

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****46 CFR Parts 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15**

[Docket No. USCG–2004–17914]

RIN 1625–AA16

Implementation of the Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, and Changes to Domestic Endorsements**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is announcing a series of public meetings to receive comments on a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) entitled “Implementation of the Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, and Changes to Domestic Endorsements” that published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2011. The changes proposed in the SNPRM address the comments received from the public in response to a previously published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, in most cases through revisions based on those comments, and propose to incorporate the 2010 amendments to the STCW Convention that will come into force on January 1, 2012.

DATES: Public meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Monday, August 22, 2011, in Miami, FL from 9 a.m. until noon;
- Wednesday, August 24, 2011, in New Orleans, LA from 9 a.m. until noon;
- Friday, August 26, 2011, in Seattle, WA from 9 a.m. until noon;
- Wednesday, September 7, 2011, in Washington, DC from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Written comments and related material may also be submitted to Coast Guard personnel specified at those meetings for inclusion in the official docket for this rulemaking. The comment period for the SNPRM closes on September 30, 2011. All comments and related material submitted after the meeting must either be submitted to our online docket via <http://www.regulations.gov> on or before September 30, 2011 or reach the Docket Management Facility by that date.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held at the following locations:

- Monday, August 22, 2011, Miami Airport Marriott, 1201 NW Le Jeune Road, Building A, Miami, FL 33126.
- Wednesday, August 24, 2011, Hilton Garden Inn Hotel New Orleans, French Quarter/Central Business District, 821 Gravier Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.
- Friday, August 26, 2011, The Edgewater Hotel Noble House Hotels & Resorts, 2411 Alaskan Way, Pier 67, Seattle, WA 98121.
- Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, Room 2501, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. **Note:** A government-issued photo identification (for example, a driver's license) will be required for entrance to the building.

Live webcasts (audio and video) of the three public meetings to be held in Miami, FL, New Orleans, LA, and Seattle, WA, will also be broadcast online. The Web site for viewing those webcasts can be found at <http://www.stcwregs.us>. The webcasts will enable those using this feature only to view the proceedings and not to make remarks to those participating in the meetings in person. However, a verbatim record of these public meetings will be provided in the docket.

You may submit written comments identified by docket number USCG–2004–17914 before or after the meetings using any one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments (preferred method to avoid delays in processing).
- **Fax:** 202–372–1918.
- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- **Hand delivery:** Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

Docket: For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this proposed rulemaking, call or e-mail Mr. Rogers Henderson, Maritime Personnel Qualifications Division, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 202–372–1408, e-mail: Rogers.W.Henderson@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting

material to the docket, call Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background and Purpose**

In 2007, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) embarked on a comprehensive review of the entire STCW Convention and STCW Code. The Coast Guard held public meetings prior to each one of the IMO meetings in London for the review to determine what positions U.S. delegations should advocate and to exchange views about amendments to STCW that were under discussion. In addition, the Coast Guard also took advantage of advisory committee meetings, specifically Merchant Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC), to discuss developments and implementation of the requirements relating to the 2010 amendments. The 2010 amendments resulting from that review were adopted on June 25, 2010. The Convention is not self-implementing; therefore, the United States, as a signatory to the STCW Convention, must initiate regulatory changes to ensure full implementation of amendments to the STCW Convention and STCW Code.

The Coast Guard proposed, in an SNPRM published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2001, to implement these provisions, and to clearly separate the two licensing schemes for STCW and domestic endorsements, pursuant to the Convention and under the authority of Title 46, United States Code, section 2103 and chapters 71 and 73.

Parties to the STCW Convention have port state control authority to detain vessels that do not appear to be in compliance with the Convention. If U.S. regulations are non-compliant with the STCW Convention and STCW Code, there is a risk that U.S. ships will be detained in foreign ports by member nations and that U.S. mariners would not be able to seek employment on foreign flag vessels.

Instructions for Submitting Comments

All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Information on Service for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the public meetings, contact Mr. Rogers Henderson at the telephone number or e-mail address indicated under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Dated: July 27, 2011.

J.G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

[Docket No. FWS-R2-ES-2011-0042; MO 92210-0-0009]

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Endangered Status for the Chupadera Springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis chupaderae*) and Proposed Designation of Critical Habitat

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), propose to list the Chupadera springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis chupaderae*) as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). If we finalize this rule as proposed, it would extend the Act's protections to this species. We also propose to designate critical habitat for the Chupadera springsnail under the Act. In total, approximately 0.7 hectares (1.9 acres) are being proposed for designation as critical habitat, located in Socorro County, New Mexico.

DATES: We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before October 3, 2011. We must receive requests for public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, by September 16, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

(1) *Electronically:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Enter Keyword or ID box, enter FWS-R2-ES-2011-0042, which is the docket number for this rulemaking. Then, in the Search

panel at the top of the screen, under the Document Type heading, check the box next to Proposed Rules to locate this document. You may submit a comment by clicking on "Submit a Comment."

(2) *By hard copy:* Submit by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R2-ES-2011-0042; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042-PDM; Arlington, VA 22203.

We will post all information received on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Information Requested section below for more details).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wally "J" Murphy, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113; telephone 505-346-2525; facsimile 505-346-2542. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document consists of both a proposed rule to list the Chupadera springsnail as endangered and proposed critical habitat designation for the Chupadera springsnail.

Public Comments

We intend that any final action resulting from this proposed rule will be based on the best scientific and commercial data available and be as accurate and as effective as possible.

Therefore, we request comments or information from the public, other concerned governmental and Tribal agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party concerning this proposed rule. We particularly seek comments concerning:

(1) The historical and current status and distribution of the Chupadera springsnail, its biology and ecology, the range and population size of this species, including the locations of any additional populations of this species, and any information on the biological or ecological requirements of the species.

(2) Information relevant to the factors that are the basis for making a listing determination for a species under section 4(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), which are:

(a) The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of the species' habitat or range;

(b) Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;

(c) Disease or predation;

(d) The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or

(e) Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence and threats to the species or its habitat.

(3) Information about any ongoing conservation measures for, or threats to, the Chupadera springsnail and its habitat. We are particularly interested in receiving any information related to the potential effects of climate change on the Chupadera springsnail or its habitat.

The following information regarding the potential economic and other impacts of the proposed critical habitat designation is requested solely so that we may consider the potential effects of critical habitat designation in the final rule.

(1) The reasons why we should or should not designate habitat as "critical habitat" under the Act including whether there are threats to the species from human activity, the degree of which can be expected to increase due to the designation, and whether the benefit of designation would outweigh threats to the species caused by the designation, such that the designation of critical habitat is prudent.

(2) Specific information on:

(a) The amount and distribution of Chupadera springsnail habitat;

(b) What occupied areas containing features essential to the conservation of the species should be included in the designation and why; and

(c) What areas not occupied are essential for the conservation of the species and why.

(3) Land use designations and current or planned activities in the subject areas and their possible impacts on proposed critical habitat.

(4) Any foreseeable economic, national security, or other relevant impacts of designating any area that may be included in the final designation. We are particularly interested in any impacts on small entities or families, and the benefits of including or excluding areas that exhibit these impacts.

(5) Whether we could improve or modify our approach to designating critical habitat in any way to provide for greater public participation and understanding, or to better accommodate public concerns and comments.

You may submit your comments and materials concerning this proposed rule by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. We will not accept comments sent by e-mail or fax or to an address not listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.