

inadequacies lead to safety problems, reduced levels of service, and transportation inefficiencies.

The proposed improvement of US 23/US 52 would meet the intent of the Appalachian Regional Commission, as well as the goals of Access Ohio, of improving mobility along this macro corridor in order to encourage economic development. The US 23/US 52 corridor is part of Appalachian Corridor B and a larger roadway network connecting Columbus, Ohio to Asheville, North Carolina. With US 23 upgrades either completed or under construction south of Ohio, the only gaps remaining in this route will be in Ohio. Substantial transportation improvements in the study area could close an important "missing link" in the overall corridor.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings will be held in the project area. These are currently anticipated for Summer of 2002 and Winter of 2003. In addition, a hearing will be held in conjunction with the Draft EIS in late 2003. Public notice will be given of the exact time and place of the meetings and hearing to be held for the project. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues relating to this proposed action are addressed, and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be sent to the FHWA at the address provided above. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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**Andreas Garnes,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number MARAD-2001-10138]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel BANANA WIND.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. 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 that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before August 17, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2001-10138. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build

requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

#### Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. Name of vessel: BANANA WIND. Owner: Greg D. Smith.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. According to the applicant: "51-foot; 52,000 lb.; pursuant to 46 USC 14502; maximum 12 passengers"

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "Private day and evening sailing charters-Great Lakes; specifically Lake Erie, Detroit River, Lake St. Clair-St. Clair River, and Lake Huron (throughout the months of May through September), inland waterways and intercoastal from Lake Erie to Florida, and Tampa Bay south to Miami, Florida, including the Keys (throughout the months of October through May).

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1979. Place of construction: Taiwan, Republic of China.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "This waiver will have no impact on other commercial passenger vessels. Sailing charters in the Great Lakes area are few and far between. It is felt there will be little to no impact in any area as this will be a single boat in operation by myself."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "This waiver will have no impact on U.S. shipyards"

Dated: July 13, 2001.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
**Joel C. Richard,**  
*Secretary Maritime Administration.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number MARAD-2001-10139]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel HABITAT IV TWO.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. 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 that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before August 17, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2001-10139. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401,

Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

#### Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. Name of

vessel: HABITAT IV TWO. Owner: Keltner Farris.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. According to the applicant: "Measures as 37.7' length, 13' width, 8.2' depth \* \* \* with tonnage as 26 gross tons and 21 net tons \* \* \*"

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "Intended use for this vessel is to do Custom Charter Cruises—providing accommodations for overnight lodging, while sightseeing, and/or personalized fishing/hunting expeditions, with capacity of 4-6 passengers plus 2 crew. We would plan on viewing Alaska's Southeast Region from Dixon Ent. to Kodiak, Alaska."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1980. Place of construction: Taiwan.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "Since, these will be Custom Cruises, we have found very few similar operating vessels in this market at present \* \* \* similar vessels operating or purpose to operate in the same market is unlikely at this time; therefore would have no unduly adverse effect on market impact or vessel operators \* \* \*"

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "Granting, this waiver will not have a negative impact on U.S. shipyards, since this was built in 1980 by East Coast builder \* \* \*."

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary Maritime Administration.*

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