

requests to make oral presentations at the meeting(s) should reach Mr. Ludwig by October 17, 2008. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee prior to the meeting(s) should reach Mr. Ludwig by October 10, 2008. All materials, comments, and requests must be identified by docket number [USCG–2008–0968] and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail*: jeffrey.a.ludwig@uscg.mil. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax*: (202) 372–1932.
- *Mail*: Mr. Jeff Ludwig, COMDT (CG–54221), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “U.S. Coast Guard” and docket number [USCG–2008–0968]. All submissions received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or submissions received by the NBSAC, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeff Ludwig, COMDT (CG–54221), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593; (202) 372–1061; Jeffrey.a.ludwig@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92–463). NBSAC was established by the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971. That law requires the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard by delegation, to consult with NBSAC in prescribing Federal regulations, and on other major matters regarding boating safety. See 46 U.S.C. 4302(c) and 13110(c).

NBSAC will meet for the purpose of discussing issues related to recreational boating safety.

Tentative Agendas of Meetings

National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC)

Saturday, November 1, 2008

- (1) Remarks—Mr. James P. Muldoon, NBSAC Chairman;
- (2) Chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety Update on NBSAC Resolutions and Recreational Boating Safety Program report.
- (3) Executive Secretary’s report.
- (4) Chairman’s session.
- (5) TSAC Liaison’s report.

- (6) NAVSAC Liaison’s report.
- (7) National Association of State Boating Law Administrators report.
- (8) Prevention through People Subcommittee meeting.

Sunday, November 2, 2008

- (9) Recreational Boating Safety Strategic Planning Subcommittee meeting.
- (10) Boats and Associated Equipment Subcommittee meeting.

Monday, November 3, 2008

- (11) Prevention through People Subcommittee report.
 - (12) Boats and Associated Equipment Subcommittee report.
 - (13) Recreational Boating Safety Strategic Planning Subcommittee report.
- A more detailed agenda can be found at: <http://www.uscgboating.org/nbsac/nbsac.htm>, after October 24, 2008.

NBSAC Subcommittees

Prevention Through People Subcommittee: Discuss current regulatory projects, grants, contracts, and new issues affecting the prevention of boating accidents through outreach and education of boaters.

Boats and Associated Equipment Subcommittee: Discuss current regulatory projects, grants, contracts, and new issues affecting boats and associated equipment.

Recreational Boating Safety Strategic Planning Subcommittee: Discuss current status of the strategic planning process and any new issues or factors that could impact, or contribute to, the development of the strategic plan for the recreational boating safety program.

Meeting Procedure

This meeting is open to the public. At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify Mr. Jeff Ludwig as described in the **ADDRESSES** section above. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Council in advance of the meeting, please submit thirty (30) copies to Mr. Jeff Ludwig by October 10, 2008.

Please note that the meeting may conclude early if all business is finished.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Mr. Jeff Ludwig as described in the **ADDRESSES** section above as soon as possible.

Dated: September 17, 2008.

J.A. Watson,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Prevention Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2008–0989]

Cook Inlet Regional Citizens’ Advisory Council Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of recertification.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public the Coast Guard has recertified the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens’ Advisory Council (CIRCAC) as an alternative voluntary advisory group for Cook Inlet, Alaska. This certification allows the CIRCAC to monitor the activities of terminal facilities and crude oil tankers under the Cook Inlet Program established by statute.

DATES: This recertification is effective for the period from September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT Ken Phillips, Seventeenth Coast Guard District (dpi), by phone at (907) 463–2821, or by mail at P.O. Box 25517, Juneau, Alaska 99802.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

As part of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, Congress passed the Oil Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990 (the Act), 33 U.S.C. 2732, to foster a long-term partnership among industry, government, and local communities in overseeing compliance with environmental concerns in the operation of crude oil terminals and oil tankers.

On October 18, 1991, the President delegated his authority under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o) to the Secretary of Transportation in Executive Order 12777, section 8(g) (see 56 FR 54757) for purposes of certifying advisory councils, or groups, subject to the Act. On March 3, 1992, the Secretary redelegated that authority to the Commandant of the Coast Guard (see 57 FR 8582). The Commandant redelegated that authority to the Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection (G-M) on March 19, 1992 (letter #5402).

On July 7, 1993, the Coast Guard published a policy statement, 58 FR

36504, to clarify the factors that will be considered in making the determination as to whether advisory councils, or groups, should be certified in accordance with the Act.

The Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (G-M), redelegated recertification authority for advisory councils, or groups, to the Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District on February 26, 1999 (letter #16450).

On September 16, 2002, the Coast Guard published a policy statement, 67 FR 58440, which changed the recertification procedures such that applicants are required to provide the Coast Guard with comprehensive information every three years (triennially). For each of the two years between the triennial application procedure, applicants submit a letter requesting recertification that includes a description of any substantive changes to the information provided at the previous triennial recertification. Further, public comment is not solicited prior to recertification during streamlined years, only during the triennial comprehensive review.

Discussion of Comments

On August 7, 2008, the Coast Guard published a "Notice of availability; request for comments" for recertification of Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 46027). We received six letters commenting on the proposed action. No public meeting was requested, and none was held. Of the seven comments received, all were positive. Comments in support of the recertification consistently cited CIRCAC's broad representation of the respective communities' interests, appropriate actions to keep the public informed, improvements to both spill response preparation and spill prevention, and oil spill industry monitoring efforts that combat complacency—as intended by the Act.

Recertification

By letter dated September 12, 2008, the Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard certified that the CIRCAC qualifies as an alternative voluntary advisory group under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o). This recertification terminates on August 31, 2009.

Dated: September 15, 2008.

Arthur E. Brooks,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2456-08; DHS Docket No. USCIS-2008-0034]

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Extension of the Designation of El Salvador for Temporary Protected Status

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security has extended the designation of El Salvador for temporary protected status (TPS) for 18 months, from its current expiration date of March 9, 2009 through September 9, 2010. This Notice also sets forth procedures necessary for nationals of El Salvador (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in El Salvador) with TPS to re-register with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Unlike the prior extension of TPS for El Salvador, this Notice does not automatically extend previously-issued employment authorization documents (EADs). Eligible TPS beneficiaries must apply to USCIS for extensions of their EADs, and pay the required application fee for such extensions, during the 90-day registration period. Re-registration is limited to persons who have previously registered with USCIS for TPS under the designation of El Salvador and whose applications have been granted by or remain pending with USCIS. Certain nationals of El Salvador (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in El Salvador) who have not previously applied to USCIS for TPS may be eligible to apply under the late initial registration provisions.

DATES: The extension of the TPS designation of El Salvador is effective March 10, 2009, and will remain in effect through September 9, 2010. The 90-day re-registration period begins October 1, 2008, and will remain in effect until December 30, 2008. To facilitate processing of applications, applicants are strongly encouraged to file as soon as possible after the start of the 90-day re-registration period beginning on October 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shelly Sweeney, Status and Family Branch, Office of Service Center Operations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts

Avenue, NW., 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20529, telephone (202) 272-1533. This is not a toll-free call. Further information will also be available at local USCIS offices upon publication of this Notice and on the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>.

Note: The phone number provided here is solely for questions regarding this TPS Notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online available at the USCIS Web site listed above, or applicants may call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 (TTY 1-800-767-1833).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abbreviations and Terms Used in This Document

Act—Immigration and Nationality Act.
ASC—USCIS Application Support Center.
DHS—Department of Homeland Security.
HSA—Homeland Security Act of 2002.
OSC—U.S. Department of Justice Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices.
EAD—Employment Authorization Document.
Secretary—Secretary of Homeland Security.
TPS—Temporary Protected Status.
USCIS—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

What Is Temporary Protected Status?

TPS is an immigration status DHS grants to eligible nationals of designated countries or part of a designated country. During the period for which the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) has designated a country for TPS, TPS beneficiaries are eligible to remain in the United States and may obtain work authorization. The granting of TPS does not lead to permanent resident status. When the Secretary terminates a country's TPS designation, beneficiaries return to the same immigration status they maintained before TPS (unless that status had since expired or been terminated) or to any other status they may have been obtained while registered for TPS.

What authority does the Secretary of Homeland Security have to extend the designation of El Salvador for TPS?

Section 244(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1), authorizes the Secretary, after consultation with appropriate agencies of the government, to designate a foreign State (or part thereof) for TPS.¹

¹ As of March 1, 2003, in accordance with section 1517 of Title XV of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (HSA), Public Law No. 107-296, 116 Stat. 2135, any reference to the Attorney General in a provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act describing functions which were transferred from the Attorney General or other Department of Justice