

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****[Docket No. USCG-2007-28839]****National Boating Safety Advisory Council; Vacancy****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC). NBSAC advises the Coast Guard on matters related to recreational boating safety.

DATES: Application forms should reach us on or before September 7, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant, Office of Boating Safety (CG-3PCB-1), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-372-1062; or by faxing 202-372-1932. Send your application in written form to the above street address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at: <http://www.uscgboating.org/nbsac/nbsac.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeff Ludwig, Executive Secretary of NBSAC, telephone 202-372-1062, fax 202-372-1932, or e-mail: jeffrey.a.ludwig@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463). It advises the Coast Guard regarding regulations and other major boating safety matters. NBSAC's 21 members are drawn equally from the following three sectors of the boating community: State officials responsible for State boating safety programs, recreational boat and associated equipment manufacturers, and national recreational boating organizations and the general public. Members are appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

NBSAC normally meets twice each year at a location selected by the Coast Guard. When attending meetings of the Council, members are provided travel expenses and per diem.

We will consider applications received in response to this notice for the following position which was vacated on June 26, 2007: One representative of recreational boat and associated equipment manufacturers. The appointee for this position will serve the remainder of the previous

member's term, which expires December 31, 2008.

Applicants are considered for membership on the basis of their particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in recreational boating safety. Applicants from previous years should submit an updated application to ensure consideration for the vacancy announced in this notice. Applicants for the vacancy notice published on April 26, 2007 in 72 FR 20862 do not need to submit any additional application materials. Members may serve consecutive terms. In support of the policy of the U.S. Coast Guard on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

Dated: August 1, 2007.

F.J. Sturm,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Inspections and Compliance (Acting).

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BILLING CODE 4910-15-P**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Coast Guard****[Docket No. CGD08-07-016]****Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, area projects impacting safety on the Houston Ship Channel, and various other navigation safety matters in the Galveston Bay area. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The next meeting of HOGANSAC will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 9 a.m. The meeting of the Committee's working groups will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 9 a.m. Members of the public may present written or oral statements at either meeting. Requests to make oral presentations or distribute written materials should reach the Coast Guard five (5) working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made. Requests to have written materials distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting should reach the Coast Guard at least ten (10) working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made.

ADDRESSES: The full Committee will be held at the Houston Pilots Association, 8150 South Loop East, Houston, Texas 77011-1747, (713)-645-9620. The working groups meeting will be held at Foret Enterprises, Inc., 15201 East Freeway, Suite 109, Channelview, Texas 77530, (281) 452-9940. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Commander Hal Pitts, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164, or Lieutenant Sean Hughes, Assistant to the Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 678-9001, e-mail sean.p.hughes@uscg.mil. Written materials and requests to make presentations should be sent to Commanding Officer, Sector Houston/Galveston, Attn: LT Hughes, 9640 Clinton Drive, Houston, TX 77029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App (Pub. L. 92-463).

Agendas of the Meetings

Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC). The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Opening remarks by the Committee Sponsor (RADM Whitehead) or the Committee Sponsor's representative, Executive Director (CAPT Diehl) and Chairperson (Ms. Patricia Clark).

(2) Approval of the 22 May, 2007 minutes.

(3) Old Business:

(a) Navigation Operations (NAVOPS)/Maritime Incident Review subcommittee report;

(b) Deep Draft Entry Facilitation (DDEF) subcommittee report;

(c) Dredging subcommittee report;

(d) Technology subcommittee report;

(e) Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) Liaison's report;

(f) Harbor of Safe Refuge subcommittee report;

(g) HOGANSAC Outreach report;

(h) Maritime Awareness subcommittee report.

(4) New Business:

(a) Introduction and appointment of new HOGANSAC members—Commander Hal Pitts, USCG.

Working Groups Meeting. The tentative agenda for the working groups meeting includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each working group of its accomplishments and plans for the future;

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each working group;

(3) Put forth any action items for consideration at full committee meeting.

Procedural. Working groups have been formed to examine the following issues: dredging and related issues, electronic navigation systems, AtoN knockdowns, impact of passing vessels on moored ships, boater education issues, facilitating deep draft movements, mooring infrastructure, and safe refuge during hurricanes. Not all working groups will provide a report at this session. Further, working group reports may not necessarily include discussions on all issues within the particular working group's area of responsibility. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may make presentations, oral or written, at either meeting. Requests to make oral or written presentations should reach the Coast Guard five (5) working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made. If you would like to have written materials distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, you should send your request along with nineteen (19) copies of the materials to the Coast Guard at least ten (10) working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made.

Information on Services for the Handicapped: For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Secretary or Assistant to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible.

Dated: July 25, 2007.

Joel R. Whitehead,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, that a meeting of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2007.

The Commission was established pursuant to Public Law 99-647. The purpose of the Commission is to assist federal, state and local authorities in the development and implementation of an integrated resource management plan for those lands and waters within the Corridor.

The meeting will convene on September 20, 2007 at 9 a.m. at the Department of Environmental Management at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Chairman's Report.
3. Executive Director's Report.
4. Financial Budget.
5. Public Input.

It is anticipated that about twenty-five people will be able to attend the session in addition to the Commission members.

Interested persons may make oral or written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made prior to the meeting to: Thomas Ross, Acting Executive Director, John H. Chafee, Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02895, Tel.: (401) 762-0250.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Thomas E. Ross, Acting Executive Director of the Commission at the aforementioned address.

Thomas E. Ross,

Acting Executive Director, BRVNHCC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Modoc National Wildlife Refuge, Modoc County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is preparing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Modoc National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) located in Modoc County of California. This notice advises the public that the Service intends to gather information necessary to prepare a CCP and EA pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The public and other agencies are encouraged to participate in the planning process by sending written comments on management actions that the Service should consider. The Service is also furnishing this notice in compliance with the Service CCP policy

to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the CCP and EA. Opportunities for public input will be announced throughout the CCP/EA planning and development process.

DATES: To ensure that the Service has adequate time to evaluate and incorporate suggestions and other input into the planning process, comments should be received on or before September 30, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments or requests to be added to the mailing list to the following address: Jackie Ferrier, Refuge Planner, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, 752 County Road 99W, Willows, CA 95988. Written comments may also be faxed to (530) 934-7814, or sent by electronic mail to jackie_ferrier@fws.gov. You may find additional information concerning the Refuge at the Internet site <http://www.fws.gov/modoc/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Ferrier, Refuge Planner, at (530) 934-2801 or Steve Clay, Refuge Manager, at (530) 233-3572.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires the Service to develop a CCP for each National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife, plants and their habitats, the CCP will identify compatible wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public. The recreational opportunities that will receive priority consideration are hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. The planning process will consider many other elements, including cultural resource protection, environmental effects, and administrative resources. Public input into this planning process is very important. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies.

Comments received will be used to help develop goals and objectives, as well as identify key issues evaluated in the NEPA document. All comments