

less than five nor more than 15 persons, with balanced representation from the various groups participating in the fisheries included under the IATTC Convention, and from non-governmental conservation organizations. Members of the Committee shall be invited to attend or have representatives attend all non-executive meetings of the U.S. Section, and shall be given full opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed programs of investigations, reports, recommendations, and regulations adopted by the Commission. Members of the Committee may attend meetings of the IATTC and the AIDCP as members of the U.S. delegation or otherwise in accordance with the rules of those bodies governing such participation. Participation as a member of the U.S. delegation shall be subject to such conditions as may be placed on the size or composition of the delegation.

#### Scientific Advisory Subcommittee

The Act, as amended, also provides that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, shall appoint a Scientific Advisory Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) of the General Advisory Committee. The Subcommittee shall be composed of not less than five and not more than 15 qualified scientists with balanced representation from the public and private sectors, including non-governmental conservation organizations. The Subcommittee shall advise the Committee and the U.S. Section on matters including: The conservation of ecosystems; the sustainable uses of living marine resources related to the tuna fishery in the eastern Pacific Ocean; and the long-term conservation and management of stocks of living marine resources in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

In addition, at the request of the Committee, the U.S. Commissioners, or the Secretary of State, the Subcommittee shall perform such functions and provide such assistance as may be required by formal agreements entered into by the United States for the eastern Pacific tuna fishery, including the AIDCP. The functions may include: The review of data from the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP), including data received from the IATTC staff; recommendations on research needs and the coordination and facilitation of such research; recommendations on scientific reviews and assessments required under the IDCP; recommendations with respect to measures to assure the regular and timely full exchange of data among the

Parties to the AIDCP and each nation's (NATSAC) (or its equivalent); and consulting with other experts as needed.

The Subcommittee shall be invited to attend or have representatives attend all non-executive meetings of the U.S. Section and the General Advisory Committee and shall be given full opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed programs of scientific investigation, scientific reports, and scientific recommendations of the Commission. Representatives of the Subcommittee may attend meetings of the IATTC and the AIDCP as members of the U.S. delegation or otherwise in accordance with the rules of those bodies governing such participation. Participation as a member of the U.S. delegation shall be subject to such limits as may be placed on the size of the delegation.

#### National Scientific Advisory Committee

The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee shall also function as the NATSAC established pursuant to Article IX of the AIDCP. In this regard, the Subcommittee shall perform the functions of the NATSAC as specified in Annex VI of the AIDCP including, but not limited to: receiving and reviewing relevant data, including data provided to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) by the IATTC Staff; advising and recommending to the U.S. Government measures and actions that should be undertaken to conserve and manage stocks of living marine resources in the AIDCP Area; making recommendations to the U.S. Government regarding research needs related to the eastern Pacific Ocean tuna purse seine fishery; promoting the regular and timely full exchange of data among the Parties on a variety of matters related to the implementation of the AIDCP; and consulting with other experts as necessary in order to achieve the objectives of the Agreement.

#### General Provisions

Each appointed member of the Committee and the Subcommittee/NATSAC shall be appointed for a term of 3 years and may be reappointed.

Logistical and administrative support for the operation of the Committee and the Subcommittee will be provided by the Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and by the Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service. Members shall receive no compensation for their service on either the Committee or the Subcommittee/NATSAC, nor will members be compensated for travel or

other expenses associated with their participation.

#### *Procedures for Submitting Applications/Nominations*

Applications/nominations for the General Advisory Committee and the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee/NATSAC should be submitted to the Department of State (See **ADDRESSES**).

Such applications/nominations should include the following information:

- (1) Full name/address/phone/fax and e-mail of applicant/nominee;
- (2) Whether applying/nominating for the General Advisory Committee or the Scientific Advisory Committee/NATSAC (applicants may specify both);
- (3) Applicant/nominee's organization or professional affiliation serving as the basis for the application/nomination;
- (4) Background statement describing the applicant/nominee's qualifications and experience, especially as related to the tuna purse seine fishery in the eastern Pacific Ocean or other factors relevant to the implementation of the Convention Establishing the IATTC or the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program;
- (5) A written statement from the applicant/nominee of intent to participate actively and in good faith in the meetings and activities of the General Advisory Committee and/or the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee/NATSAC.

