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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99-AAL-18]

Proposed Revision of Class E Airspace; Unalaska, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to revise Class E airspace at Unalaska, AK. The establishment of a Global Positioning System (GPS) instrument approach procedure at Unalaska Airport has made this action necessary. Adoption of this proposal would result in adequate controlled airspace for aircraft flying IFR procedures at Unalaska, AK.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Operations Branch, AAL-530, Docket No. 99-AAL-18, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel for the Alaskan Region at the same address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the Office of the Manager, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, at the address shown above and on the Internet at Alaskan Region's homepage at <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at> or at address <http://162.58.28.41/at>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Durand, Operations Branch, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587; telephone number (907) 271-5898; fax: (907) 271-2850; email: Bob.Durand@faa.gov. Internet address: <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at> or at address <http://162.58.28.41/at>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify the airspace docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made:

"Comments to Airspace Docket No. 99-AAL-18." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRM's

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded, using a modem and suitable communications software, from the FAA regulations section of the Fedworld electronic bulletin board service (telephone: 703-321-3339) or the **Federal Register's** electronic bulletin board service (telephone: 202-512-1661).

Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** web page for access to recently published rulemaking documents at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html.

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

by submitting a request to the Operations Branch, AAL-530, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587. Communications must identify the docket number of this NPRM.

Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should contact the individual(s) identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

The Proposal

The FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 by revising Class E airspace at Unalaska, AK, due to the establishment of a GPS instrument approach procedure. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide additional controlled airspace for IFR operations at Unalaska, AK.

The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 in FAA Order 7400.9G, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore—(1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9G, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, is to be amended as follows:

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Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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AAL AK E5 Unalaska, AK [New]

Unalaska Airport

(Lat. 53°53'57" N., long. 166°32'42" W.)

Dutch Harbor NDB

(lat. 53°54'19" N., long. 166°32'57" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within 6.4-mile radius of the Unalaska Airport and within 2.9 miles each side of the Dutch Harbor NDB 360° bearing extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 9.5 miles north of the airport; and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within 20-mile radius north of the airport between the Dutch Harbor NDB 305° bearing extending clockwise to the 075° bearing.

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Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

15 CFR Part 922

Initiation of Review of Management Plan/Regulations of the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary; Intent To Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan; Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Initiation of review of management plan/regulations; intent to prepare environmental impact statement; scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS or Sanctuary) was designated in January 1981, and consists of 17 square nautical miles of open ocean and live bottom habitat approximately 17.5 nautical miles east of Sapelo Island, Georgia. The present management plan for the Sanctuary was completed in 1983. In accordance with Section 304(e) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, as amended, (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*), the Marine Sanctuaries Division (MSD) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is initiating a review of the management plan, to evaluate substantive progress toward implementing the goals for the Sanctuary, and to make revisions to the plan and regulations as necessary to fulfill the purposes and policies of the NMSA.

The proposed revised management plan will likely involve changes to existing policies and regulations of the Sanctuary, to address contemporary issues and challenges, and to better protect and manage the Sanctuary's resources and qualities. The review process is composed of four major stages: Information collection and characterization; preparation and release of a draft management plan/environmental impact statement, and any proposed amendments to the regulations; public review and comment; preparation and release of a final management plan/environmental impact statement, and any final amendments to the regulations. NOAA anticipates completion of the revised management plan and concomitant

documents will require approximately eighteen to twenty-four months.

NOAA will conduct public scoping meetings to gather information and other comments from individuals, organizations, and government agencies on the scope, types and significance of issues related to the sanctuary's management plan and regulations. The scoping meetings are scheduled for the week of December 6–10, 1999, as detailed below.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 1, 2000.

Scoping meetings will be held at:

(1) Monday, December 6, 1999, 7:00 p.m. in Atlanta, GA.

(2) Tuesday, December 7, 1999, 6:00 p.m. in Brunswick, GA.

(3) Wednesday, December 8, 1999, 7:00 p.m. in Yulee, FL.

(4) Thursday, December 9, 1999, 7:00 p.m. in Richmond Hill, GA.

(5) Friday, December 10, 1999, 4:00 p.m. in Charleston, SC.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary (Management Plan Review), 10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, Georgia 31411. Comments will be available for public review at the same address.

Scoping meetings will be held at:

(1) The Robert Ferst Center for the Arts, Georgia Tech, 349 Ferst Drive, NW, Atlanta, GA 30332.

(2) University of Georgia Marine Extension Service, 715 Bay Street, Brunswick, GA 31520.

(3) Betty P. Cook Nassau County Center, Florida Community College of Jacksonville, 760 William Burgess Blvd., Yulee, FL 32097.

(4) Richmond Hill Holiday Inn, I–95 and Hwy. 17, Exit #14, Richmond Hill, GA 31324.

(5) College of Charleston, Physicians Auditorium, George and Coming Streets, Charleston, SC 29424.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Becky Shortland, Planning and Outreach Coordinator, at 912/598–2381 or 2345; Becky.Shortland@noaa.gov.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Section 1431 *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

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