

Code. Applicants for appointment as a Special Government Employee are required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). The U.S. Coast Guard may not release the reports or the information in them to the public except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Only the Designated U.S. Coast Guard Ethics Official or his or her designee may release a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report. Applicants can obtain this form by going to the website of the Office of Government Ethics (www.oge.gov) or by contacting the individual listed above in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Applications for a member drawn from the general public must be accompanied by a completed OGE Form 450.

Registered lobbyists are not eligible to serve on federal advisory committees in an individual capacity. See "Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Federal Advisory Committees, Boards and Commissions" (79 FR 47482, August 13, 2014). The position we list for a member from the general public would be someone appointed in their capacity and would be designated as a Special Government Employee as defined in section 202(a) of Title 18, U.S.C. Registered lobbyists are lobbyist as defined in 2 U.S.C. 1602 who are required by 2 U.S.C. 1603 to register with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House Representative.

Applicants are considered for membership on the basis of their particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in recreational boating safety. In addition to recreational boating safety experience, the U.S. Coast Guard is particularly interested in applicants who also have experience developing and implementing national media outreach campaigns designed to influence the decision-making of targeted audiences. The vacancies announced in this notice apply to membership positions that become vacant on January 1, 2019.

Appointments for the 2017 and 2018 vacancies remain pending. Individuals who have applied for National Boating Safety Advisory Council membership in any prior years are asked to re-submit a complete application if the individual wishes to apply for any of the vacancies announced in this notice.

To be eligible, applicants should have experience in one of the categories listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

The Department of Homeland Security does not discriminate in selection of Council members on the basis of race, color, religion, sex,

national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor. The Department of Homeland Security strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all of its recruitment actions.

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Council, send your cover letter and resume to Mr. Jeff Ludwig, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the National Boating Safety Advisory Council via one of the transmittal methods in the **ADDRESSES** section by the deadline in the **DATES** section of this notice. All email submittals will receive email receipt confirmation.

Dated: March 9, 2018.

Jennifer F. Williams,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Inspections and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2018-0107]

Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the NOAA Research Vessel FERDINAND R. HASSLE

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that the U.S. Coast Guard First District Prevention Department has issued a certificate of alternative compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), for the NOAA Research Vessel FERDINAND R. HASSLER, ON 9478559. We are issuing this notice because its publication is required by statute. Due to the construction and placement of the vessel's side lights, NOAA Research Vessel FERDINAND R. HASSLER cannot fully comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with the vessel's design and construction. This notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance promotes the Coast Guard's marine safety mission.

DATES: The Certificate of Alternative Compliance was issued on March 5, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information or questions about this

notice call or email Mr. Kevin Miller, First District Towing Vessel/Barge Safety Specialist, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone (617) 223-8272, email Kevin.L.Miller2@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States is signatory to the International Maritime Organization's International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), as amended. The special construction or purpose of some vessels makes them unable to comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS. Under statutory law¹ and Coast Guard regulation,² the vessel's owner, builder, operator, or agent of those vessels may apply for a certificate of alternative compliance (COAC).³ For vessels of special construction, the cognizant Coast Guard District Office determines whether the vessel for which the COAC is sought complies as closely as possible with the 72 COLREGS, and decides whether to issue the COAC which must specify the required alternative installation. If the Coast Guard issues a COAC, under the governing statute⁴ and regulations,⁵ the Coast Guard must publish notice of this action. Once issued, a COAC remains valid until information supplied in the COAC application or the COAC terms become inapplicable to the vessel.

The First District Prevention Department, U.S. Coast Guard, certifies that the NOAA Research Vessel FERDINAND R. HASSLER, ON 9478559 is a vessel of special construction or purpose, and that, with respect to the position of the vessels side light, it is not possible to comply fully with the requirements of the provisions enumerated in the 72 COLREGS, without interfering with the normal operation, construction, or design of the vessel. The First District Prevention Department further finds and certifies that the vessel's sidelights, located in a position 15'3" forward of frame 14 and 5'3" below the top of the bridge/02 Deck mounted to the bridge wing, are in the closest possible compliance with the applicable provisions of the 72 COLREGS.⁶

This notice is issued under authority of 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

¹ 33 U.S.C. 1605(c).

² 33 CFR 81.3.

³ 33 CFR 81.5.

⁴ 33 U.S.C. 1605(c).

⁵ 33 CFR 81.18.

⁶ 33 U.S.C. 1605(a); 33 CFR 81.9.

