

the San Diego Natural History Museum, San Diego, California, from on or about April 1, 2012, until on or about September 30, 2012; and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Richard Lahne, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8058). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: March 31, 2008.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6112]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meetings

Three subcommittees of the Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will be holding public meetings in April 2008. Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the rooms. Details for each meeting are provided in this notice.

I. Ship Design and Equipment

The SHC's Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2008, in Room 6103 of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to present the outcome of the 51st Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment (DE) which was held February 18-22, 2008 in Bonn, Germany. For a list of the issues discussed at DE 51, see Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meetings, 73 FR 1394 (January 8, 2008). Preparations for the 52nd Session of DE will also be discussed. DE 52 is scheduled to be held at the IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom from March 16 to March 20, 2009.

Copies of documents associated with DE 51 will be available at the April 25th SHC meeting. To request further copies

of documents please write to the address provided below. Interested persons may also seek information by writing to Mr. Wayne Lundy, Commandant (CG-5213), USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 1300, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 372-1379.

II. Safety of Life at Sea; IMO Maritime Safety Committee

The SHC's Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 in Room 2415, at USCG Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20593. The purpose of this meeting will be to finalize preparations for the 84th Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) which is scheduled for May 7 to May 16, 2008 in London, United Kingdom. At the April 30th SHC meeting, papers received and the draft U.S. positions for MSC 84 will be discussed. MSC 84 agenda items include:

- Adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments;
- Measures to enhance maritime security;
- Goal-based new ship construction standards;
- Long range identification and tracking (LRIT) related matters;
- General cargo ship safety;
- Role of the human element;
- Formal safety assessment;
- Piracy and armed robbery against ships; and
- Reports of six IMO Sub-committees: Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC); Training and Watchkeeping (STW); Fire Protection (FP); Ship Design and Equipment (DE); Bulk Liquids and Gases (BLG); and Safety of Navigation (NAV).

Interested persons may seek additional information by writing to LCDR Jason Smith, Commandant (CG-5212), USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 1218, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 372-1376.

III. Stability, Load Lines and Fishing Vessel Safety

The SHC's Subcommittee on Stability, Load Lines and Fishing Vessel Safety will conduct an open meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, in Room 6103 of the USCG Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 51st Session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) to be held at IMO Headquarters in London,

United Kingdom from July 14 to July 18, 2008. The primary matters to be considered include:

- Development of explanatory notes for harmonized SOLAS Chapter II-1;
- Revision of the Intact Stability Code;
- Safety of small fishing vessels;
- Development of options to improve effect on ship design and safety of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement, 1969;
- Review of guidelines for uniform operating limitations on high-speed craft;
- Time-dependent survivability of passenger ships in damaged condition;
- Guidance on the impact of open watertight doors on existing and new ship survivability;
- Stability and seakeeping characteristics of damaged passenger ships in a seaway when returning to port by own power or under tow;
- Guidelines for drainage systems on ro-ro decks; and
- Damage stability verification of tank vessels and bulk carriers.

Interested persons may seek additional information by writing to Mr. Paul Cojeen, Commandant (CG-5212), USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 1308, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 372-1372.

Dated: April 1, 2008.

Mark Skolnicki,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6111]

Renewal of the Charter of the United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee

SUMMARY: The Charter of the United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC) has been renewed for an additional two years.

ITAC was established pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act under the general authority of the Secretary of State and the Department of State as set forth in Title 22, sections 2656 and 2707, of the United States Code. The purpose of the ITAC is to advise the Department of State with respect to, and provide strategic planning recommendations on, telecommunication and information policy matters related to the United States' participation in the work of the

International Telecommunication Union, the Permanent Consultative Committees of the Organization of American States Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and other international bodies addressing telecommunications. ITAC provides advice on matters of U.S. policy and preparation of positions for meetings of international and regional organizations pertaining to telecommunication and information issues.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Julian Minard in the Office of Multilateral Affairs, International Communications and Information Policy, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs, at (202) 647-3234 or at minardje@state.gov. The ITAC Web site is located at <http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/adcom/c668.htm>.

Dated: March 27, 2008.

James G. Ennis,
*Director, Advanced Network Technologies,
International Communications and
Information Policy, Department of State.*
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Cancellation of Environmental Impact Statement: Clatsop County, OR

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Oregon DOT.
ACTION: Cancellation of Astoria Bypass EIS.

SUMMARY: On September 28, 1994, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a Notice of Intent, in the **Federal Register**, to advise agencies and the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be prepared for a proposed Astoria Bypass in Clatsop County, Oregon. The project proposed to realign approximately 6 miles of U.S. 30, the Lower Columbia River Highway, from the John Day River Bridge, over new alignment through the Clatsop State Forest, to connect with OR 202, the Nehalem Highway, at Williamsport Road, and then joint U.S. 101 on the west side of Astoria near the north end of the Youngs Bay Bridge. The project is now cancelled; therefore, no further project activities will occur.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Michelle Eraut, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 530 Center Street, NE., Suite 100, Salem, Oregon 97301; telephone 503-587-4716.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315.

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Michelle Eraut,
*Environmental Program Manager, Salem,
Oregon.*
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environment Impact Statements: Counties of Jefferson, St. Clair, and Mobile, AL

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.
ACTION: Rescind Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that two Notices of Intent are being rescinded; the first published on August 2, 2006, to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed highway project in Jefferson and St. Clair Counties, Alabama is being rescinded; and the second published on July 27, 1995, to prepare an EIS for a proposed highway project in Mobile County, Alabama is being rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark D. Bartlett, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Alabama Division Office, 500 Eastern Blvd., Suite 200, Montgomery, AL 36117-2018, Telephone: (334) 223-7370.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA is rescinding the notice of intent to prepare an EIS for Federal-aid Project STPAA-PE00(6). The proposed project would have involved an extension of the Birmingham Northern Beltline from Interstate 59 in Trussville, Jefferson County, to Interstate 20 in the vicinity of Leeds, St. Clair County, Alabama, for a distance of about 10 miles. The project is being rescinded since the Alabama Department of Transportation has decided not to pursue this project at this time. When this project is reinitiated, additional alignments may be considered.

The FHWA is rescinding the notice of intent to prepare an EIS on a proposal to construct a multi-lane roadway from the intersection of Schillinger Road and Lott Road to U.S. Highway 45 in Mobile, Alabama. The project is being rescinded since the Alabama Department of Transportation has decided not to pursue this project at this time.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Dated: March 31, 2008.

Mark D. Bartlett,
Division Administrator, Montgomery.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety

Notice of Application for Special Permits

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: List of Applications for Special Permits.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 7, 2008.

Address Comments to: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety, Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 31, 2008.

Delmer F. Billings,
*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials,
Special Permits and Approvals.*