closure periods for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impacts caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its original operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.


Waverly W. Gregory, Jr.,
Bridge Program Manager, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2012–0012]

RIN 1625–AA09

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Curtis Creek, Baltimore, MD

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the I–695 Bridge across Curtis Creek, mile 1.0, at Baltimore, MD. This deviation allows the bridge to operate on a restricted schedule including six (6) multi-day closures to complete structural repairs.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 6 a.m. on March 1, 2012, to 11:59 p.m. on July 17, 2012. The deviation has been enforced with actual notice since February 10, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2012–0012 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–0012 in the “Keyword” box, and clicking “Search.” This material is also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call Bill H. Brazier, Bridge Management Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District; telephone 757–398–6422, email Bill.H.Brazier@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Maryland Transportation Authority, which owns and operates this double-leaf bascule drawbridge, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating schedule set out in 33 CFR 117.557 which requires the bridge to open on signal if at least a one-hour advance notice is given to the Maryland Transit Authority in Baltimore.

The I–695 Bridge has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 58 feet, above mean high water.

Under this temporary deviation to facilitate the replacement of the grid deck, floor beams and stringers, the drawbridge will be closed for six (6) multi-day periods from 7 a.m. on February 10, 2012, through 7 a.m. May 17, 2012, as is more specifically set out below. During these closure periods no vessel openings will be provided. At all others times, vessel openings will be provided on signal if at least 24 hours advance notice is given.

This temporary deviation will not significantly disrupt vessel traffic because mariners can plan their trips to pass through the bridge between the closure periods when the bridge will be fully operational and vessels that can pass under the bridge without a bridge opening may do so at all times. There is no alternate route for vessels and the bridge will not be able to open in the event of an emergency during the stated closure periods.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

During this deviation, the bridge will operate as follows:

(1) From 6 a.m. on February 10 through 11:59 p.m. on July 17, 2012, will open on signal if at least 24 hours advance notice is given, except upon completion of construction
(2) The bridge need not open during the following specified closure periods:
   (i) From 7 a.m. on February 10, 2012 until 7 a.m. on February 15, 2012;
   (ii) From 7 a.m. on February 18, 2012 until 7 a.m. on February 24, 2012;
   (iii) From 7 a.m. on February 28, 2012 until 7 a.m. on March 10, 2012;
   (iv) From 7 a.m. on April 12 until 7 a.m. on April 19, 2012;
   (v) From 7 a.m. on April 28, 2012 until 7 a.m. on May 4, 2012; and
   (vi) From 7 a.m. on May 7, 2012 until 7 a.m. on May 17, 2012.


William D. Lee,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2012–0108]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Lake Pontchartrain, Between Jefferson and St. Tammany Parishes, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the north bascule span of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission Causeway across Lake Pontchartrain between Metairie, Jefferson Parish and Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. This deviation allows the draws of the bridge to remain closed to navigation for four days to allow for the repair and maintenance of mechanical parts of the bascule.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 6 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 until 6 p.m. on Friday, March 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2012–0108 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–0108 in the “Keyword” box and then clicking “Search.” They are also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Mr. Jim Wetherington, Bridge Specialist, Eighth Coast Guard District Bridge Branch, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 504–671–2128 or email James.r.wetherington@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission requested a temporary deviation from the published regulation for the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission Causeway bascule bridge across Lake Pontchartrain. The bridge provides 42.6 feet of vertical clearance when closed above mean high water, and unlimited clearance above MHW in the open-to-navigation position. Currently, according to 33 CFR 117.467(b), the draw of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission Causeway bascule bridge shall open on signal if at least three hours notice is given; except that the draw need not be open for the passage of vessels Monday through Fridays except Federal holidays, from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.. The draw will open on signal for any vessel in distress or vessel waiting immediately following the closures listed above.

This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to navigation for four (4) days from 6 a.m. on March 13, 2012 through 6 p.m. on March 16, 2012.

Navigation on the waterway consists mainly of recreational vessels. The Coast Guard has coordinated the closure with other Coast Guard units. These dates and this schedule were chosen to minimize the effects on vessel traffic; however, vessels that may pass under the bridge in the closed-to-navigation position can do so any anytime. The bridge will not be able to open for emergencies.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35, this work will be performed with flexibility in order to return the bridge to normal operations as soon as possible. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.


David M. Frank,
Bridge Administrator.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

36 CFR Part 242

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 100


RIN 1018–AX95

Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska—Subpart C—Board Determinations; Rural Determinations

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule; extension of compliance date and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This final rule extends the compliance date for the final rule that revised the list of nonrural areas identified by the Federal Subsistence Board (Board). On May 7, 2007, the Board published a final rule changing the rural designation for several communities or areas in Alaska. These communities had five years following the date of publication to come into compliance. In 2009 the Secretary of the Interior initiated a review of the Federal Subsistence Program. An ensuing directive was for the Federal Subsistence Board to review its processes for determining the rural and nonrural status of communities. As a result, the Board has initiated a review of the rural determination process and the rural determination findings. The Board finds that it is in the public’s interest to extend the compliance date of the 2007 final rule until the review is complete or in 5 years, whichever comes first.

DATES: Compliance: The compliance date for the final rule revising 36 CFR 242.23 and 50 CFR 100.23 published May 7, 2007 (72 FR 25688), and effective June 6, 2007, is extended until either the rural determination process and findings review is completed or 5 years, whichever comes first. We will publish a document announcing the compliance date in the Federal Register.

Comments: Comments will be received until April 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

• Electronically: Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov and search for FWS–R7–SM–2011–0068, which is the docket number for this rulemaking.

• By hard copy: U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: USFWS, Office of Subsistence Management, 1011 East Tudor Road, MS 121, Attn: Theo Matuszkowitz, Anchorage, AK 99503–6199, or hand delivery to the Designated Federal Official attending any of the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council public meetings. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for additional information on locations of the public meetings.

We will post all comments on http://www.regulations.gov. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
Attention: Peter J. Probasco, Office of Subsistence Management; (907) 786–3888 or subsistence@fws.gov. For questions specific to National Forest System lands, contact Steve Kessler, Regional Subsistence Program Leader, USDA, Forest Service, Alaska Region; (907) 743–9461 or skessler@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) (16 U.S.C. 3111–3126), the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretaries of Agriculture (Secretaries) jointly implement the Federal Subsistence Management Program (Program). This Program grants a preference for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands and waters in Alaska. The Secretaries first published regulations to carry out this program in the Federal Register on May 29, 1992 (57 FR 22940). These regulations have subsequently been amended several times. This Program is a joint effort between Interior and Agriculture, as a result these regulations are located in two titles of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Title 36, “Parks, Forests, and Public Property,” and Title 50, “Wildlife and Fisheries,” at 36 CFR 242.1–28 and 50 CFR 100.1–28, respectively. The regulations contain subparts as follows: Subpart A, General Provisions; Subpart B, Program Structure; Subpart C, Board Determinations; and Subpart D, Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife.

Federal Subsistence Board

Consistent with subpart B of these regulations, the Secretaries established a Federal Subsistence Board to administer the Federal Subsistence Management Program. The Board comprises: