

with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Commandant Instruction M16475.1B, the U.S. Coast Guard must conduct an Environmental Assessment (EA) before a Marine Event Permit can be issued. An EA is a brief report that provides sufficient evidence and analysis of the potential environmental effects of a proposed action and its alternatives. An EA is the document used for determining whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Background and Discussion

The Seattle Seafair Unlimited Hydroplane Race and Airshow is an annual event held on the waters of Lake Washington in an area west of Mercer Island, south of the I-90 floating bridge, and north of Bailey Peninsula.

Waterborne activities during the event will include two days of hydroplane time-trials and one day (Sunday, August 6, 1995) of hydroplane races. A log boom will separate the race course and the boaters' viewing area. Spectator craft will congregate in the area east of the log boom and will be present, in increasing numbers, on all three days. The number of spectator boats on Sunday, August 6, 1995, is estimated to be between 1700 and 2000.

On the shores of Jefferson Park along the west side of the race course, vendors, spectators, race officials, and boat crews will conduct shoreside activities. First aid stations will also be set up close to the pit area and on Mercer Island. Increased traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, is expected during the event. This may result in temporary road closures in residential areas to keep traffic on arterial streets.

During the three day event, airshows will periodically be performed over Lake Washington. All flight demonstrations will be done over the hydroplane race track in a designated "airbox." Acrobatic maneuvers and aerial stunts will be confined to the airbox and will be performed only when the area below the airbox is clear of waterborne craft. In addition to the marine event permit issued by the Coast Guard, the sponsors of this event must obtain a separate permit from the Federal Aviation Administration for the airshow.

Drafting Information

The principal persons involved in drafting this notice are LTJG Ben White, U.S. Coast Guard Group Seattle, WA, Project Officer, and LCDR John C. Odell, Project Attorney, Thirteenth Coast Guard District Legal Office, Seattle, WA.

Request for Comments

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the Coast Guard's policy encouraging all interested and effected parties to participate in the early consultation process, the Coast Guard requests scoping comments from the public. The Coast Guard is interested in receiving comments about possible environmental effects, alternative proposals, and other relevant issues related to the scope of its Environmental Assessment of this marine event.

Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this notice (CGD13-95-015) and the specific section of this notice to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of their comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

Dated: April 18, 1995.

G.O. Kinney,

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Coast Guard Group Seattle.

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National Boating Safety Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) will meet to discuss various issues related to recreational boating safety. Agenda items include: Boating education, boat occupant protection, multiple use waterways, inflatable personal flotation devices, nighttime boating, search and rescue, and Recreational Boating Safety Program direction. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 22 and 23, 1995, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Written material should be submitted not later than May 10, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503. Written material should be submitted to Mr. Albert J. Marmo, Executive Director, Commandant (G-NAB), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone (202) 267-1077.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the

Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, Section 1 et seq. The agenda will include discussion of the following topics:

1. Review of action taken at the 54th meeting of the Council.
2. Executive Director's Report.
3. Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee Report.
4. Multiple Use Waterways Subcommittee Report.
5. Mandatory Education Subcommittee Report.
6. Report on Boating Safety Education in California.
7. Report on the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 Subcommittee.
8. Report on Recreational Boating Safety Program Direction.
9. Presentation on Inflatable Personal Flotation Device Rulemaking.
10. Report on Nighttime Boating Study.
11. Report on the Search and Rescue Program.
12. Presentation on Streamlining and Other Issues.
13. Chairman's Session.

Attendance is open to the interested public. With advance notice, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present oral statements should so notify the Executive Director listed above under **ADDRESSES**, no later than the day before the meeting. Written material may be submitted at any time for presentation to the Council. However, to ensure advance distribution to each Council member, persons submitting written material are asked to provide 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than May 10, 1995.

Dated: April 19, 1995.

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Chief, Office of Navigation Safety and Waterway Services.

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National Boating Safety Advisory Council Subcommittee Meetings

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Boating Safety Advisory Council's Subcommittees on Boat Occupant Protection, Mandatory Education, and Multiple Use Waterways will meet to discuss various issues related to these topics. The meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held on May 20 and 21, 1995, from 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 20, and from 8:30 a.m.