Applicants/nominees who submitted material in response to the Federal Register Notices published by the Department of State on January 23, 2006 (Public Notice 5279, FR Doc. E6-714, Vol. 71, No. 14, pg. 3602) or prior, should resubmit their applications pursuant to this notice.

Dated: December 12, 2008.

**David A. Balton,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. OST-2007-27407]

### National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting location and time.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists the location and time of the eighteenth meeting of the National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John V. Wells, Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Transportation, (202) 366-9224, [jack.wells@dot.gov](mailto:jack.wells@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By **Federal Register** Notice dated March 12, 2007, and in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act ("FACA") (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users ("SAFETEA-LU") (Pub. L. 109-59, 119 Stat. 1144), the U.S. Department of Transportation (the "Department") issued a notice of intent to form the National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission (the "Financing Commission"). Section 11142(a) of SAFETEA-LU established the National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission and charged it with analyzing future highway and transit needs and the finances of the Highway Trust Fund and with making recommendations regarding alternative approaches to financing surface transportation infrastructure.

#### Notice of Meeting Location and Time

The Commissioners have agreed to hold their eighteenth meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2008, at the office of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), 1250 I ("Eye") Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005. The meeting will be open to the public.

If you need accommodations because of a disability or require additional information to attend the meeting, please contact John V. Wells, Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Transportation, (202) 366-9224, [jack.wells@dot.gov](mailto:jack.wells@dot.gov).

Issued on this 15th day of December 2008.

**John V. Wells,**

*Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Transportation, Designated Federal Official.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Proposed Modification of the Chicago, IL, Class B Airspace Area; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces two fact-finding informal airspace meetings, in addition to three meetings held previously (73 FR 44311), to solicit

information from airspace users and others concerning a proposal to revise the Class B airspace area at Chicago, IL. The purpose of these meetings is to ensure all interested parties were provided an opportunity to present views, recommendations, and comments on the proposal. All comments received during these meetings will be considered prior to any revision or issuance of a notice of proposed rulemaking.

**Times and Dates:** The informal airspace meetings will be held on Monday, February 23, 2009, at 1 p.m., and Thursday, February 26, 2009, at 5 p.m. Comments must be received on or before March 30, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** (1) The meeting on Monday, February 23, 2009, will be held at Lewis University, Harold E. White Aviation Center, 1 University Parkway, Romeoville, IL 60446. (2) The meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2009, will be held at DuPage Flight Center, Chicago DuPage Airport, 2700 International Drive, West Chicago, IL 60185.

**Comments:** Send comments on the proposal to: Don Smith, Manager, Operations Support Group, Air Traffic Organization Central Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas, 76137, or by fax to (817) 222-5547.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anne Hulse, FAA Chicago TRACON, 1100 Bowes Road, Elgin, IL 60123; Telephone (847) 608-5524.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Meeting Procedures

(a) The meetings will be informal in nature and will be conducted by one or more representatives of the FAA Central Service Center. A representative from the FAA will present a briefing on the planned modification to the Class B airspace at Chicago, IL. Each participant will be given an opportunity to deliver comments or make a presentation, although a time limit may be imposed. Only comments concerning the plan to modify the Class B airspace area at Chicago, IL, will be accepted.

(b) The meetings will be open to all persons on a space-available basis. There will be no admission fee or other charge to attend and participate.

(c) Any person wishing to make a presentation to the FAA panel will be asked to sign in and estimate the amount of time needed for such presentation. This will permit the panel to allocate an appropriate amount of time for each presenter. These meetings will not be adjourned until everyone on the list has had an opportunity to address the panel.

(d) Position papers or other handout material relating to the substance of these meetings will be accepted. Participants wishing to submit handout material should present an original and two copies (3 copies total) to the presiding officer. There should be additional copies of each handout available for other attendees.

(e) These meetings will not be formally recorded.

#### Agenda for the Meetings

- Sign-in.
- Presentation of Meeting Procedures.
- FAA explanation of the planned Class B modifications.
- Solicitation of Public Comments.
- Closing Comments.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

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**Edith V. Parish,**

*Manager, Airspace and Rules Group.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2008-47]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before January 8, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2008-1283 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- *Mail:* Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department