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Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person. Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/advisory-and-peer-review-committees/national-asthma-education-and-prevention-program-coordinating>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket Number USCG-2021-0238]

### Consolidation of Redundant Coast Guard Boat Stations

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We are requesting your comments on the planned consolidation of redundant Coast Guard boat stations. Many stations were established at a time when boats lacked engines and were powered by oars and paddles. With modern boat operating speeds and improved direction finding technology, many calls for Coast Guard assistance can be responded to by multiple units significantly faster than when these boat

stations were first established. The combination of significantly improved response times, along with an overall reduction in rescue calls due to boating safety improvements throughout the nation, has resulted in a number of boat stations becoming redundant. This consolidation will result in a more robust response system by increasing staffing levels and capacity at select nearby boat stations. Such a consolidation creates synergy and more opportunities for boat operators to properly train instead of missing training opportunities while standing ready to respond to calls that do not come.

**DATES:** Written comments and related material may be submitted to the Coast Guard personnel specified below. Your comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before August 3, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2021-0238 using the Federal rulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about this document, please call or email Todd Aikins, Coast Guard Office of Boat Forces, 202-372-2463, [todd.r.aikins@uscg.mil](mailto:todd.r.aikins@uscg.mil).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations  
DHS Department of Homeland Security  
GAO Government Accountability Office

#### II. Background and Purpose

In October of 2017, the GAO issued report GAO-18-9, titled "Actions Needed to Close Stations Identified as Overlapping and Unnecessarily Duplicative." This GAO report, a copy of which is in the docket for this notice, recommends the consolidation of 18 boat stations. Due to environmental and operational factors, the Coast Guard is not considering all 18 boat stations identified in the GAO report for consolidation this year. Instead, we anticipate consolidating four stations, with implementation notionally scheduled for fiscal year 2022. These stations have been identified because there are other units nearby capable of responding to cases in these areas, and because these four stations respond to a low number of cases. We do not anticipate any adverse effect on Coast Guard response capability. We expect

enhanced proficiency of boat operators as well as a less complicated response system.

### III. Discussion

The following seasonal stations, Stations-Small Scituate, MA; Holland, MI; North Superior, MN; and Beach Haven, NJ; have been identified for consolidation with neighboring stations. These are seasonal stations are detached subunits of larger parent stations.

This consolidation is expected to result in a more robust response system by increasing staffing levels and capacity at select nearby boat stations. Such a consolidation creates synergy and more opportunities for boat operators to properly train.

### IV. Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions. In your submission, please include the docket number for this notice and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. We will review all comments received, but we may choose not to post off-topic, inappropriate, or duplicate comments that we receive.

We accept anonymous comments. Comments we post to <https://www.regulations.gov> will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and submissions in response to this document, see DHS's eRulemaking System of Records notice (85 FR 14226, March 11, 2020).

Documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, and public comments, will be in our online docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website's instructions.

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