

port of entry of New Orleans, Louisiana, and the pre-flight inspection location of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, as locations at which the Department of Homeland Security will begin biometric screening of arriving aliens using the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology Program.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This notice is effective August 15, 2006 for Fresno, California, on or before October 1, 2006, for Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and October 15, 2006, for New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Rouse or Craig Howie, Senior Policy Advisors, US-VISIT, Department of Homeland Security, 1616 Fort Myer Drive, 18th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22209, (202) 298-5200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 5, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) established the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) Program in accordance with several statutory mandates that collectively require DHS to create an integrated, automated biometric entry and exit system that records the arrival and departure of aliens; verifies the identities of aliens; and authenticates travel documents presented by such aliens through the comparison of biometric identifiers. Aliens subject to US-VISIT may be required to provide fingerprints, photographs, or other biometric identifiers upon arrival in, or departure from, the United States. See 69 FR 468 (Jan. 5, 2004) and 69 FR 53318 (Aug. 31, 2004) for information on the background, legal mandates, and legal requirements of the US-VISIT Program. Additional information on US-VISIT and the most up-to-date list of ports of entry where US-VISIT is operational can be found on the Internet at <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=91>.

DHS regulations at 8 CFR 235.1(d)(1)(ii) note that DHS will designate by notice in the **Federal Register** ports of entry where aliens will be required to provide fingerprints, photograph(s), or other specified biometric identifiers during the inspection process when applying for entry or admission into the United States. This notice fulfills the requirements of 8 CFR 235.1(d)(1)(ii).

This Notice makes no changes to existing US-VISIT requirements, processes, or classifications of aliens subject to or exempt from US-VISIT biometric screening. This Notice merely identifies additional ports of entry and a pre-flight inspection location that will be using US-VISIT biometric screening.

US-VISIT biometric screening will begin at Fresno, Halifax, and New Orleans as follows:

Fresno, California (Fresno-Yosemite International Airport), which will begin biometric screening on August 15, 2006.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (Halifax International Airport, Pre-Flight Inspection), which will begin biometric screening on or before October 1, 2006. Halifax is the eighth pre-flight screening location in Canada to use US-VISIT biometric screening.

New Orleans, Louisiana (Erato Street Cruise Terminal), which will begin biometric screening on October 15, 2006.

DHS notes the date of October 1, 2006, for Halifax is an estimate. It is possible that the pre-flight inspection facilities in Halifax will be ready prior to October 1, 2006. Should Halifax pre-flight inspection be ready before October 1, 2006, or if the opening of this pre-flight inspection facility is delayed beyond October 1, 2006, a revised estimated start date will be posted on the US-VISIT Internet site at the address noted above. Further, DHS will communicate the exact date Halifax will begin US-VISIT biometric screening directly to local area news media, civic organizations, and the transportation and travel industry once that date has been established.

Dated: August 7, 2006.

Michael Chertoff,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC). NOSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters affecting the offshore industry.

DATES: Application forms should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 30, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-PSO-2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW.,

Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-372-1414; or by faxing 202-372-1926. A copy of the application form is also available from the Coast Guard's Advisory Committee Web page at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/index.htm>. Send your application in written form to the above street address. A copy of the application, along with this notice, is also available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Commander John M. Cushing, Executive Director of NOSAC, or James M. Magill, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202 372-1414, fax 202-372-1926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOSAC is a Federal advisory committee established under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended). It consists of 15 regular members who have particular knowledge and experience regarding offshore technology, equipment, safety and training, as well as environmental expertise in the exploration or recovery of offshore mineral resources. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Prevention regarding safety, security and rulemaking matters relating to the offshore mineral and energy industries. This advice assists the Coast Guard in developing policy and regulations and formulating the positions of the United States in advance of meetings of the International Maritime Organization.

NOSAC meets approximately twice a year, with one of these meetings being held at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

We will consider applications for three positions. These positions will begin in January 2007. Applications should reach us by September 30, 2006, but we will consider applications received later if they arrive within a reasonable time before we make our recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

To be eligible, applicants should have experience in one of the following categories: (1) Offshore operations, (2) diving services associated with offshore activities, or (3) pipelaying services. Please state on the application form which of the three categories you are applying for. Each member normally serves a term of 3 years or until a replacement is appointed. A few

members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the policy of the Coast Guard on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

Dated: August 8, 2006.

J. G. Lantz,

Director of National and International Standards, Assistant Commandant for Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Request for Applicants for Appointment to the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and Related Homeland Security Functions (COAC)

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Committee Management; request for applicants for appointment to the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and Related Homeland Security Functions (COAC); technical correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains a technical correction to a Notice which was published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, July 17, 2006 in which Customs and Border Protection (CBP) requests individuals who are interested in serving on the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and Related Homeland Security Functions (formerly known as the "Commercial Operations Advisory Committee" and popularly still known as "COAC") to apply for appointment.

DATES: Correction is effective retroactively from July 17, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wanda J. Tate, Program Management Specialist, Office of Trade Relations, Customs and Border Protection, (202) 344-1440, FAX (202) 344-1969.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On Monday, July 17, 2006, CBP published a Notice in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 40528) stating that Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is

requesting individuals who are interested in serving on the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and Related Homeland Security Functions (formerly known as the "Commercial Operations Advisory Committee" and popularly still known as "COAC") to apply for appointment.

This correction concerns the section entitled "Committee Membership," specifically, the fourth paragraph of the third column on page 40529, which announced that the applicant would serve as a Special Government Employee (SGE) and that the applicant would also be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OEG Form 450). Because members of the Committee are not considered Federal Government employees for any purpose, having them serve in the capacity of an SGE is incorrect. Further, there is no requirement to complete a Confidential Disclosure Report. Accordingly, this document corrects that notice by eliminating this paragraph from the document.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication on Monday, July 17, 2006 of the Notice, which was the subject of FR Doc. E6-11285, is corrected as follows: On page 40529, in the third column, the fourth paragraph under the heading "Committee Membership" is deleted in its entirety.

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Lawrence J. Rosenzweig,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Relations, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Incidental Take of a Threatened Species on Struthers Ranch Property, El Paso County, CO

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, issued a permit for the incidental take of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*), a threatened species, on the Struthers Ranch Property in El Paso County, Colorado.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with the permit application are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Field Office, P.O. Box 25486, Denver, Colorado 80225; telephone (303) 236-4773.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adam Misztal, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Colorado Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone (303) 236-4753.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 10, 2005, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 68472) announcing that we had received an application from WL Homes, LLC, doing business as John Laing Homes (Applicant), for a permit to incidentally take, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) (Act), the Preble's meadow jumping mouse on the Struthers Ranch Property in El Paso County, Colorado. The permit application was made under the terms of the Struthers Ranch Habitat Conservation Plan.

On July 14, 2006, we issued a permit (TE-073390-1) to the Applicant subject to certain conditions, which we listed on the permit. We issued the permit only after we determined that: (1) The Applicant applied in good faith, (2) issuing the permit would not adversely affect the Preble's meadow jumping mouse, and (3) issuing the permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Act.

Authority: The action is authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Dated: July 25, 2006.

James J. Slack,

Deputy Regional Director, Region 6.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Klamath Fishery Management Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a meeting of the Klamath Fishery Management Council (Council), to take place by conference call. The meeting is open to the public. The Klamath Fishery Management Council makes recommendations to agencies that regulate harvest of anadromous fish in the Klamath River