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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2002-11893]

Review of Boating Safety Regulations

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is conducting a comprehensive review of current boating safety regulations in three stages. These stages correspond with sequential meetings of the National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC). This notice requests comments for the second stage, involving manufacturer requirements to prevent drownings. We will provide NBSAC members with a summary of the comments before the October 2002 meeting and will consider all relevant public comments and NBSAC recommendations in determining which regulations, if any, should be changed.

DATES: Comments and related material for the second stage of the review must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before May 28, 2002.

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-2002-11893), 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>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at 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. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may obtain a copy of this notice by calling the U.S. Coast Guard Infoline at 1-800-368-5647, or read it on the Internet, at the Web Site for the Office of Boating Safety, at <http://www.uscgboating.org> or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, contact Carlton Perry, Project Manager, Office of Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard, by telephone at 202-267-0979 or by e-mail at cperry@comdt.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-5149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

NBSAC is an advisory committee created under 46 U.S.C. 13110(a). It advises the Coast Guard on substantive matters of boating safety. Its 21 members come from 3 segments of the boating community: the boating industry; State officials on boating safety; and representatives of national recreational boating organizations and the general public. NBSAC meets twice a year, in the spring and fall. The meetings are open to the public. Under 46 U.S.C. 4302 (c)(4), the Coast Guard must consult NBSAC in the formulation of boating safety regulations.

Past Comprehensive Reviews

In 1981, 1986, 1992, and 1997, we conducted comprehensive reviews of our boating safety regulations in conjunction with a single NBSAC meeting. We asked NBSAC to determine whether the regulations were still necessary, beneficial, cost-effective, and consistent with current technology. These periodic reviews led NBSAC to make numerous recommendations to improve and update specific provisions in the regulations.

Current Comprehensive Review

We are conducting this review in three stages at sequential NBSAC meetings. We published the first notice announcing in the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2001 [66 FR 45791], stating that NBSAC would review regulations of the first stage in April 2002. We will publish notices in the future, requesting comments for the remaining stage, announcing the specific date of the meeting. Each stage will evaluate current boating safety regulations, but

will not include any rules under development.

The first review stage includes administrative requirements for manufacturers and importers of recreational vessels (33 CFR part 179 and part 181, subparts B and C) and fire and explosion prevention requirements for manufacturers and importers of recreational vessels (33 CFR part 183, subparts I, J, and K). NBSAC will review these regulations and comments at its April 2002 meeting.

The second review stage includes requirements for manufacturers and importers of recreational vessels to prevent drownings (33 CFR part 183, subparts B, C, D, F, G, H, and L). NBSAC will review these regulations and comments at its October 2002 meeting.

The third review stage includes requirements for operators (33 CFR parts 95, 100, 173, 174, 175, 177 and 46 CFR part 25, subparts 25.30, 25.35 and 25.40, and part 58, subparts 58.03 and 58.10). NBSAC will review these regulations and comments at its April 2003 meeting.

You may find copies of the boating safety regulations at any public library that carries the United States Code of Federal Regulations. You may buy them from the Superintendent, Government Printing Office, telephone: 202-512-2250; facsimile: 202-512-1800. You may also access them on the Internet at URL address <http://www.gpo.gov/nara/cfr>.

Request for Comments

We encourage interested persons from all sectors of the boating community to participate in this second regulatory review stage by submitting comments and related material regarding any changes to the current boating safety regulations, including elimination or revocation of any requirements. If you submit comments, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (USCG-2002-11893) and give the reasons 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. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

We are especially interested in responses to the following questions:

- *Need*—Is there still a need for the regulation? Is the problem that the regulation was originally intended to solve still a problem?
- *Technical Accuracy*—Has the regulation kept pace with the technological, economic, environmental, or other relevant conditions? Would any particular changes make it more effective in achieving its intended goal?
- *Cost/Benefit*—What are the costs, or other burdens or adverse effects, including impacts on use of energy, of the regulation? What are the benefits of the regulation in terms of personal safety or other values? Do the benefits outweigh the costs?
- *Problems*—Are there any problems or complaints in understanding or complying with the regulation?
- *Alternative*—Are there any nonregulatory ways to achieve the goal of the regulation at a lower cost, lower burden, or adverse effect?

We will summarize all comments received in response to this request during the comment period and will provide a copy of the summary to the NBSAC members for their consideration before the October 2002 meeting. We will consider all relevant comments in the formulation of any changes to the boating safety regulations that may result from this review stage.

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Kenneth T. Venuto,

Rear Admiral, Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Marshall and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed improvements to US 31 in Marshall and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Dirks, Environmental Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 575 North Pennsylvania Street, Room 254, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Telephone:

(317) 226-7492, Fax: (317) 226-7341, e-mail: robert.dirks@fhwa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will prepare an EIS to improve the US 31 corridor through Marshall and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana. The proposed corridor is between US 30 near Plymouth and US 20 in South Bend, a distance of about 20 miles.

This project is intended to evaluate various transportation alternatives that would reduce traffic congestion and improve safety on US 31 with minimal impacts to the environment. The project would also provide greater accessibility to north-central Indiana and would accommodate the transportation needs of the growing population and employment of northern Indiana. Along this 20 mile section of US 31, many of the intersections are currently experiencing traffic congestion and travel delay.

FHWA and INDOT will determine the purpose and need for the project, evaluate alternatives that satisfy the needs, describe the affected environment, discuss the environmental consequences regarding the alternatives, while providing agency coordination and public involvement. The project will follow Indiana's Streamlined EIS Procedures, which can be found on their website at www.fhwa.dot.gov/indiv/procedur.htm.

Early Coordination letters will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies describing the proposed action and inviting the agencies to be Participating Agencies in the study. Once the draft purpose and need has been developed and preliminary alternatives identified, the agencies and the public will have an opportunity to review and comment on this information. Agencies and the public will also have an opportunity to comment when the preliminary alternatives have been screened to those carried forward for more detailed environmental evaluation in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Upon completion of the DEIS, the DEIS will be available for public review and hearings will also be held. Public notice will be given as to the time and place of the meetings and hearings. Another interagency meeting will be held to offer the opportunity to comment on the preferred alternative and mitigation measures that are recommended.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed and any significant impacts are identified, comments and

suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and this EIS should be directed to the FHWA contact provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to the program).

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Robert Dirks,

Environmental Specialist, FHWA, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2002-11732]

Notice of Request for Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection: Financial Responsibility, Trucking and Freight Forwarding

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of FMCSA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its clearance of the currently approved information collection identified below under Supplementary Information. This information collection provides registered motor carriers, property brokers, and freight forwarders a means of meeting financial security documentation requirements.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted on the Internet by using the universal resource locator (URL) at: <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>, or by fax to (202) 493-2251. Internet users may view all comments received by the Document Management System (DMS) on the Internet at: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help. Please include the docket