

aspects of the climate system and climate change; Working Group II assesses the vulnerability of socio-economic and natural systems to climate change, potential negative and positive consequences, and options for adapting to it; and Working Group III assesses options for limiting greenhouse gas emissions and otherwise mitigating climate change. These assessments are based upon the peer-reviewed literature and are characterized by an extensive and open review process involving both scientific/technical experts and governments before being accepted by the IPCC.

The IPCC Secretariat has informed the U.S. Department of State that the second-order draft of the Working Group II contribution to the Fourth Assessment Report is available for Expert and Government Review. The Climate Change Science Program Office (CCSPO) is coordinating collection of U.S. expert comments and the review of these collations by panels of Federal scientists and program managers to develop a consolidated U.S. Government submission. Instructions on how to format comments are available at <http://www.climatescience.gov/Library/ipcc/wg24ar-review.htm>, as is the document itself and other supporting materials. Comments must be sent to CCSPO by June 28, 2006 to be considered for inclusion in the U.S. Government collation. Comments submitted for potential inclusion or consideration as part of the U.S. Government Review should be reserved for that purpose, and not also sent to the IPCC Working Group II Technical Support Unit as a discrete set of expert comments.

Properly formatted comments should be sent to CCSPO at wg24AR-USGreview@climatescience.gov by COB Tuesday, June 28, 2006. Include report acronym and reviewer surname in e-mail subject title to facilitate processing.

For further information, please contact David Dokken, U.S. Climate Change Science Program, Suite 250, 1717 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20006 (<http://www.climatescience.gov>).

Dated: May 9, 2006.

Trigg Talley,

Office Director, Acting, Office of Global Change, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Humboldt County, CA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is republishing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed highway project along U.S. Highway (Highway) 101 in Humboldt County, in the Cities of Eureka and Arcata, and the unincorporated area between the two cities, California. The original Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2001, (Volume 66, Number 170, Pages 46061 & 46062). The NOI is being republished due to project changes of adding roadway rehabilitation work and new alternatives to the proposed project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leland Dong, Team Leader—North Region, Federal Highway Administration, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100, Sacramento, CA 95814-4708, telephone (916) 498-5860 or Kim Floyd, California Department of Transportation Project Manager, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3700, telephone (707) 441-5739.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: U.S. Highway 101 is part of the National Highway System and is a principal arterial route. The route is often referred to as the “lifeline of the North Coast” since it is the California north coast’s most important interregional route, serving as the connector to the Santa Rosa/San Francisco metropolitan areas to the south and the State of Oregon to the north. It is heavily used for the transportation of intercity/intestate commerce as well as being the principal route to many north coast recreational areas including State and National parks, rivers, ocean fishing, and beach areas. North of San Francisco, it is the second most heavily traveled non-freeway segment on Highway 101 within California.

The proposed project limits extend from just north of the Eureka Slough Bridge in the City of Eureka to the 11th Street over crossing in the City of Arcata along the Highway 101 corridor from KP 128.6 to KP 138.9 (PM 79.9 to PM 86.3) in Humboldt County. The existing Highway 101 corridor within these limits consists of two one-way arterials, a four-lane expressway, and a four-lane freeway.

The proposed Eureka-Arcata Corridor Improvement Project consists of the following:

- Realign and signalize Airport Road/Highway 101,
- Realign the intersection of Jacobs Road with Airport Road,
- Construct a third northbound lane from Cole Avenue to Mid City Motors,
- Close median crossings and acceleration and deceleration lanes (remove existing pavement) at Mid City Motors, Green Diamond sawmill, Bracut, and Bayside Cutoff,
- Construct a compact diamond interchange at Indianola Cutoff,
- Extend existing right side acceleration and deceleration lanes,
- Reconstruct access ramps at existing Highway 101/Route 255 Interchange,
- Pave median and install concrete barrier from South G Street to 11th Street in Arcata,
- Replace southbound Jacoby Creek Bridge,
- Widen northbound Jacoby Creek and Gannon Slough bridges for standard shoulder widths and upgraded bridge rails,
- Provide minor shoulder widening,
- Place shoulder backing material,
- Overlay pavement with asphalt concrete (AC) with open graded AC surfacing,
- Install thrie-beam median barrier from Eureka Slough Bridge to Airport Road,
- Install upgraded lighting,
- Replace tide gates and,
- Remove all trees not currently protected by barrier, within nine meters (30-feet) of the Highway 101 edge of traveled way (white pavement stripes) within the project limits.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. The views of agencies, which may have knowledge about historic resources potentially affected by the proposal or interest in the effects of the proposal on historic properties, are specifically solicited. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address previously provided in this notice:

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research,

Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Issued on: May 18, 2006.

Leland W. Dong,

Project Development Engineer, California Division, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number 2006 24881]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel ALINA.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2006-24881 at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 26, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2006 24881. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th

St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-830 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel ALINA is:

Intended Use: "Offer the vessel for evening charter to brides and grooms before or after a wedding event and entertain business clients of the owner and its affiliates."

Geographic Region: Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Dated: May 22, 2006.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number 2002 24879]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel DAUNTLESS.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2006-24879 at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag

vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 26, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2006 24879. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-830 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel DAUNTLESS is:

Intended Use: "Carry 2-4 passengers overnight or for the day and/or evening cruises, photo charter, special events, sunset cruise, harbor cruise; overnight and weekend romantic cruise. No fishing."

Geographic Region: State of Massachusetts.

Dated: May 22, 2006.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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