identified, written public input, comments and suggestions on environmental issues or concerns related to the proposed improvements are invited from all interested parties. Comments should be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration or the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities at the addresses provided above by May 30, 2004.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Karen A. Schmidt,

Assistant Division Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2004 17531]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before June 15, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Strassburg, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–4156; fax: (202) 366–7901; or e-mail: *joe.strassburg@marad.dot.gov.* Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: War Risk Insurance.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0011.

Form Numbers: MA–355; MA–528; MA–742; MA–828; and MA–942.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Summary of Collection of Information: As authorized by section 1202, Title XII, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation may provide war risk insurance adequate for the needs of the waterborne commerce of the United States if such insurance cannot be obtained on reasonable terms from qualified insurance companies operating in the United States. This collection is required for the program. The collection consists of forms MA–355; MA–528; MA–742; MA–828; and MA–942.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information is necessary to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the vessel(s) for participation in the war risk insurance program.

Description of Respondents: Vessel owners or charterers interested in participating in MARAD's war risk insurance program.

Annual Responses: 1,431.

Annual Burden: 768 hours.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at *http://dms.dot.gov/submit.* Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.d.t. (or e.s.t.), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at *http://dms.dot.gov.*

Privacy Act : Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (volume 65, number 70, pages 19477–78), or you may visit *http://dms.dot.gov.*

Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.

Dated: April 12, 2004.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: National Advisory Council public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration announces that the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC) will hold a meeting to discuss MTS needs and other relevant issues, regional MTS outreach initiatives, Council team assignments, and other issues. A public comment period is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2004. To provide time for as many people to speak as possible, speaking time for each individual will be limited to three minutes. Members of the public who would like to speak are asked to contact Raymond Barberesi by April 27, 2004. Commenters will be placed on the agenda in the order in which notifications are received. If time allows, additional comments will be permitted. Copies of oral comments must be submitted in writing at the meeting. Additional written comments are welcome and must be filed by May 11, 2004.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, May 4, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Radisson Hotel and Suites, 160 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. The hotel's phone number is (312) 787–2900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Raymond Barberesi, (202) 366–4357; Maritime Administration, MAR–830, Room 7201, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590; *Raymond.Barberesi@marad.dot.gov*.

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Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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