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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG- 2020-0322]

Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (Committee) will meet in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to discuss Committee matters relating to Great Lakes pilotage, including review of proposed Great Lakes pilotage regulations and policies. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: *Meeting:* The Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Please note that this meeting may adjourn early if the Committee has completed its business.

Comments and supporting documentations: To ensure your comments are received by Committee members before the meeting, submit your written comments no later than August 24, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Ojibway ballroom, 240 W. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783. <https://ojibwayhotel.com>

Pre-registration Information: Pre-registration is not required for access.

Attendees will be required to follow as closely as possible COVID-19 safety guidelines promulgated by the CDC, which includes social distancing and wearing masks when in an enclosed space or within six feet of another person. Some CDC guidance here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/community-based.html>

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Instructions: You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the meetings, but if you want Committee members to review your comment before the meetings, please submit your comments no later than August 24, 2020. We are particularly interested in comments on the issues in the “Agenda” section below. We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, call or email the individual in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions. You must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number USCG-0322. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For more about privacy submissions in response to this document, see DHS’s eRulemaking System of Records notice (85FR 14226, March 11, 2020). If you encounter technical difficulties with comment submission, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Docket Search: Documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, and all public comment, will be in our online docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website’s instructions.

Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign-up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ellen Engleman Conners, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee, telephone (202) 578-2815, or email Ellen.EnglemanConners@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is in compliance with the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (5 U.S.C. Appendix). The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee is established under the authority of 46 U.S.C. 9307, and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Coast Guard on matters relating to Great Lakes pilotage, including review of proposed Great Lakes pilotage regulations and policies.

AGENDA: The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 to review, discuss, deliberate and formulate recommendations, as appropriate on the following topics:

1. Status of GLPAC members terms and appointments.
2. St. Lawrence River flow/Lake Ontario flooding/Seaway closure.
3. Individual pilot compensation reporting.
4. Limited Pilot Registration.
5. Compensation Benchmark for Apprentice Pilots.
6. Staffing Model.
7. Annual review and report comparing previous rate-setting projections with actual data.
8. Designation of the Straits of Mackinac.
9. Training surcharge.

10. Pilot Association project and updates.
11. Stakeholder Outreach.
12. Joint Stakeholder comments.
13. Host Pilots Association presentation.
14. Public Comments.

A copy of all meeting documentation will be available at <https://dco.uscg.afpims.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Marine-Transportation-Systems-CG-5PW/Office-of-Waterways-and-Ocean-Policy/Office-of-Waterways-and-Ocean-Policy-Great-Lakes-Pilotage-Div/> by August 24, 2020. Alternatively, you may contact Ms. Ellen Engleman Connors as noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

Public comments or questions will be taken throughout the meeting as the Committee discusses the issues and prior to deliberations and voting. There will also be a public comment period at the end of the meeting. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 5 minutes. Please note that the public comment period will end following the last call for comments. Contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above, to register as a speaker.

Date: August 6, 2020.

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