

Vessels. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Committee will meet on Monday, April 30, 2001 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This meeting may close early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** TSAC will meet in room 1303 at Coast Guard Headquarters; 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. Send written materials and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Gerald P. Miente, Commandant (G-MSO-1); Room 1210, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters; 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gerald P. Miente, Assistant Executive Director, TSAC, telephone 202-267-0229, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail at: [gmiente@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:gmiente@comdt.uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

#### Agenda of Meeting

The agenda includes only TSAC's consideration of and voting on the recommended comments of its Fire Suppression and Voyage Planning Working Group. A Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, November 8, 2000 (FR 65 66941), and an Extension of Comment Period was published on Friday, February 23, 2001 (FR 66 11241). The Docket Number for this rulemaking is USCG-2001-6931.

#### Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Assistant Executive Director no later than April 26, 2001.

#### 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 the Assistant Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: April 10, 2001.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Central Link Light Rail Transit Project

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is issuing this notice to advise the public, tribes and agencies that an SEIS will be prepared to further evaluate station and route alternatives from Northeast (NE) 45th Street to Northgate Mall in Seattle, Washington, and possibly design refinements and variations in other segments of the project for the Central Link Light Rail Transit Project. This action is a supplement to the Central Link Light Rail Transit Project Final EIS, November 1999.

**DATES:** This EIS is a supplement to the Central Link Light Rail Transit Project Final EIS, November 1999, and scoping has been waived consistent with 23 CFR 771.130(d).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Witmer, Federal Transit Administration, 915 2nd Avenue, Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174, Telephone: 206.220.7964 or Chris Townsend, Sound Transit, 401 South Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104-2826, Telephone: 206.398.5135

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FTA and the Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) will prepare a supplemental EIS on three route alternatives from NE 45th Street to Northgate Mall. The first option is the "12th Avenue Tunnel." This route is in a tunnel from NE 45th Street at the University of Washington to just north of Lake City Way near NE 76th Street and continues elevated mostly within the right-of-way of Interstate 5 (I-5) to Northgate. Stations would be located at (1) 12th Avenue NE and NE 65th Street and (2) Northgate. The second option is the "A2.1b 8th Avenue NE retained cut" alternative. This route is in tunnel from NE 45th Street to a West portal located just south of Ravenna Boulevard. From there it ascends to a new elevated station layout south of NE 65th Street adjacent to I-5, then into a retained cut-

fill configuration along the east side of I-5, and then elevated to a station and three tail tracks at Northgate.

The third option is the "A2.1c 8th Avenue retained cut" alternative. This route is in tunnel from NE 45th Street to an East portal located just south of Ravenna Blvd. From there it also ascends to an elevated station south of NE 65th Street, then into a retained cut-fill configuration and storage track along the east side of I-5, and then elevated to a station and one tail track at Northgate. There are two new station and park-and-ride lot options at the Northgate Transit Center on the east side of First Avenue NE between NE 100th Street and NE 103rd Street. The supplemental EIS may also address design refinements and variations in other segments of the project.

Issued on: April 11, 2001.

**Linda M. Gehrke,**

*FTA Deputy Regional Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2001-9397]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel Branch Office.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 16, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2001-9397. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR § 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR Part 388.

#### **Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement**

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested.

*Name of vessel:* Branch Office. *Owner:* Bill Pullman.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. *According to the applicant:* "50'-SPORT Fisherman 50,000 Lbs. Capacity 6 persons and 2 crew members."

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. *According to the applicant:* "Sunset Cruises/Possible Charter Fishing" "West Coast Florida—Sarasota to Key West."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. *Date of construction:* 1977. *Place of construction:* Unknown (Possibly in Europe). Built by Herb Philips of Striker of Ft. Lauderdale [who builds boats in various foreign locations but not in the United States].

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. *According to the applicant:* "This will have no effect on other commercial operators. This will be seasonal operations. All other similar existing operators are busy and 100% booked, therefore not affecting their operations."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. *According to the applicant:* "This waiver will have no effect on U.S. Shipyards, or vessel builders."

Dated: April 10, 2001.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Maritime Administration**

**[Docket Number: MARAD-2001-9393]**

#### **Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel Gold Watch.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 16, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2001-9393. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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#### **Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement**

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. Name of vessel: Gold Watch. Owner: Robert C. Welch.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. *According to the applicant:* "33ft. 4" \* \* \* 15.92 tons pursuant to 46 USC 14502"

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. *According to the applicant:* "Sportfishing charters on Great Lakes (particularly Lake Erie) coastwise, 12 passengers or less."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. *Date of*