

until they are outside of the security zones.

(e) *Annual enforcement period.* The security zones described in paragraph (a) of this section will be enforced during Seattle Seafair Fleet Week each year for a period of up to one week. The Seattle Seafair Fleet Week will occur sometime between July 25 and August 14. The annual **Federal Register** notice identifying the designated participating vessels will also identify the specific dates of the event for that year.

Dated: January 17, 2012.

**S.J. Ferguson,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Puget Sound.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### 48 CFR Part 422

RIN 0599-AA19

#### Office of Procurement and Property Management; Agriculture Acquisition Regulation, Labor Law Violations; Withdrawal

**AGENCY:** Office of Procurement and Property Management, Departmental Management, Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Procurement and Property Management of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is withdrawing the December 1, 2011 (76 FR 74755) proposed rule adding a new clause to the Agriculture Acquisition Regulation at subpart 422.70 entitled "Labor Law Violations" that would have a contractor certify upon accepting a contract that it is in compliance with all applicable labor laws and that, to the best of its knowledge, its subcontractors of any tier, and suppliers, are also in compliance with all applicable labor laws.

**DATES:** As of February 6, 2012, the proposed rule published on December 1, 2011, at 76 FR 74755, is withdrawn.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donna Calacone, Office of Procurement and Property Management, at (202) 205-4036 or by mail at OPPM, MAIL STOP 9306, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 300 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC 20250-9306. Please cite "48 CFR 422 Proposed Rule" in all correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** USDA is withdrawing its proposed rule published on December 1, 2011 (76 FR 74755), entitled "Office of Procurement

and Property Management, Agriculture Acquisition Regulation, Labor Law Violations."

### List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 422

Classified information, Computer technology, Government procurement, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 1, 2012.

**Jodey Barnes-Edwards,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Procurement and Property Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### 49 CFR Part 611

[Docket No. FTA-2010-0009]

RIN 2132-AB02

#### Major Capital Investment Projects (NPRM); Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule, Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the dates, times, and locations of three public meetings and a webinar regarding the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) recently issued by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for its discretionary Major Capital Investments program ("New Starts" and "Small Starts"). During these sessions, FTA staff will provide information on the NPRM and answer questions from interested persons.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting and webinar dates.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Day, Office of Planning and Environment, (202) 366-5159; for questions of a legal nature, Christopher Van Wyk, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1733. FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for the meeting locations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 25, 2012, FTA issued an NPRM (77 FR 3848) that proposes a new regulatory framework for evaluation and rating of New Starts and Small Starts projects seeking Federal financial

assistance. This NPRM would amend the regulations for Major Capital Investment Projects at 49 CFR 611. The docket for comments on the NPRM is open through March 26, 2012. The meetings and webinar listed below will provide a forum for FTA staff to make oral presentations on the NPRM and for participants to ask questions. Additionally, the sessions are intended to encourage interested parties and stakeholders to submit their comments directly to the official docket per the instructions found in the January 25, 2012, NPRM.

### I. Meetings

Information on the public outreach session meeting dates and addresses follows:

1. Wednesday, February 15, 2012: Cityplace Conference Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Central, 2711 North Haskell Avenue, Dallas Texas 75204.

2. Thursday, February 16, 2012: San Diego County Administration Building, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pacific, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92101.

3. Thursday, February 23, 2012: MARTA Headquarters Atrium, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern, 2424 Piedmont Road NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30324.

### II. Webinar

FTA will host a webinar on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Additional information on the time the webinar will be held and instructions for obtaining access to the webinar will be posted on FTA's Web site at <http://www.dot.fta.gov>.

### III. Format of the Meetings and Webinar

FTA staff will make presentations on the NPRM, and participants in the public meetings and webinar will have an opportunity to pose questions to the FTA staff. Neither the three meetings nor the webinar will be a forum for submitting comments on the NPRM. It is the responsibility of individuals who wish for their comments to become part of the official public record to submit their comments directly to the official docket for the rulemaking. Instructions for doing so can be found in the January 25, 2012 NPRM.

### III. Registration

Registration is not required in order to attend one of the public meetings or participate in the webinar. To ensure adequate space and handouts, however, persons who intend to participate in the public meetings are encouraged to register for the outreach sessions on FTA's web site at <http://www.dot.fta.gov>.

