provide your

name, title, company or other affiliation if appropriate, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to the ACIEP Executive Secretariat by fax (202) 647-5936 (Attention: Cecilia Walker) or email: (walkercr@state.gov) by October 27th. On the date of the meeting, persons who have registered should come to the 23rd Street entrance. One of the following valid means of identification will be required for admittance: a U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government ID.

For further information about the meeting, contact Deborah Grout, ACIEP Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Room 3526, Main State, Washington, DC 20520. Tel: 202-647-2534; or Carol Thompson, Email: thompsonce@state.gov.

Dated: October 12, 2000.

**Carol E. Thompson,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3437]

### Advisory Panel to the United States Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission; Notice of a Closed Meeting

The Advisory Panel to the United States Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission will meet on October 29, 2000, at the Imperial Hotel, 1-1-1, Uchisaiwaicho, Chiyoda-ky, Tokyo 100-8558, Japan. This session will involve discussion of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission, to be held on October 30—November 2, 2000. The discussion will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is closed to the public.

The members of the Advisory Panel will examine various options for the U.S. position at the Eighth Annual Meeting. These considerations must necessarily involve review of sensitive matters, the disclosure of which would frustrate U.S. participation at the Annual Meeting. Accordingly, the determination has been made to close the 7:00 p.m. meeting pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and 5 U.S.C. Section 552b(c)(9).

Requests for further information on the meeting should be directed to Ms. Sally Cochran, International Relations Officer, Office of Marine Conservation (OES/OMC), Room 5806, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

20520-7818. Ms. Cochran can be reached by telephone on (202) 647-2883 or by FAX (202) 736-7350.

Dated: October 11, 2000.

**Mary Beth West,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[CGD17-00-015]

### Application for Recertification of Cook Inlet Regional Citizen's Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces the availability of and seeks comments on the application for recertification submitted by the Cook Inlet Regional Citizen's Advisory Council (CIRCAC) for September 1, 2000 through August 31, 2001. Under the Oil Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990, the Coast Guard may certify, on an annual basis, an alternative voluntary advisory group in lieu of a Regional Citizen's Advisory Council for Cook Inlet.

**DATES:** Comments must reach the Seventeenth Coast Guard District on or before November 17, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail your comments to the Seventeenth Coast Guard District (mor), P.O. Box 25517, Juneau, AK, 99802-5517. You may also deliver them to the Juneau Federal Building, room 753, 709 W 9th St, Juneau, AK between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The Seventeenth Coast Guard District maintains the public docket for this recertification process. Comments regarding recertification will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at the Juneau Federal Building, room 753, 709 W 9th St.

A copy of the application is also available for inspection at the Cook Inlet Regional Citizen's Advisory Council Offices at 910 Highland Avenue, Kenai, AK 99611-8033 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (907) 283-7222 in Kenai, Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on viewing or submitting

material to the docket contact LT Ryan Murphy, Seventeenth Coast Guard District (mor), (907) 463-2817.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written data, views, or arguments. It solicits comments from interested groups including oil terminal facility owners and operators, owners and operators of crude oil tankers calling at terminal facilities, and fishing, aquacultural, recreational and environmental citizens groups, concerning the recertification application of CIRCAC. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD17-00-15) and the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please provide all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgement of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to Commander (m), Seventeenth Coast Guard District, P.O. Box 25517, Juneau, AK, 99802-5517. The request should include reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If there is sufficient evidence to determine that oral presentations will aid this recertification process, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

##### Background and Purpose

The Coast Guard published guidelines on December 31, 1992 (57 FR 626000), to assist groups seeking recertification under the Oil Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2732) (the Act). The Coast Guard issued a policy statement on July 7, 1993 (58 FR 36505), to clarify the factors that the Coast Guard would be considering in making its determination as to whether advisory groups should be certified in accordance with the Act; and the procedures which the Coast Guard would follow in meeting its certification responsibilities under the Act.

The Coast Guard has received an application for recertification of CIRCAC, the currently certified advisory group for the Cook Inlet region. In accordance with the review and certification process contained in the policy statement, the Coast Guard

announces the availability of that application.

At the conclusion of the comment period, the Coast Guard will review all application materials and comments received and will take one of the following actions:

(a) Recertify the advisory group under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o).

(b) Issue a conditional recertification for a period of 90 days, with a statement of any discrepancies, which must be corrected to qualify for recertification for the remainder of the year.

(c) Deny recertification of the advisory group if the Coast Guard finds that the group is not broadly representative of the interests and communities in the area or is not adequately fostering the goals and purposes of 33 U.S.C. 2732.

The Coast Guard will notify CIRCAC by letter of the action taken on its application. A notice will be published in the **Federal Register** to advise the public of the Coast Guard's determination.

Dated: October 4, 2000.

**T.J. Barrett**,

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG 2000-8079]

#### Setting the Environmental Agenda of the Coast Guard for Oil Pollution—Prevention, Preparedness, and Response—in the 21st Century

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is holding at least one public meeting to help in setting its environmental agenda for oil pollution—prevention, preparedness, and response—in the 21st Century. A decade after the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, spills of cargo oil from tank vessels and other sources have declined; but spills continue to occur in marine transport and to pose new risks and challenges. The Coast Guard hopes to receive input from all stakeholders to identify likely threats to the environment, and to receive ideas on which it may base its prevention, preparedness, and response programs and needs in the future.

**DATES:** (1) The public meeting will take place on December 12, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., but will conclude before

4 p.m. if there are no more comments.

(2) Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before December 30, 2000. (3) If the Coast Guard decides to hold a second public meeting, it will announce that meeting by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place at Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, in room 4202. The meeting will also be video broadcast on the internet.

To make sure your comments and related materials enter the docket [USCG 2000-8079] once and only once, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access the public docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on this public meeting, including those on how to access the meeting on the internet, contact Commander George H. Burns III, Office of Response (G-MOR-1), Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-0421, e-mail [Gburns@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:Gburns@comdt.uscg.mil). (In particular, we ask that those attending the meeting notify CDR Burns so he can ensure that adequate space is available.) For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Dorothy Beard, Chief of Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**