

membership to the Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC), Buffalo. The Committee assists the FMSC, Buffalo, in developing, reviewing, and updating the Area Maritime Security Plan for their area of responsibility.

DATES: Requests for membership should reach the FMSC, Buffalo, on February 28, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Applications for membership should be submitted to the following address: Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Buffalo, Attention: CDR Karen Jones, 1 Fuhrmann Boulevard, Buffalo, NY 14203-3189.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about submitting an application, or about the AMSC in general, contact:

For the Northeast Ohio Region Sub-Committee Executive Coordinator: Mr. Peter Killmer at 216-937-0136.

For the Northwestern Pennsylvania Region Sub-Committee Executive Coordinator: Mr. Joseph Fetscher at 216-937-0126.

For the Western New York Region Sub-Committee Executive Coordinator: Mr. Shawn Larrabee at 716-843-9549.

For the Eastern New York Region Sub-Committee Executive Coordinator: Mr. Ralph Kring at 315-343-1217.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Section 102 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-295) added section 70112 to Title 46 of the U.S. Code, and authorized the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating to establish Area Maritime Security Advisory Committees for any port area of the United States. (See 33 U.S.C. 1226; 46 U.S.C.; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.01; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1). The MTSA includes a provision exempting these AMSCs from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-436, 86 Stat. 470 (5 U.S.C. App.2). The AMSCs shall assist the FMSC in the development, review, update, and exercising of the Area Maritime Security Plan for their area of responsibility. Such matters may include, but are not limited to: Identifying critical port infrastructure and operations; identifying risks (threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences); determining mitigation strategies and implementation methods; developing and describing the process to continually evaluate overall port security by considering consequences and vulnerabilities, how they may change over time, and what additional

mitigation strategies can be applied; and providing advice to, and assisting the FMSC in developing and maintaining the Area Maritime Security Plan.

AMSC Membership

Members of the AMSC should have at least five years of expertise related to maritime or port security operations. We are seeking to fill the following vacancies with this submission:

(A) Northeast Ohio Region Sub-Committee (no new members): No applications are being taken for this Sub-Committee at this time.

(B) Northwestern Pennsylvania Region Sub-Committee (no new members): No applications are being taken for this Sub-Committee at this time.

(C) Western New York Region Sub-Committee (no new members): No applications are being taken for this Sub-Committee at this time.

(D) Eastern New York Region Sub-Committee (2 members): Executive Board member to serve as (one) Chairperson of the Sub-Committee and concurrently as member of the Eastern Great Lakes AMSC when so convened by the FMSC, and (one) Vice Chairperson.

Applicants may be required to pass an appropriate security background check prior to appointment to the Committee. Applicants must register with and remain active as Coast Guard HOMEPORT users if appointed. Members' terms of office will be for five years; however, a member is eligible to serve additional terms of office. Members will not receive any salary or other compensation for their service on an AMSC. In accordance with 33 CFR 103, members may be selected from the Federal, Territorial, or Tribal governments; the State government and political subdivisions of the State; local public safety, crisis management, and emergency response agencies; law enforcement and security organizations; maritime industry, including labor; other port stakeholders having a special competence in maritime security; and port stakeholders affected by security practices and policies.

The Department of Homeland Security does not discriminate in selection of Committee members on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or any other non-merit factor. The Department of Homeland Security strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all of its recruitment actions.

Request for Applications: Those seeking membership are not required to submit formal applications to the local FMSC, however, because we do have an obligation to ensure that a specific number of members have the prerequisite maritime security experience, we encourage the submission of resumes highlighting experience in the maritime and security industries.

Dated: January 9, 2018.

J.S. Dufresne,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Buffalo.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2017-1073]

Certificate of Alternative Compliance for M/V NORDLAND II (O.N. 1274463)

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that a Certificate of Alternative Compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) was issued for M/V NORDLAND II (O.N. 1274463). We are issuing this notice because it is required by statute. The M/V NORDLAND II is a vessel of special purpose that, with respect to the position of the lighting, it is not possible to comply fully with the requirements of the 72 COLREGS, without interfering with the normal operation, construction, or design of the vessel. The issuance of the certificate of alternate compliance promotes maritime safety and stewardship missions.

DATES: The Certificate of Alternative Compliance was issued on December 20, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call Lieutenant B. Luke Woods, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Prevention Branch, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 206-220-7232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Certificate of Alternative Compliance, as allowed under the provisions of the Alternative Compliance Regulations (33 CFR 81 and 89), has been issued for the M/V NORDLAND II (O.N. 1274463). The vessel's primary purpose is as a work boat. The unique design of the vessel did not lend itself to full compliance with Annex I, of the 72 COLREGS and

33 CFR 84.05(b) and (d) of the International and Inland Navigational Rules.

The U.S. Coast Guard certifies that full compliance with the International and Inland Navigational Rules would interfere with the special functions and intent of the vessel and would not significantly enhance the safety of the vessel's operation. Due to the design of the vessel, the superstructure is offset to the starboard side of the vessel as far aft as practical in order to permit the loading of two vehicles on the forward part of the main deck.

The Certificate of Alternative Compliance authorizes the M/V NORDLAND II (O.N. 1274463) to deviate from the requirements set forth in Annex I of the International Navigational Rules and 33 CFR 84.05 of the Inland Navigational Rules by placing its required lights about a line aft of amidships and 7 feet and 6 starboard of the vessel's centerline.

This notice is issued under authority of 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

Dated: December 20, 2017.

B.S. Gilda,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Prevention Chief, Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given in **ADDRESSES** by February 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES:

Reviewing Documents: Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice (see **DATES**): U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office, Ecological Services, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Karen Marlowe, Permit Coordinator).

Submitting Comments: If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see above).
 - *Email:* permitsR4ES@fws.gov.
- Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us

directly at the telephone number listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Marlowe, Permit Coordinator, 404-679-7097 (telephone) or 404-679-7081 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We invite review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on applications we have received for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; ESA), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Permit application No.	Applicant	Species/numbers	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE 125521-3	Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, San Juan, PR.	Puerto Rican parrot (<i>Amazona vittata</i>)/1-2 eggs per year and 1-2 chicks per year.	Puerto Rico	Captive propagation and reintroduction.	Collect eggs from wild nests for hatching and rearing in captivity and remove sick chicks from wild for veterinary treatment.	Renewal.
TE 132409-2	Gary R. O'Neill, Jr., Camden, AR.	Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>).	Arkansas and Louisiana.	Population enhancement, management, and monitoring.	Construct and install artificial nest cavities and restrictors; monitor nest cavities.	Renewal and Amendment.
TE 56430B-2	Jonathan R. Hootman, Mayking, KY.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>).	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia.	Presence/absence surveys.	Enter hibernacula, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, collect hair samples, band, radio-tag, swab, and wing-punch.	Amendment.