

2003). The present notice implements those provisions with respect to members of the Coast Guard or members of the other Armed Forces falling within the Coast Guard's jurisdiction. Under 45 CFR 164.512(k)(1)(i), the Coast Guard has established the following provisions:

1. *General rule.* A covered entity (including a covered entity not part of or affiliated with the Department of Homeland Security) may use and disclose the protected health information of individuals who are Armed Forces personnel for activities deemed necessary by appropriate military command authorities to assure the proper execution of the military mission.

2. *Appropriate Military Command Authorities.* For purposes of paragraph 1, appropriate Military Command authorities are the following:

2.1. All Commanders who exercise authority over an individual who is a member of the Armed Forces, or other persons designated by such a Commander to receive protected health information in order to carry out an activity under the authority of the Commander.

2.2. The Secretary of Homeland Security, when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Department of the Navy.

2.3. Any official delegated authority by the Secretary of Homeland Security to take an action designed to ensure the proper execution of the military mission.

3. *Purposes for which protected health information may be used or disclosed.* For purposes of paragraph 1, the purposes for which any and all of the protected health information of an individual who is a member of the Armed Forces may be used or disclosed are as follows:

3.1. To determine the member's fitness for duty, including but not limited to the member's compliance with standards and all other activities carried out under the authority of COMDTINST M1020.8C, "Allowable Weight Standards for the Health and Well-being of Coast Guard Military Personnel;" COMDTINST M1850.2C, "Physical Disability Evaluation System;" and similar requirements pertaining to fitness for duty.

3.2. To determine the member's fitness to perform any particular mission, assignment, order, or duty, including any actions required as a precondition to performance of such a mission, assignment, order, or duty.

3.3. To carry out activities under the authority of COMDTINST M6000.1B, "The Coast Guard Medical Manual,"

chapter 12 (Occupational Medical Surveillance & Evaluation Program).

3.4. To report on casualties in any military operation or activity according to applicable Coast Guard regulations or procedures.

3.5. To carry out any other activity necessary to the proper execution of the mission of the Armed Forces.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

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*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

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#### Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, area projects impacting safety on the Houston Ship Channel, and various other navigation safety matters in the Galveston Bay area. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The next meeting of HOGANSAC will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. (noon). The meeting of the Committee's working groups will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2003, at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may present written or oral statements at either meeting. Requests to make oral presentations or distribute written materials should reach the Coast Guard 5 working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made. Requests to have written materials distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting should reach the Coast Guard at least 10 working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made.

**ADDRESSES:** The full Committee meeting will be held at the Offices of the Houston Pilots Association, 8150 South Loop East, Houston, TX, telephone (713) 645-9620. The working groups meeting will be held at the Port of Houston Authority Seaman's Church Building, 111 East Loop North, Houston, TX, telephone (713) 670-2400. Written

materials and requests to make presentations should be sent to Commanding Officer, VTS Houston-Galveston, Attn: LTJG Tobey, 9640 Clinton Drive, Floor 2, Houston, TX 77029. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Captain Kevin Cook, Executive Director of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5199, Commander Tom Marian, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164, or Lieutenant Junior Grade Kelly Tobey, assistant to the Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5155, e-mail [katobey@vtshouston.uscg.mil](mailto:katobey@vtshouston.uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

#### Agendas of the Meetings

*Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC).* The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Opening remarks by the Committee Sponsor (RADM Duncan) (or the Committee Sponsor's representative), Executive Director (CAPT Cook) and Chairman (Tim Leitzell).

(2) Approval of the January 30, 2003, minutes.

(3) Old Business:

(a) Dredging projects.

(b) Electronic navigation.

(c) Aids to Navigation (AtoN)

Knockdown Working Group.

(d) Mooring subcommittee report.

(e) Texas City Container Terminal Update.

(f) Recreational boating education initiative.

(g) Port Security Subcommittee report.

(h) Bridge Allision Prevention

Working Group.

(4) New Business:

(a) Maritime Security Regulations Presentation.

(b) Hurricane Season Presentation.

(c) Galveston Bay System Design Team.

(d) Industry Expo.

*Working Groups Meeting.* The tentative agenda for the working groups meeting includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each working group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each working group.

#### Procedural

Working groups have been formed to examine the following issues: dredging and related issues, electronic navigation systems, AtoN knockdowns, impact of

passing vessels on moored ships, recreational boater education issues, and port security. Not all working groups will provide a report at this session. Further, working group reports may not necessarily include discussions on all issues within the particular working group's area of responsibility. All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished.

Members of the public may make presentations, oral or written, at either meeting. Requests to make oral or written presentations should reach the Coast Guard 5 working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made. If you would like to have written materials distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, you should send your request along with 15 copies of the materials to the Coast Guard at least 10 working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made.

#### Information on Services for the Handicapped

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director, Executive Secretary, or assistant to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible.

Dated: April 17, 2003.

**J.W. Stark,**

*Captain, Coast Guard, Commander, 8th Coast Guard Dist., Acting.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge, Green River, WY

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Summary for Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge is available. This CCP, prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, describes how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to manage this Refuge for the next 15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Plan or Summary may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 700, Green River, WY 82935; or download from <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/planning>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Damberg, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 700, Green River, WY 82935. Phone 307-875-2187; fax 307-875-4425; or e-mail: [carol\\_damberg@fws.gov](mailto:carol_damberg@fws.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), comprised of 26,382 acres, is long and narrow and is bisected throughout its length by the Green River, within the Upper Colorado River basin, in Sweetwater County, southwestern Wyoming. The Refuge is situated in a high desert plain where the native upland plant associations include sagebrush/grass, greasewood and shadscale, and bottomland plant associations include wet meadow riparian types with willows and cottonwoods dominating the overstory and riverine wetlands. Over 220 species, including some Federally listed species, of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes utilize, occur at, or migrate through this Refuge. Seedskaadee NWR was established in 1965 through the Colorado River Storage Project Act of 1956 and the principal purpose of the Refuge is to provide for the conservation, maintenance, and management of wildlife resources and its habitat including the development and improvement of such wildlife resources. Additionally, the Refuge is charged to protect the scenery, cultural resources, and other natural resources and provide for public use and enjoyment of compatible wildlife-dependent activities.

The availability of the Draft CCP and Environmental Assessment (EA) for 30-day public review and comment was announced in the **Federal Register** on October 31, 2001, in Volume 66, Number 211. The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge for the next 15 years. Alternative 1, the no action alternative, would have continued current management of the Refuge. Alternative 2 (preferred alternative) emphasizes restoration of riparian habitat functions and forest health, and restoration of historic wetland types within the Refuge. Alternative 3 would have maximized wildlife benefits by

focusing on habitat protection and enhancement and de-emphasizing public use opportunities.

Based on this assessment and comments received, the preferred Alternative 2 was selected for implementation. The preferred alternative was selected because it best meets the purposes and goals of the Refuge, as well as the goals of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The preferred alternative will also benefit foraging raptors, marsh birds, migrating and nesting waterfowl, and neotropical migrants, as well as improvements in water quality from riparian habitat restoration. Modifications to existing vehicular routes will result in improved wildlife habitats and diversified visitor experiences. Cultural and historical resources will be interpreted and protected.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

**Elliott Sutta,**

*Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of Applications for Permit

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written data, comments or requests must be received by May 28, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**