#### IV. Special Accommodations

All locations are ADA-accessible. Individuals attending a meeting who are hearing or visually impaired and have special requirements or require special assistance may contact Elizabeth Day at (202) 366-5159 or [Elizabeth.Day@dot.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Day@dot.gov).

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**Peter Rogoff,**

*Federal Transit Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 600

[Docket No. 120118050-2049-01]

RIN 0648-BB49

#### Marine Recreational Fisheries of the United States; National Saltwater Angler Registry and State Exemption Program

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS proposes to amend the regulations that implement section 401(g) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The amendments would eliminate duplicative permitting and registration requirements for holders of Main Hawaiian Islands Non-commercial Bottomfish Permits; allow states that exempt minors under the age of 17 from the state license or registration requirements to be eligible for Exempted State designation; allow the U.S. Virgin Islands to be designated as an Exempted State under the qualifying regional survey option of the rule; and clarify and update various provisions of the rule.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by April 6, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2007-0815, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). To submit comments via the e-Rulemaking Portal, first click the "submit a comment" icon,

then enter NOAA-NMFS-2007-0815 in the keyword search. Locate the document you wish to comment on from the resulting list and click on the "Submit a Comment" icon on the right of that line.

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to Ned Cyr, Director, Office of Science and Technology, NMFS, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Attn: Gordon Colvin.

- **Fax:** (301) 713-1875; Attn: Gordon Colvin.

**Instructions:** Comments must be submitted by one of the above methods to ensure that the comments are received, documented, and considered by NMFS. Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.) submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Written comments regarding the burden-hour estimates or other aspects of the collection-of-information requirements contained in this proposed rule may be submitted to the NMFS Office of Science and Technology at the address above, and by email to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-7285.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gordon Colvin, phone: (301) 427-8118; fax: 301-713-1875; or email: [gordon.colvin@noaa.gov](mailto:gordon.colvin@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Access**

This proposed rule is accessible via the Internet at the Office of the Federal Register's Web site at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html>. Background information and documents are available at the NMFS Office of Science and Technology Web site at <http://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov/index.html>.

**Background**

The proposed action is to amend regulations at 50 CFR 600.1400 that implement the National Saltwater

Angler Registry and State Exemption Program (NSAR). The rule established the requirements and procedures for anglers, spear fishers and for-hire fishing vessels to register with NMFS unless exempt from the registration requirement. The NSAR regulations also established the requirements and procedures whereby states may be designated as Exempted States. The anglers and for-hire fishing vessels licensed or registered by Exempted States, and those anglers and vessels that are not required to be licensed or registered under the laws of such states, are not required to register with NMFS.

Based on its experience with administering NSAR and input from states, NMFS has determined that minor revisions to the final rule are needed to clarify and update certain provisions in order to address the following objectives: (1) Eliminate duplicative permitting and registration requirements for holders of Main Hawaiian Islands Non-commercial Bottomfish Permits; (2) allow states that exempt minors under the age of 17 from the state license or registration requirements to be eligible for Exempted State designation; (3) allow the U.S. Virgin Islands to be designated as an Exempted State under the qualifying regional survey option of the rule; and (4) clarify and update various provisions of the rule.

A summary of the proposed changes and supporting statements follows:

**Objective 1:** Amend § 600.1405(b)(8) to provide that holders of Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Non-commercial Bottomfish Permits do not need to register under NSAR. The NMFS permit database already includes holders of MHI non-commercial bottomfish permits. This permit data can be added to the registry database without requiring the bottomfish permit holders to also register under NSAR. This would eliminate duplicative registration and fee payment by the approximately 50 holders of MHI Non-commercial bottom fish permits.

**Objective 2:** Amend § 600.1416(b)(1) to allow a state to be eligible for Exempted State designation even if its licensing program excludes anglers under age 17. During development of the original rule for NSAR, NMFS determined that it is not necessary to require that minors be included in the lists of persons that must be registered. This is because surveys that sample from angler registry lists will contact the households of registrants and can request information regarding the fishing activity of minors residing in the same households. All states have exceptions to state license or registration requirements for minors,