Dated: March 12, 2018.

Byron L. Black,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Prevention Division, First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6083-N-01]

Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC): Notice Inviting Nominations of Individuals To Serve on the Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations to serve on MHCC.

SUMMARY: The Department of Housing and Urban Development invites the public to nominate individuals for appointment, with the approval of the Secretary, to the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC), a federal advisory committee established by the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as amended by the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000. The Department will only make appointments from nominations submitted in response to this Notice. Individuals that may have applied in response to prior requests for nominations and who are still interested in being appointed must re-apply pursuant to this notice.

DATES: The Department will accept nominations until April 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Nominations must be submitted through the following website: <http://mhcc.homeinnovation.com/Application.aspx>. The submitted nominations are addressed to: Teresa B. Payne, Acting Administrator, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, c/o Home Innovation Research Labs; Attention: Kevin Kauffman, 400 Prince Georges Blvd., Upper Marlboro, MD 20774.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa B. Payne, Acting Deputy Administrator, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 9164, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone number 202-708-6423 (this is not a toll-free number). For hearing and speech-impaired persons, this number may be

accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 604 of the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-569) amended the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401-5426) (Act) to require the establishment of the MHCC, a federal advisory committee, to: (1) Provide periodic recommendations to the Secretary to adopt, revise, and interpret the manufactured housing construction and safety standards; and (2) to provide periodic recommendations to the Secretary to adopt, revise, and interpret the procedural and enforcement manufactured housing regulations, including regulations specifying the permissible scope and conduct of monitoring. The Act authorizes the Secretary to appoint a total of twenty-two members to the MHCC. Twenty-one members have voting rights; the twenty-second member represents the Secretary and is a non-voting position. Service on the MHCC is voluntary. Travel and per diem for meetings is provided in accordance with federal travel policy pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5703.

HUD seeks highly qualified and motivated individuals who meet the requirements set forth in the Act to serve as voting members of the MHCC for up to two terms of three years. The MHCC expects to meet at least one to two times annually. Meetings may take place by conference call or in person. Members of the MHCC undertake additional work commitments on subcommittees and task forces regarding issues under deliberation.

Nominee Selection and Appointment

Members of the Consensus Committee are appointed to serve in one of three member categories. Nominees will be appointed to fill voting member vacancies in the following categories:

1. *Producers*—Seven producers or retailers of manufactured housing.
2. *Users*—Seven persons representing consumer interests, such as consumer organizations, recognized consumer leaders, and owners who are residents of manufactured homes.
3. *General Interest and Public Officials*—Seven general interest and public official members.

The Act provides that the Secretary shall ensure that all interests directly and materially affected by the work of the MHCC have the opportunity for fair and equitable participation without dominance by any single interest; and may reject the appointment of any one

or more individuals in order to ensure that there is not dominance by any single interest. For purposes of this determination, dominance is defined as a position or exercise of dominant authority, leadership, or influence by reason of superior leverage, strength, or representation.

Additional requirements governing appointment and member service include:

(1) Nominees appointed to the User category, and three of the individuals appointed to the General Interest and Public Official category shall not have a significant financial interest in any segment of the manufactured housing industry; or a significant relationship to any person engaged in the manufactured housing industry.

(2) Each member serving in the User category shall be subject to a ban disallowing compensation from the manufactured housing industry during the period of, and during the one year following, his or her membership on the MHCC.

(3) Nominees selected for appointment to the MHCC shall be required to provide disclosures and certifications regarding conflict-of-interest and eligibility for membership prior to finalizing an appointment.

All selected nominees will be required to submit certifications of eligibility under the foregoing criteria as a prerequisite to final appointment.

Consensus Committee—Advisory Role

The MHCC's role is solely advisory to the Secretary on the subject matter described above.

Federal Advisory Committee Act

The MHCC is subject to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix), 41 CFR parts 101-6 and 102-3 (the FACA Final Rule), and to the Presidential Memorandum, dated June 18, 2010, directing all heads of executive departments and agencies not to make any new appointments or reappointments of federally registered lobbyists to advisory committees and other boards and commissions. The June 18, 2010, Presidential Memorandum authorized the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue guidance to implement this policy. On August 13, 2014 (79 FR 47482), OMB issued guidance regarding the prohibition against appointing or reappointing federally registered lobbyists to clarify that the ban applies to persons serving on advisory committees, boards, and commissions in their individual capacity and does not apply if they are specifically appointed to represent the