

Drafting Information

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Public Participation

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the Superintendent, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Route 1, Box 4, Bayfield, Wisconsin 54814. You may also comment via the Internet to APIS_Winter_Use@nps.gov. Please also include "Winter Use Rule" in the subject line and your name and return address in the body of your Internet message. Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Superintendent, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, 415 Washington Avenue, Bayfield, Wisconsin.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials or organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

List of Subjects in 36 CFR Part 7

National Parks, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

In consideration of the foregoing, the National Park Service proposes to amend 36 CFR part 7 as follows:

PART 7—SPECIAL REGULATIONS, AREAS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

1. The authority citation for part 7 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1, 3, 9a, 460(q), 462(k); Sec. 7.96 also issued under D.C. Code 8–137 (1981) and D.C. Code 40–721 (1981).

2. Section 7.82 is amended by designating the existing text as paragraph (a) and adding paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) to read as follows:

§ 7.82 Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

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(b) *Snowmobiles.* (1) Snowmobiles may be operated in the following designated areas within the Lakeshore:

(i) The frozen surface of Lake Superior that surrounds every island from the shoreline to the authorized boundary.

(ii) The frozen surface of Lake Superior from Sand Point to the mainland unit's eastern boundary.

(iii) The ¼ mile section of the Big Sand Bay Road that passes through the park mainland unit to non-NPS property.

(2) Snowmobile use is authorized for the purpose of providing access for legal forms of:

(i) Ice fishing.

(ii) Hunting and trapping.

(iii) Winter camping.

(iv) Other non-motorized recreational activities.

(v) Access to non-NPS property by owners, and use and occupancy properties by lessees and their representatives or guests.

(3) Snowmobiles may be used for administrative, law enforcement, and emergency services as determined by the Superintendent.

(4) Snowmobile use in areas and for purposes other than those stated in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section is prohibited.

(5) Maps showing designated use areas are available at park headquarters.

(c) *Off-road vehicles.* (1) Off-road motor vehicles may be operated in the following designated areas within the Lakeshore:

(i) The frozen surface of Lake Superior that surrounds every island from the shoreline to the authorized boundary.

(ii) The frozen surface of Lake Superior from Sand Point to the mainland unit's eastern boundary.

(2) Off-road motor vehicle use is authorized for the purpose of providing access for legal forms of:

(i) Ice fishing.

(ii) Hunting and trapping.

(iii) Winter camping.

(iv) Other non-motorized recreational activities.

(v) Access to private property by owners, and use and occupancy properties by lessees and their representatives or guests.

(3) Off-road motor vehicles may be used for administrative, law enforcement, and emergency services as determined by the Superintendent.

(4) Off-road motor vehicle use in areas and for purposes other than those stated in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section is prohibited.

(5) Maps showing designated use areas are available at park headquarters.

(d) *Ice augers and power engines.* (1) *Ice auger* means a portable gasoline or

electric powered engine connected to a rotating helical shaft for boring through the frozen surface of a lake.

(2) *Power engine* means a mobile gasoline or electric powered engine or device that is connected to a rotating saw blade or teeth linked in an endless chain for cutting through the frozen ice surface of a lake.

(3) Notwithstanding the requirements of 36 CFR 2.12(a)(3), operation of an ice auger or power engine is authorized on designated portions of Lake Superior for the specific purpose of cutting through the ice surface to provide access for legal ice fishing activity.

(4) Areas designated for use of an ice auger or power engine include:

(i) The frozen surface of Lake Superior that surrounds every island from the shoreline to the authorized boundary.

(ii) The frozen surface of Lake Superior from Sand Point to the mainland unit's eastern boundary.

(5) Maps showing designated use areas shall be available at park headquarters.

(6) Use of an ice auger or power engine on any land surface or frozen water surface outside of designated use areas is prohibited without a permit.

Dated: August 4, 2004.

Paul Hoffman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish And Wildlife and Parks.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

46 CFR Part 66

[USCG–1998–3798]

RIN 1625–AA14

Numbering of Undocumented Barges

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is reopening the comment period on its notice of proposed rulemaking on numbering of undocumented barges, published in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2001 (66 FR 2385). Reopening the comment period gives the public more time to submit comments and recommendations on the issues raised in the proposed rule. This rulemaking is necessary to establish a statutorily required numbering system for undocumented barges more than 100 gross tons

operating on the navigable waters of the United States.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before November 10, 2004.

ADDRESSES: To make sure that your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-1998-3798), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

You must also mail comments on collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer, U.S. Coast Guard.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for the rulemaking. Comments and material received from the public will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call Ms. Pat Williams, Project Manager, National Vessel Documentation Center, Coast Guard, telephone 304-271-2400, e-mail: pwilliams@comdt.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Ms. Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-0271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this Coast Guard rulemaking by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (USCG-1998-3798), indicate the

specific section of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

Your comments and materials may influence this rulemaking. We will consider all comments received during the comment period.

Regulatory History

On October 18, 1994, the Coast Guard published a notice in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 52646) requesting comments on issues related to a numbering system for undocumented barges measuring more than 100 gross tons. The primary issues addressed in the notice concerned who should administer a barge numbering system, what type of number should be required, and how much the numbering system would cost. The Coast Guard received twenty-one comments in response to the notice.

On July 6, 1998, the Coast Guard published an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 36384), discussing the proposed regulation, comments received from the October 1994 notice, and a preliminary regulatory assessment.

On January 11, 2001, the Coast Guard published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 2385), discussing the proposed regulation, comments received from the ANPRM, and requesting additional comments.

The comments received from the NPRM (see this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>) will be discussed in the final rule, along with comments received from this notice.

Background and Purpose

Congress passed the Abandoned Barge Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-587, §§ 5301-05) ("the Act"). During passage of the Act, Congress noted that abandoned barges are often used for the illegal disposal of hazardous cargo, waste, and petroleum products. This illegal disposal can lead to actual or potential pollution incidents. To

prevent these incidents, the Act added a new chapter 47 to title 46 of the United States Code that prohibits abandoning barges in the navigable waters of the United States. The Act also amended 46 U.S.C. 12301 to require the numbering of undocumented barges measuring more than 100 gross tons operating on the navigable waters of the United States.

This numbering system will provide a means for identifying parties responsible for the now illegal abandonment of barges. More importantly, it will help identify those parties who may be held liable for the removal and proper disposal of any hazardous substances stored or deposited on board abandoned barges, as well as for the removal of the barges from the nation's waterways. This potential for liability would serve as a deterrent to barge abandonment.

Taking into consideration the time since the publication of the NPRM, the Coast Guard is soliciting more public information before a final rule is published.

Public Meeting

The Coast Guard plans no public meeting. You may request a public meeting by submitting a comment requesting one to the address under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include the reasons why a meeting would be beneficial. If the Coast Guard determines that a meeting should be held, we will announce the time and place in a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 6, 2004.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security & Environmental Protection.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 1835 and 1852

RIN 2700-AD04

Final Scientific and Technical Reports—SBIR and STTR Contracts

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This rule proposes to amend the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) by adding an Alternate III to the "Final Scientific and Technical Reports" clause for use in contracts awarded under the Small Business Innovation Research