Proposed Rules

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Chapter I

46 CFR Chapters I and III

49 CFR Chapter IV

[Docket No. USCG–2017–0656]

Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee—Input To Support Regulatory Reform of Coast Guard Regulations—New Task

AGENCY: U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Announcement of new task assignment for the Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee (CFSAC); teleconference meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard is issuing a new task to the Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee (CFSAC). The U.S. Coast Guard is asking CFSAC to help the agency identify existing regulations, guidance, and collections of information (that fall within the scope of the Committee’s charter) for possible repeal, replacement, or modification. This tasking is in response to the issuance of Executive Orders 13771, “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs;” 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda;” and 13783, “Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth.” The full Committee is scheduled to meet by teleconference on July 27, 2017, to discuss this tasking. This teleconference will be open to the public. The U.S. Coast Guard will consider CFSAC recommendations as part of the process of identifying regulations, guidance, and information collections of information to be repealed, replaced, or modified pursuant to the three Executive Orders discussed above.

DATES: The full Committee is scheduled to meet by teleconference on July 27, 2017, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT. Please note that this teleconference may adjourn early if the Committee has completed its business.

ADDRESS: To join the teleconference or to request special accommodations, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section no later than 1 p.m. on July 24, 2017. The number of teleconference lines is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Instructions: Submit comments on the task statement at any time, including orally at the teleconference, but if you want Committee members to review your comments before the teleconference, please submit your comments no later than July 24, 2017. You must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number for this action. Written comments may also be submitted using the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov. If you encounter technical difficulties with comment submission, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice.

Comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. You may review Regulations.gov’s Privacy and Security Notice at https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice.

Docket Search: For access to the docket or to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to http://www.regulations.gov, insert “USCG–2017–0656” in the Search box, press Enter, and then click on the item you wish to view.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Kemerer, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee, (202) 372–1249, or email jack.a.kemerer@uscg.mil or Mr. Jonathan Wendland, telephone (202) 372–1245, or email jonathan.g.wendland@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

New Task to the Committee

The U.S. Coast Guard is issuing a new task to CFSAC to provide recommendations on whether existing regulations, guidance, and information collections (that fall within the scope of the Committee’s charter) should be repealed, replaced, or modified. CFSAC will then provide advice and recommendations on the assigned task and submit a final recommendation report to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Background

On January 30, 2017, President Trump issued Executive Order 13771, “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs.” Under that Executive Order, for every one new regulation issued, at least two prior regulations must be identified for elimination, and the cost of planned regulations must be prudently managed and controlled through a budgeting process. On February 24, 2017, the President issued Executive Order 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda.” That Executive Order directs agencies to take specific steps to identify and alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people. On March 28, 2017, the President issued Executive Order 13783, “Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth.” Executive Order 13783 promotes the clean and safe development of our Nation’s vast energy resources, while at the same time avoiding agency actions that unnecessarily encumber energy production.

When implementing the regulatory offsets required by Executive Order 13771, each agency head is directed to prioritize, to the extent permitted by law, those regulations that the agency’s Regulatory Reform Task Force identifies as outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective in accordance with Executive Order 13777. As part of this process to comply with all three Executive Orders, the U.S. Coast Guard is reaching out through multiple avenues to interested individuals to gather their input about what regulations, guidance, and information collections, they believe may need to be repealed, replaced, or modified. On June 8, 2017, the U.S. Coast Guard issued a general notice in the Federal Register requesting comments from interested individuals regarding their recommendations, 82 FR 26632. In addition to this general solicitation, the U.S. Coast Guard also wants to leverage the expertise of its Federal Advisory Committees and is issuing similar tasks to each of its Committees. A detailed discussion of each of the Executive orders and information on where U.S. Coast Guard regulations, guidance, and information
collections are found is in the June 8th notice.

The Task
CFSAC is tasked to:

1. Provide input to the U.S. Coast Guard on all existing regulations, guidance, and information collections that fall within the scope of the Committee’s charter.
2. Establish subcommittees or working groups, as needed, to conduct taskings.
3. Identify regulations, guidance, and information collections that potentially impose costs on the siting, permitting, and bylaws. The subcommittee(s) shall recommend on the approval and submission of a final recommendation to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Recommendations should include an explanation on how and to what extent risks to health or safety would likely increase.

a. Identify regulations, guidance, or information collections that potentially impose the following types of burden on the industry:
   i. Regulations, guidance, or information collections imposing costs tied to reporting or recordkeeping requirements that impose burdens that exceed benefits. Explain why the reporting or recordkeeping requirement is overly burdensome, unnecessary, or how it could be modified.
   ii. Regulations, guidance, and information collections that impose costs on the delivery of energy resources. “Burden,” for the purposes of compliance with Executive Order 13783, means “to unnecessarily obstruct, delay, curtail, or otherwise impose significant costs on the siting, permitting, production, utilization, transmission, or delivery of energy resources.”
   iii. Regulations, guidance, or information collections that potentially impose the following types of costs on the industry:
      a. Regulations, guidance, or information collections imposing costs are outdated (such as due to technological advancement), or are no longer necessary.
      b. Regulations, guidance, or information collections imposing costs which are no longer enforced as written or which are ineffective.

b. Identify regulations, guidance, and information collections imposing costs tied to reporting or recordkeeping requirements that impose burdens that exceed benefits. Explain why the reporting or recordkeeping requirement is overly burdensome, unnecessary, or how it could be modified.

c. Identify regulations, guidance, and information collections that the Committee believes have led to the elimination of jobs or inhibit job creation within a particular industry.

3. All regulations, guidance, and information collections, or parts thereof, recommended by the Committee should be described in sufficient detail (by section, paragraph, sentence, clause, etc.) so that they can be readily identified. Data (quantitative or qualitative) should be provided to support and illustrate the impact, cost, or burden, as applicable, for each recommendation. If the data is not readily available, the Committee should include information as to how such information can be obtained either by the Committee or directly by the Coast Guard.

Public Participation
All meetings associated with this tasking, both full Committee meetings and subcommittee/working groups, arc open to the public. A public oral comment period will be held during the July 27, 2017, teleconference. Public comments or questions will be taken at the discretion of the Designated Federal Official; commenters are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section, to register as a commenter. Subcommittee meetings held in association with this tasking will be announced as they are scheduled through notices posted to http://homeport.uscg.mil/cfivsac and uploaded as supporting documents in the electronic docket for this action, www.prc.gov.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

I. Introduction
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I. Introduction
On June 30, 2017, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting the Commission to initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to consider proposed changes to an analytical method related to periodic reports. The Petition identifies the proposed analytical method changes filed in this docket as Proposal Five.

II. Proposal Five
Background: The Postal Service currently uses sampling from the In-Office Cost System (IOCS) to divide accrued city carrier costs between letter routes and special purpose routes (SPRs). Proposal.

The Postal Service proposes to replace IOCS sampling data with more comprehensive census data from the Time and Attendance Collection System (TACS) to determine the share of costs for letter routes and SPRs. Proposal.

The Postal Service states further that practical challenges in implementing IOCS sampling may lead to systematic errors in IOCS-based estimates of total costs.