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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2005-22541]

Merchant Mariner Credentials: Temporary Procedures

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of extension of validity for merchant mariner credentials.

SUMMARY: On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the coastlines of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. The Regional Examination Center at New Orleans, which provided credentialing services to approximately 29,000 mariners in those three states and 14 percent of mariners nationwide, was completely flooded, destroying vital records and equipment and rendering the facility temporarily inoperable. Mariners in the area may have lost their credentials in the storm and subsequent flooding, or may be in possession of credentials that either have expired or will soon be expiring. The Coast Guard has previously implemented temporary measures to relieve the hardship on mariners in the Gulf Coast area who need replacement documents. With new temporary authority granted by Congress, the Coast Guard is implementing the additional measure of extending the expiration dates for the credentials of eligible mariners until February 28, 2006.

DATES: This Notice is effective January 17, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call Mr. Donald J. Kerlin, Deputy Director, Coast Guard National Maritime Center (NMC), (202) 493–1006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 3 of the Coast Guard Hurricane Relief Act of 2005, Public

Law 109–141, the Coast Guard is initiating temporary credentialing measures for merchant mariner's documents (MMD), merchant marine licenses, certificates of registry (COR), and Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping endorsements (STCW endorsement) for individuals who meet the following conditions:

(1) if the individual is a resident of Alabama, Mississippi, or Louisiana as confirmed by the Coast Guard's Merchant Mariner Licensing and Documentation system (MMLD), or

(2) if the individual is a resident of any other State, and the records of the individual—

(A) were located at the Coast Guard facility in New Orleans that was damaged by Hurricane Katrina; or

(B) were damaged or lost as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

A credential that shows that it was issued in New Orleans, LA, will be sufficient proof that the mariner's records were located at the Coast Guard facility in New Orleans for category (2)(A) above.

The following measures are applicable to all eligible mariners whose credentials have been lost, or have expired, or may expire, during the period indicated within this Notice.

Until February 28, 2006, mariners from Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana who lost their credentials may apply at any REC to receive a duplicate credential that will bear the same expiration date and qualifications as the original document that was lost. The evaluation and issuance fees, usually charged for the issuance of duplicate credentials, will be waived. Please see the Notices published in the Federal Register in Volume 70, pages 57885 (October 4, 2005) and 59078 (October 11, 2005) for more details on the waiver program.

Due to the time it takes to process renewal applications, mariners who visit an REC to obtain a duplicate credential that is within one year of expiration should apply for a renewal or upgraded credential at the same time that they receive their duplicate credential.

If a credential in a mariner's possession, including a duplicate issued

under the provisions described above, has expired or will expire between March 1, 2005, and February 28, 2006, and the credential indicates that either the mariner's home of record is in Alabama, Mississippi, or Louisiana, or that the credential was issued at New Orleans, LA, then that credential together with a copy of this Notice will serve as a valid credential until February 28, 2006.

A mariner who is a resident of any other State, and whose credential was issued at a location other than New Orleans and has expired or will expire between March 1, 2005, and February 28, 2006, and whose records were damaged or lost as a result of Hurricane Katrina, should contact any REC for the procedures to obtain official correspondence affirming that the mariner's credential remains valid until February 28, 2006.

Due to the hurricane, Regional Examination Center (REC) New Orleans was forced to close for approximately six months or more and additional resources were allocated to RECs Memphis, Houston, Miami, and Charleston. Mariners may seek assistance at these or any of the other 12 RECs around the country, a list of which appears at 46 CFR 10.105 and 12.01–7.

Authority: Coast Guard Hurricane Relief Act of 2005, PL 109–141, 2005 HR 4508, 46 U.S.C. 2103, 2110, 7101, 7302, 7501, and 7502, and Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

Dated: January 11, 2006.

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Acting Assistant Commandant for Prevention, RDML, U.S.C.G.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate under Section 322; Form N–600K, 1615–0087.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will submit the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until March 20, 2006.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Director, Regulatory Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHA via facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov. When submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add OMB Control Number 1615-0087 in the subject box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and

assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection.

- (1) Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved information collection.
- (2) Title of Form/Collection: Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate under section 322.
- (3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security

sponsoring the collection: Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate under section 332; Form N–600K.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or Households. This form provides an organized framework for establishing the authenticity of an applicant's eligibility and is essential for providing prompt, consistent and correct processing of such applications for citizenship under section 322 of the Act.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 1,500 responses at 1 hour and 35 minutes (1.583 hours) per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 2,374 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit the USCIS Web site at: http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/pra/index.htm.

If additional information is required contact: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20529, (202) 272–8377.

Dated: January 10, 2006.

Richard A. Sloan

Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. [FR Doc. 06–364 Filed 1–13–06; 8:45 am]
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge in Currituck County, NC, and Virginia Beach, VA.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge are available for review and comment. The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires the Service to develop comprehensive conservation plan for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in

developing a comprehensive conservation plan is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, the plan identifies wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

DATES: Meetings will be held in early 2006 in Knotts Island, Currituck, and Corolla, North Carolina, and Virginia Beach, Virginia, to present the plan to the public. Mailings, newspaper articles, and postings on the refuge's Web site will be the avenues to inform the public of the dates and times of the meetings. Individuals wishing to comment on the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge should do so no later than February 16, 2006. Public comments were requested, considered, and incorporated throughout the planning process in numerous ways. Public outreach has included scoping meetings, a review of the biological program, an ecosystem planning newsletter, and a Federal Register notice.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment should be addressed to Tim Cooper, P.O. Box 39, Knotts Island, North Carolina 27950, or you may send your comments via electronic mail to: tim_cooper@fws.gov with a subject line, "Draft CCP Comments: Mackay Island NWR." Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowed by law.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service analyzed three alternatives for future management of the refuge and chose Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative.

Proposed goals for the refuge include:

• Conserve and maintain healthy and viable populations of migratory birds, wildlife, fish, and plants, including Federal and State endangered species and trust species.