(3) Discuss and prepare any proposed recommendations for the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee meeting on March 21, 2019.

(4) Public comment period.

(5) Adjournment of meeting.

March 21, 2019

The agenda for the Chemical Transportation Committee meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019, is as follows:

(1) Introductions and opening remarks.

(2) Swear in newly appointed committee members, and thank outgoing members.

(3) Review of March 8, 2018, meeting minutes and status of task items.

(4) U.S. Coast Guard Leadership Remarks.

(5) Chairman’s and Designated Federal Officer’s remarks.

(6) Committee will review, discuss, and formulate recommendations on the following items:


(7) International Maritime Organization activities as they relate to the marine transportation of hazardous materials.

(8) Presentation of interest related to safe and secure shipment of hazardous materials.

(9) New business and subcommittee recommendation discussion.

(10) Adjournment of meeting.

A public oral comment period will be held during the subcommittee and the full committee meeting concerning matters being discussed. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Please contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section to register as a speaker.

A copy of all meeting documentation will be available at https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/ports-and-waterways/safety-advisory-committees/cctc/full-committee-meetings no later than March 14, 2019. Alternatively, you may contact Lieutenant Commander Julie Blanchfield as noted in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section above.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket Number USCG–2018–0193]

Polar Security Cutter Program; Notice of Availability of Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard, as lead agency, announces the availability of the final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Polar Security Cutter Program’s design, build, and operation of up to six polar security cutters (PSC).

DATES: The U.S. Coast Guard will not issue a final decision on the proposal for a minimum of 30 days after the date on which the Programmatic Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability (NOA) of the final EIS in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the final EIS have been sent to affected Federal, State, and local governments; public libraries in the Project area; and interested parties that previously requested a copy. The final EIS and other supporting documents will be published in the docket at https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=USCG-2018-0193 and also on the following U.S. Coast Guard website: https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Portals/10/CG-9/ Acquisition%20PDFs/CG_PSC_Final%20PEIS_05%20Feb%202019 .pdf?ver=2019-02-08-121637-803&timestamp=1549650805158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of availability, email Ms. Christine Wiegand, Assistant Program Manager, Polar Security Cutter Program, U.S. Coast Guard; email PIBenvironment@ uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Background and Purpose

The Final EIS was prepared in accordance with the requirements of NEPA; the CEQ regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500–1508); DHS procedures for implementing NEPA (DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01 (series)); U.S. Coast Guard procedures for implementing NEPA (COMDTINST 16475.1(series)); and other applicable DHS and U.S. Coast Guard policies and guidance. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the EIS was published in the Federal Register on April 26, 2018 (83 FR 18319) and the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS was published in the Federal Register on August 6, 2018 (83 FR 38317). The U.S. Coast Guard is the lead agency for the proposed action.

The purpose of the proposed action is to design, build, and operate new PSCs to carry out the U.S. Coast Guard’s primary missions supported by the current polar icebreaker fleet. Expected missions include Ice Operations, Defense Readiness, Aids to Navigation, Living Marine Resources, Marine Safety, Marine Environmental Protection, Other Law Enforcement, Ports, Waterways, and Coastal Security, and Search and Rescue.

The U.S. Coast Guard’s current fleet of PIBs consists of two heavy icebreakers, Coast Guard Cutter (CGC) POLAR STAR and CGC POLAR SEA, and one medium icebreaker, CGC HEALY. The U.S. Coast Guard’s heavy icebreakers have both exceeded their designed 30 year service life. The current PSC program acquisition strategy is approved to construct up to three heavy PSCs and may (at a future date) potentially expand to include up to three medium icebreakers, with planned service design lives of 30 years each. The first of these new PSCs is expected to delivered in 2023. Because the first new PSC would not be operational in the Polar Regions until at least 2023, new information may become available after the completion of this EIS. In that case, supplemental NEPA documentation may, as appropriate, be prepared in support of individual proposed actions. Examples of new information may include, but are not limited to, changes to a species listing status or any other applicable laws and directives, and information regarding mission, training, homeporting, maintenance, and eventual decommissioning of the new PSCs.

In executing its various missions, the U.S. Coast Guard protects the public, the environment, and U.S. economic and security interests in any maritime

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Records of Decision

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Records of Decision concerning the repair and maintenance of Bog Creek Road and closure of certain roads within the Blue-Grass Bear Management Unit in the Selkirk Mountains in Boundary County, Idaho; public review.

SUMMARY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF) announce the availability of the Bog Creek Road Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the agencies’ respective Draft Records of Decision (ROD). The Final EIS identifies minor to moderate adverse impacts associated with the proposed action that would be mitigated by the implementation of standard operating procedures and best management practices. An increase in the Coast Guard icebreaking fleet would be beneficial because Coast Guard support would readily available during an at-sea emergenies to commercial fishing, recreational fishing, transportation and shipping, tourism, and cultural resources and the communities that depend on them. The Final EIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested individuals and organizations.

Following a 30-day waiting period, after publication of the NOA in the Federal Register, the U.S. Coast Guard will announce its Record of Decision which will be published in the Federal Register.

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

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