

within those defined areas. In addition, the State may waive only specified elements of the skills test affected by the lack of infrastructure in the identified communities. Individuals applying for a restricted CDL covered by this exemption are exempt from ELDT in accordance with 49 CFR 380.603(a)(2).

VII. Exemption Decision

A. Applicability of Exemption

FMCSA grants Alaska a renewal of an exemption from 49 CFR 383.3(e)(2) for a period of five years subject to the terms and conditions of this decision. Alaska may issue CDLs under this exemption only to drivers who reside in the following communities or areas:¹

- (1) Bethel—within the local Bethel community road network
- (2) Prince of Wales Island
- (3) Haines—within the Haines community, and along the Haines Highway corridor, ending at the Canadian Border
- (4) Ketchikan—within the Ketchikan community and the airport area on the neighboring Annette Island
- (5) King Salmon—within the local King Salmon community road network
- (6) Kodiak Island
- (7) Kotzebue—within the local Kotzebue community road network
- (8) Nome—within the local Nome community road network
- (9) Mitkof Island (Petersburg)
- (10) Sitka—within the local Sitka community road network
- (11) Skagway—within the Skagway community and along the Klondike Highway corridor, ending at the Canadian Border
- (12) Unalaska Island
- (13) Utqiavik—within the Utqiavik community road network
- (14) Wrangell Island

B. Terms and Conditions

Alaska and drivers operating under this exemption are subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (1) Alaska must comply with 49 CFR 383.133(b) and 383.135(a) of the knowledge test standards for testing procedures and methods set forth in 49 CFR part 383, subpart H, and must

continue to administer knowledge tests that fulfill the content requirements of subpart G.

(2) Alaska may waive only the following portions of the CDL skills test, as set forth in 49 CFR 383.113(c), that cannot be performed due to infrastructure limitations in the identified communities or areas:

- ability to adjust speed to the configuration and condition of the roadway, weather and visibility conditions, traffic conditions, and motor vehicle, cargo, and driver conditions (§ 383.113(c)(3)); and
- ability to choose a safe gap for changing lanes, passing other vehicles, as well as for crossing or entering traffic (§ 383.113(c)(4));

(3) Drivers applying for a CDL to be issued under this exemption must reside in one of the 14 geographic areas identified in Section VII.A of this Notice;

(4) Drivers issued a restricted CDL under this exemption may operate only within the 14 geographic areas identified in Section VII.A of this Notice; and

(5) Drivers must comply with all other applicable Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR parts 350–399).

(6) Alaska must include notice on a restricted CDL issued pursuant to this exemption of the geographic area(s) in which the CDL holder may operate a CMV.

C. Preemption

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(d), as implemented by 49 CFR 381.600, during the period this exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with or is inconsistent with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

D. Notification to FMCSA

Alaska must provide to FMCSA, upon request, a list of all drivers issued CDLs under this exemption.

E. Termination

FMCSA does not believe that drivers covered by this exemption will experience any deterioration of their safety records. The Agency will, however, rescind the exemption if: (1) Alaska or drivers operating under the exemption fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption results in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with

the goals and objective of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b).

Vincent G. White,

Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2024–0127]

Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: SHADOW LINE (SAIL); Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 31, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2024–0127 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD–2024–0127 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2024–0127, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, 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 and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

¹ The locales were identified by the State of Alaska's Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and independently verified by FMCSA as lacking the infrastructure for CDL applicants to perform the skills required by 49 CFR 383.113(c)(3) and (c)(4). FMCSA notes that the DMV initially identified 15 affected locales, but FMCSA determined that one of the 15 communities operates on major connected thoroughfares and the distances involved are not dissimilar to that experienced by many rural communities in the western United States. The DMV's letter identifying the affected areas is available in the docket of this Notice and can be accessed at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

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 detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-461, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-0903. Email: patricia.hagerty@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described in the application, the intended service of the vessel SHADOW LINE is:

Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: Requester intends to offer passenger sailing charters.

Geographic Region Including Base of Operations: Florida, Rhode Island, Massachusetts. Base of Operations: St. Augustine, Florida.

Vessel Length and Type: 40' Sail.

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2024-0127 at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the employment of the vessel in the coastwise trade to carry no more than 12 passengers will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, MARAD will not issue an approval of the vessel's coastwise endorsement eligibility. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the application, and address the eligibility criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary.

There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

Go to the docket online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2024-0127 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit the information you claim to be confidential commercial information by email to SmallVessels@dot.gov. Include in the email subject heading "Contains Confidential Commercial Information" or "Contains CCI" and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential claim highlighting or denoting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

In the event MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). For information on DOT's compliance with the Privacy Act, please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2024-0128]

Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: KORU (SAIL); Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 31, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2024-0128 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2024-0128 and follow the instructions for submitting comments. Mail or Hand Delivery: Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2024-0128, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, 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 and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document 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 detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in