

biodiversity, impact commercial and recreational fisheries, cause infrastructure damage, contribute to potential risks to human health, and create economic impacts. Ballast water discharge is a major pathway for NIS introduction from vessels operating in or entering waters of the United States.

The FPEIS identifies and assesses reasonable alternatives for the proposed action, including the No Action Alternative, addresses the likely consequences of a BWDS on the human and natural environment, and presents potential mitigation measures to avoid or minimize adverse effects upon the quality of the human and natural environment. In the FPEIS, the USCG analyzed five alternatives for a BWDS. These alternatives are summarized as follows:

*Alternative 1—No Action Alternative:* Under the No Action Alternative, the USCG would not establish a BWDS, but would continue the existing BWM program. As currently in force, the BWM program, established in 2004, directs ships to conduct mid-ocean BWE, retain ballast water onboard, or use an environmentally sound ballast water management method approved by the USCG.

*Alternatives 2–4—Ballast Water Discharge Concentrations:* These alternatives differ from each other in the concentration and size classes of organisms that would be permitted and the standard is progressively more stringent from Alternative 2 to Alternative 4. Alternative 2 provides for a protective standard of less than 10 organisms per cubic meter for organisms larger than 50 microns in minimum dimension; and less than 10 organisms per milliliter for organisms between 10 and 50 microns in minimum dimension. Alternative 3 provides for a protective standard of less than 1 organism per cubic meter for organisms larger than 50 microns in minimum dimension; and less than 1 organism per milliliter for organisms between 10 and 50 microns in minimum dimension. Alternative 4 provides for a protective standard of less than 0.1 organisms per cubic meter for organisms larger than 50 microns in minimum dimension; and less than 0.1 organisms per milliliter for organisms between 10 and 50 microns in minimum dimension.

*Alternative 5—Sterilization:* Alternative 5 would require the removal or inactivation of all living membrane-bound organisms (including bacteria and some viruses) larger than 0.1 microns.

Alternative 2 has been selected as the USCG's preferred alternative.

The USCG will file the FPEIS with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as required. The EPA will then publish an NOA in the **Federal Register**, which reports all environmental impact statements filed with the EPA during the preceding week. The publication of the EPA NOA initiates a 30-day public review period. The timing of publication of this NOA in the **Federal Register** will be coordinated with the EPA NOA. By reason of this being a rulemaking action under the Administrative Procedure Act, the Final Rule constitutes the Record of Decision and it is being published this same date, consistent with 40 CFR 1506.10(b).

Dated: March 9, 2012.

**J. G. Lantz,**

*Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards, U.S. Coast Guard.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2010-0164]

### National Boating Safety Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) will meet on April 13–14, 2012, in Arlington, Virginia, to discuss issues relating to recreational boating safety. The meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** NBSAC will meet Friday, April 13, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 14, 2012, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Recreational Boating Safety Strategic Planning Subcommittee will meet on Friday, April 13, 2012 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., the Boats and Associated Equipment Subcommittee will meet on Friday, April 13, 2012 from 3:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. and on Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 8:10 a.m. to 10 a.m., and the Prevention through People Subcommittee will meet on Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please note that the meetings may conclude early if NBSAC has completed all business.

All written materials, comments, and requests to make oral presentations at the meeting should reach Mr. Jeff Ludwig, Assistant Designated Federal Officer (ADFO) for NBSAC by March 28, 2012. Any written material submitted by the public will be distributed to the

committee and become part of the public record.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Arlington, 4610 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203. The hotel's Web site is: <http://www.hiarlington.com/>.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Mr. Jeff Ludwig as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee as listed in the "Agenda" section below. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than March 28, 2012, and must be identified by (USCG-2010-0164) and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* (202) 372-1908.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Same as mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and use "USCG-2010-0164" as your search term.

A public comment period will be held during the meeting concerning the matters being discussed. Public comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Contact the individual listed below to register as a speaker.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jeff Ludwig, ADFO for NBSAC, COMDT (CG-54221), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Stop 7581, Washington, DC 20593; (202) 372-

1061; [jeffrey.a.ludwig@uscg.mil](mailto:jeffrey.a.ludwig@uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2. Congress established NBSAC in the *Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971* (Pub. L. 92-75). NBSAC currently operates under the authority of 46 U.S.C. 13110, which requires the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard by delegation, to consult with NBSAC in prescribing regulations for recreational vessels and associated equipment, and on other major safety matters. See 46 U.S.C. 4302(c) and 13110(c).

### Meeting Agenda

The agenda for NBSAC meeting is as follows:

*Friday, April 13, 2012*

(1) Opening Remarks—Mr. James P. Muldoon, NBSAC Chairman and CAPT Paul Thomas, USCG Director of Prevention Policy (Acting);

(2) Receipt and discussion of the following reports:

(a) Chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety Update on NBSAC Resolutions and Recreational Boating Safety Program report.

(b) Assistant Designated Federal Officer's report concerning Council administrative and logistical matters.

(3) Presentation on Progress Made on Recommendation Regarding the Development of New Life Jacket Standards and Approval Processes for Life Jackets.

(4) Presentation on the Uniform Certificate of Title Act for Vessels (model state legislation on vessel registration).

(5) Presentation on the initial results of the National Recreational Boating Survey.

(6) Public comment.

*Saturday, April 14, 2012*

(1) Receipt and Discussion of the Strategic Planning, Boats & Associated Equipment, and Prevention Through People Subcommittee reports.

(2) Public comment.

A more detailed agenda can be found at: <http://homeport.uscg.mil/NBSAC>, no later than March 28, 2012.

Dated: March 16, 2012.

**Paul F. Thomas,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Director of Prevention Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Form I-612; Extension of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Form I-612, Application for Waiver of the Foreign Residence Requirement of Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; OMB Control No. 1615-0030.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until May 22, 2012.

During this 60-day period, USCIS will be evaluating whether to revise the Form I-612. Should USCIS decide to revise Form I-612 we will advise the public when we publish the 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The public will then have 30 days to comment on any revisions to the Form I-612.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2020. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-0997 or via email at [rfs.regs@dhs.gov](mailto:rfs.regs@dhs.gov). When submitting comments by email, please make sure to add OMB Control No. 1615-0030 in the subject box.

**Note:** The address listed in this notice should only be used to submit comments concerning the extension of the Form I-612. Please do not submit requests for individual case status inquiries to this address. If you are seeking information about the status of your individual case, please check "My Case Status" online at <https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/Dashboard.do>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 (TTY 1-800-767-1833).

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of this Information Collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of an existing information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Waiver of the Foreign Residence Requirement of Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-612; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Individuals or households. This form will be used by USCIS to determine eligibility for a waiver.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 1,300 responses at 20 minutes (.333) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 433 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2020, Telephone number 202-272-8377.