

C. Step Three—Mail Payment and a Copy of the Completed Medical Device User Fee Cover Sheet to the St. Louis Address Specified Below

- Make the payment in U.S. currency by check, bank draft, or U.S. Postal money order payable to the Food and Drug Administration. (The tax identification number of the Food and Drug Administration is 53-0196965, should your accounting department need this information.)

- Please write your application's unique Payment Identification Number, from the upper right-hand corner of your completed Medical Device User Fee Cover Sheet, on your check, bank draft, or U.S. Postal money order.

- Mail the payment and a copy of the completed Medical Device User Fee Cover Sheet to: Food and Drug Administration, P.O. Box 956733, St. Louis, MO, 63195-6733.

If you prefer to send a check by a courier (such as FEDEX, DHL, UPS, etc.), the courier may deliver the check to: US Bank, Attn: Government Lockbox 956733, 1005 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

(Note: This address is for courier delivery only. Contact the US Bank at 314-418-4821 if you have any questions concerning courier delivery.)

It is helpful if the fee arrives at the bank at least 1 day before the application arrives at FDA. FDA records the official application receipt date as the later of the following:

- The date the application was received by FDA.
- The date US Bank receives the payment. US Bank is required to notify FDA within 1 working day, using the Payment Identification Number described previously.

D. Step Four—Submit your Application to FDA with a Copy of the Completed Medical Device User Fee Cover Sheet

Please submit your application and a copy of the completed Medical Device User Fee Cover Sheet to one of the following addresses:

- Medical device applications should be submitted to: Food and Drug Administration, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Document Mail Center (HFZ-401), 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850.

- Biologic applications should be sent to: Food and Drug Administration, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Document Control Center (HFM-99), suite 200N, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-1448.

Dated: July 26, 2006.

Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[CGD13-06-034]

Announcement of Public Hearing Regarding the Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement Project Across the Columbia River Between Portland, OR and Vancouver, WA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement Project, also known as the Columbia River Crossing Project, between Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington. The dual vertical lift highway bridges across the Columbia River, mile 106.5, are being examined as candidates for replacement. Comments regarding impacts that the proposed bridge replacement project may have on navigation of the Columbia River and the environment will be of particular relevance to the Coast Guard's bridge permitting responsibilities.

DATES: This hearing will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2006, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., or later if necessary. Attendees at the hearing who wish to present testimony and have not previously made a request to do so, will follow those having submitted a request, as time permits. Written material and requests to make oral comment must be received by the Bridge Administrator at the address given under **ADDRESSES** on or before September 14, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held at the Red Lion Hotel on the River—Jantzen Beach, 909 North Hayden Drive, Portland, Oregon. The Timberline Room downstairs from the main lobby has been reserved. Send written material and requests to make oral comment to Mr. Austin Pratt, Bridge Administrator, Commander (dpw), Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915 Second Avenue, Room 3510, Seattle, WA 98174-1067.

Commander (dpw) maintains the public docket and comments and material received from the public will become part of docket [CGD13-06-034] and will be available for inspection or copying at the above address between 8

a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions regarding this notice or the proposed project, call Mr. Austin Pratt, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administrator, telephone (206) 220-7282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Action

The Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement Project under consideration will improve the mobility, reliability, and accessibility for automobile, freight, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian users of the Interstate 5 corridor from State Route 500 in Vancouver to Columbia Boulevard in Portland while meeting the reasonable needs of navigation. The existing Interstate 5 dual vertical lift highway bridges currently provide a 40-foot vertical clearance in the closed position. When raised, the lift spans increase the vertical clearance to 178.9 feet. Critical issues include the determination of the vertical clearance in a fixed span alternative as well as pier placement in the river. In addition to current navigational interests, existing conditions potentially impacting navigational clearances include the surrounding land uses, the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe rail line bridge (approximately one mile downstream), and the glide path requirements for Pearson Airpark in Vancouver and Portland International Airport in Portland. While the main focus of the hearing is to allow interested persons to present comments and information concerning the impact of the proposed bridge project on navigation and air space, comments concerning impacts on the human environment may also be presented and will be included in the public record.

The Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration are the joint lead Federal agencies for satisfying the requirements of Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has commenced. The Coast Guard is a cooperating agency. This replacement bridge project will require a bridge permit from the Coast Guard (33 U.S.C. 525) and environmental review pursuant to NEPA.

