

Environmental Issues

Possible environmental impacts include displacement of commercial and residential properties, disproportionate impacts to minority and low-income populations, community and neighborhood disruption, increased noise and electromagnetic interference along rail corridors including startle effects on highway vehicles, traffic impacts associated with stations, effects to historic properties or archaeological sites, impacts to parks and recreational resources, visual quality effects, impacts to water resources, wetlands, and sensitive biological species and habitat, land use compatibility impacts, energy use, and impacts to agricultural lands.

Alternatives

The PEIS will consider alternatives including: (1) Taking no action, (2) various alignment options and station locations for the entire length of the project and (3) other viable transportation alternatives. The degree of detail in the analysis may vary at different locations. In particular, at the Nevada end, it may be sufficiently detailed to support a site-specific EIS, while in the much longer California segment, it may be of a broader programmatic scale, sufficient to support a decision to go ahead with the entire project, but requiring further analysis to resolve specific detailed routing and design issues.

Scoping and Comment

FRA encourages broad participation in the PEIS process and review of the resulting environmental documents. Comments and suggestions related to the project and potential environmental concerns are invited from all interested agencies and the public at large to ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action and all reasonable alternatives are addressed and all significant issues are identified. The public is invited to participate in the scoping process, to review the Draft PEIS when published, and to provide input at public meetings. Letters describing the proposed scope of the PEIS and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, elected officials, community organizations, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in this proposal. Several public meetings to be advertised in the local media will be held in the project area regarding this proposal. Release of the Draft PEIS for public comment and public meetings and hearings related to that document

will be announced as those dates are established.

Persons interested in providing comments on the scope of the programmatic EIS should do so within thirty days of the publication of this Notice of Intent. Comments can be sent in writing to FRA or NDOT representatives at the addresses listed above.

Public Scoping Meetings will be held at the following respective locations and dates:

Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: June 21, 2004.

Time: 4 p.m.–9 p.m.

Location: City of Las Vegas, City Council Chambers, 400 Stewart Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101.

Ontario, California

Date: June 22, 2004.

Time: 4 p.m.–9 p.m.

Location: Ontario Convention Center, 2000 Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA 91764.

Victorville, California

Date: June 23, 2004.

Time: 4 p.m.–9 p.m.

Location: Victorville Activity Center, 15075 Hesperia Rd., Victorville, CA 92392.

Barstow, California

Date: June 24, 2004.

Time: 4 p.m.–9 p.m.

Location: Barstow College, Norman Smith Center, 2700 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311.

Anaheim, California

Date: June 28, 2004.

Time: 4 p.m.–9 p.m.

Location: City Hall West, 2nd Floor, Gordon Hoyt Conference Room, 201 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92805.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 14, 2004.

Jo Strang,

Deputy Associate Administrator of Railroad Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. 3501 seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on February 23, 2004. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 21, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelly Farrell, Maritime Administration, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202–366–9041; FAX: 202–366–7485 or e-mail:

kelly.farrell@marad.dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Elements of Request for Course Approval.

OMB Control Number: 2133–NEW.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Affected Public: Respondents are public and private maritime security course training providers.

Forms: None.

Abstract: Under this proposed voluntary collection, public and private maritime security training course providers may choose to provide the Maritime Administration (MARAD) with information concerning the content and operation of their courses. MARAD will use this information to evaluate whether the course meets the training standards and curriculum promulgated under Section 109 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA) (Pub. L. 107–295). Courses found to meet these standards will receive a course approval.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 3,000 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 13, 2004.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: 2004-17816]

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 BEACH BUM.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, 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 brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2004-17816 at <http://dms.dot.gov>. 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, in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), 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 in that business, a waiver will not be granted. 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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 21, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD 2004-17816.

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 Seventh 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:

Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-830 Room 7201, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel BEACH BUM is:

Intended Use: "Day sail charter."

Geographic Region: "US East Coast."

Dated: May 17, 2004.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: 2004-17813]

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 ISLAND GIRL.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, 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 brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2004-17813 at <http://dms.dot.gov>. 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, in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part

388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), 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 in that business, a waiver will not be granted. 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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 21, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD 2004-17813. 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:

Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-830 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel ISLAND GIRL is:

Intended Use: "Short term charter passengers for hire, cruising, scuba, fishing."

Geographic Region: "US Atlantic Coast, Gulf Coast and the Bahamas."

Dated: May 17, 2004.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: 2004-17814]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.