

petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

Communications received by September 14, 2026 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of FRA's dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

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Carolyn Hayward-Williams,

Director, Office of Railroad Systems and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0127]

Deepwater Port License Application: Blue Marlin Offshore Port Project— Final Public Hearing

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of final public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) announce the final public hearing for the Blue Marlin Offshore Port (BMOP) Deepwater Port license application for the export of oil from the

United States to nations abroad. The BMOP Deepwater Port license application describes a project located approximately 99 statute miles off the coast of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, with an approximate water depth of 162 feet. MARAD encourages public participation in the final public hearing and is providing information on how to participate at the final public hearing and welcomes comments on the BMOP Deepwater Port license application.

DATES: MARAD and USCG will hold two final public hearings in connection with the BMOP Application. The first public hearing will be held on Aug. 4, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) in the Cameron Parish Police Jury West Annex, 148 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA. The second public hearing will be held on Aug. 5, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CDT in the Bob Bowers Civic Center, 3401 Cultural Center Drive, Port Arthur, TX 77640. Each public hearing will be preceded by an Informational Open House, held between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. CDT. Materials submitted in response to this request for comments on the BMOP Deepwater Port license application may be submitted verbally or in writing during the public hearing mentioned above. If you choose to submit comments in writing regarding the BMOP Deepwater Port license application, you may do so via the Federal eRulemaking Portal or the Federal Docket Management Facility as detailed in the **ADDRESSES** section below by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Aug. 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0127 by any one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2020-0127 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** The DOT Docket is located at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. Documents may be delivered between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name, mailing address, email address, or telephone number so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at www.regulations.gov,

including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brent Yezefski, Program Manager, USCG, telephone: 202-372-1351, email: DeepwaterPorts@USCG.mil; or Dr. Efrain Lopez, Senior Transportation Industry Analyst, Office of Deepwater Ports, MARAD, telephone: 202-366-9761, email: Deepwater.Ports@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Final Public Hearing

MARAD encourages the public to attend the informational open house and final public hearing for the BMOP Deepwater Port license application. Speakers at the public hearing will be recognized in the following order: elected officials, public agencies, individuals, or groups in the sign-up order, and then anyone else who wishes to speak.

In order to allow everyone a chance to speak at the public hearing, MARAD may limit speaker time, extend the hearing hours, or both. Speakers must identify themselves, and any organization they represent, by name. All remarks will be recorded and transcribed for inclusion in the public docket.

Commenters may submit written material at the hearing either in place of, or in addition to, speaking. Written material should include the commenter's name and address and will be included in the public docket and made available to the public on the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at www.regulations.gov. MARAD will also accept written comments submitted to FDMS by 11:59 p.m. EDT, Aug. 5, 2026 (see **ADDRESSES**).

If you plan to participate in the public hearing and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation, non-English language translator services or other reasonable accommodation, please notify MARAD (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least seven business days in advance of the public hearing. Include your contact information as well as information about your specific needs.

Comments During the Final Public Hearing

MARAD encourages comments on the proposed BMOP Deepwater Port license application, verbally or in writing during the final public hearing. Comments may be used to inform MARAD's Record of Decision for the BMOP Deepwater Port license application. MARAD encourages you to review the applicant's information online on the FDMS website at

www.regulations.gov under DOT Docket Number MARAD–2020–0127. The application, all comments, and associated documentation will be found on the docket..

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Summary of the Application

BMOP is proposing to construct, own, operate, and eventually decommission a Deepwater Port terminal in the Gulf of America to export domestically produced crude oil. Use of the Deepwater Port would include the loading of various grades of crude oil at flow rates of up to 80,000 barrels per hour (bph). The BMOP Deepwater Port would allow for up to one Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) or other crude oil carrier to moor at the catenary anchor leg mooring (CALM) and connect with the Deepwater Port via floating connecting crude oil hoses. The maximum loading volume for VLCCs or other crude oil carriers would be approximately 2 million barrels per day, 365 days per year.

A Notice of Application that summarized the BMOP Deepwater Port License Application was published in the **Federal Register** on Nov. 4, 2020 (85 FR 70233). A Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Notice of Public Scoping Meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 2020 (85 FR 70707). A Notice of Availability for the DEIS and Notice of Public Meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on Feb. 21, 2025 (90 FR 10444).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
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Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2020–0127]

Deepwater Port License Application: Blue Marlin Offshore Port Project-Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of availability; final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) announce the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Blue Marlin Offshore Port (BMOP) Deepwater Port license application for the export of oil from the United States to nations abroad. The BMOP Deepwater Port license application describes a project located approximately 99 statute miles off the coast of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, with an approximate water depth of 162 feet. The FEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the Project and the alternatives to the proposed action, including the no action alternative. The FEIS will inform MARAD's decision to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove the BMOP Deepwater Port license application.

ADDRESSES: The FEIS and detailed information about the Project can be found on the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at <https://www.regulations.gov> and searching for Docket Number MARAD–2020–0127.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brent Yezefski, Program Manager, USCG, telephone: 202–372–1351, email: DeepwaterPorts@USCG.mil; or Dr. Efrain Lopez, Senior Transportation Industry Analyst, Office of Deepwater Ports, MARAD, telephone: 202–366–9761, email: Deepwater.Ports@dot.gov.

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Proposed Action

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The Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS previously anticipated a public comment period on the FEIS. However, in keeping with Executive Order 14154, *Unleashing American Energy*, and after reviewing the National Environmental Policy Act's statutory requirements, MARAD has determined that it will not solicit public comments on the FEIS, which is issued as final. Substantive comments received from the public were considered and incorporated, as appropriate, into the FEIS. Public comments generally resulted in the addition of clarifications and analysis, but comments did not identify substantial new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns that have a bearing on the proposed action or its impacts.

All substantive comments received, along with MARAD's responses and considerations, are available on the public docket at MARAD–2020–0127. Please note that the public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the BMOP Deepwater Port Application at the final public hearing and public comment period, announced via separate notice.

Availability of the FEIS

The FEIS and detailed information about the Project can be found on the FDMS website at <https://www.regulations.gov> and searching for Docket Number MARAD–2020–0127.

Cooperating Agencies

The following Federal agencies and State governmental entities participated as cooperating agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in the preparation of the FEIS: Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; National Marine Fisheries Service; Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Texas Park and Wildlife; Louisiana Department of Natural Resources; Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; Texas Department of Transportation; Texas General Land Office; Texas Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office); Texas Railroad Commission;