Procedural

All interested parties will have an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence regarding the impacts of the proposed bridge project. Written statements and other exhibits in lieu of,

or in addition to, oral statements at the hearing must be submitted to the Bridge Administrator at the address listed under **ADDRESSES** on or before September 14, 2006, to be included in the Public Hearing transcript.

Comments, including names and home addresses, may be published as part of the Final EIS. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information about facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Commander (dpw), Thirteenth Coast Guard District. Please request these services by contacting the Bridge Administrator at the phone number under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or in writing at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Any requests for an oral or sign language interpreter must be received as soon as possible.

Dated: July 14, 2006.

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Chief, Office of Bridge Administration, U.S. Coast Guard,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, and Notification of Two Public Open House Meetings

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent and notice of two public open house meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), and announces two public open house meetings. The Refuge is located in Clark County, Washington. The Service is

furnishing this notice to: advise other agencies and the public of our intentions; and obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the CCP and associated environmental compliance document.

DATES: Two public open house meetings will be held. The first open house is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2006, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Ridgefield Community Center in Ridgefield, Washington (see

ADDRESSES). The second open house is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2006, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Vancouver Public Library, in Vancouver, Washington (see

ADDRESSES). Please provide written comments on the scope of the CCP by November 3, 2006. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended (NEPA), and Service and Department of the Interior policies and procedures.

ADDRESSES: Address comments, questions, and requests for further information to: Project Leader, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Complex, P.O. Box 457, Ridgefield, WA 98642. Comments may be faxed to the Refuge at (360) 887-4109, or e-mailed to *FW1PlanningComments@fws.gov*.

Additional information concerning the Refuge is available on the following Internet site: <http://www.fws.gov/ridgefieldrefuges/>. Addresses for the two public open house meeting locations follow.

1. Ridgefield Community Center, 210 North Main Avenue, Ridgefield, Washington 98642.

2. Vancouver Community Library, 1007 East Mill Plain Boulevard, Vancouver, Washington 98663.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Bodeen, Project Leader, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Complex, P.O. Box 457, Ridgefield, WA 98642, phone (360) 887-4106, and fax (360) 887-4109.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service is furnishing this notice in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (the Act) as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), NEPA, and their implementing regulations in order to: advise other agencies and the public of our intentions; and obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the CCP and associated NEPA document. Opportunities for public input will be announced throughout the CCP planning and

development process. It is estimated that the draft CCP and NEPA document will be available for public review in May 2008.

By Federal law (the Act), all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System will be managed in accordance with an approved CCP by 2012. A CCP guides a refuge's management decisions and identifies long-range refuge goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving the purposes for which the refuge was established. During the CCP planning process many elements will be considered, including: Wildlife and habitat management, public use opportunities, and cultural resource protection. Public input during the planning process is essential. The CCP for the Ridgefield Refuge will describe desired conditions for the Refuge and the long-term goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving those conditions. The Service will prepare an associated NEPA document in accordance with procedures for implementing NEPA.

The Refuge's approved boundary encompasses 6,170 acres of lower Columbia River bottomlands in Clark County, Washington; of this the Service owns approximately 5,217 acres. The Refuge was established in 1965 to provide habitat for wintering waterfowl, with an emphasis on dusky Canada geese after nesting areas in Alaska were severely impacted by the Great Alaska Earthquake of 1964.

Habitat types found on the Refuge include several subtypes of bottomland hardwood forest, managed pastures, old fields, croplands, bottomland (wet) prairies, Oregon white oak woodlands, western hemlock (mixed) forests, emergent marshes, open water marshes, and tidal riverine habitat. Populations of the endangered water *howellia* plant are found within the Refuge's Blackwater Research Natural Area.

The Refuge provides important migratory and wintering habitat for numerous bird species, including six subspecies of Canada geese, swans, dabbling and diving ducks, bald eagles, and sandhill cranes. The Refuge also contains one of the largest great blue heron colonies in the State, and provides breeding habitat for bald eagles and many species of neotropical migratory birds.

Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities

The following preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities have been identified and will be addressed in the CCP. Additional issues will be identified during public scoping.