MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)

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Dated: March 5, 2019.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2019–0012]

Deepwater Port License Application: Texas COLT LLC

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of intent; notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), in coordination with the Maritime Administration (MARAD), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) as part of the environmental review of the Texas COLT LLC (Texas COLT) deepwater port license application. The application proposes the ownership, construction, operation and eventual decommissioning of an offshore oil export deepwater port that would be located in Federal waters approximately 27.8 nautical miles off the coast of Brazoria County, Texas in a water depth of approximately 110 feet. The deepwater port would allow for the loading of Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs) and other sized crude oil cargo carriers via two single point mooring buoy systems.

This Notice of Intent (NOI) requests public participation in the scoping process, provides information on how to participate and announces an informational open house and public meeting in Lake Jackson, Texas. Pursuant to the criteria provided in the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, as amended, Texas is the designated Adjacent Coastal State for this application.

DATES: There will be one public scoping meeting held in connection with the Texas COLT deepwater port application. The meeting will be held in Lake Jackson, Texas on March 22, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The public meeting will be preceded by an informational open house from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The public meeting may end later than the stated time, depending on the number of persons wishing to speak. Additionally, materials submitted in response to this request for comments on the Texas COLT deepwater port license application must reach the Federal Docket Management Facility as detailed below by April 8, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The open house and public meeting in Lake Jackson, Texas will be held at the Courtyard Lake Jackson, 159 State Highway 288, Lake Jackson, TX 77566, phone: (979) 297–7300, web address: *https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ljncy-courtyard-lake-jackson/*. Free parking is available at the venue.

The public docket for the Texas COLT deepwater port license application is maintained by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. The license application is available for viewing at the *Regulations.gov* website: *http://www.regulations.gov* under docket number MARAD–2019–0012.

We encourage you to submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *http://www.regulations.gov.* If you submit your comments electronically, it is not necessary to also submit a hard copy. If you cannot submit material using *http://www.regulations.gov,* please contact either Mr. Ken Smith, USCG or Mr. Linden Houston, MARAD, as listed in the following **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document, which also provides alternate instructions for submitting written comments. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted. Anonymous comments will be accepted. All comments received will be posted without change to *http://www.regulations.gov* and will include any personal information you have provided. The Federal Docket Management Facility's telephone number is 202–366–9317 or 202–366–9826, the fax number is 202–493–2251.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ken Smith, USCG, telephone: 202–372–1413, email: *Ken.A.Smith@uscg.mil,* or Mr. Linden Houston, MARAD, telephone: 202–366–4839, email: *Linden.Houston@dot.gov.* For questions regarding viewing the Docket, call Docket Operations, telephone: 202–366–9317 or 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Meeting and Open House

We encourage you to attend the informational open house and public meeting to learn about, and comment on, the proposed deepwater port. You will have the opportunity to submit comments on the scope and significance of the issues related to the proposed deepwater port that should be addressed in the EIS.

Speaker registrations will be available at the door. Speakers at the public scoping meeting will be recognized in the following order: Elected officials, public agencies, individuals or groups in the sign- uporder and then anyone else who wishes to speak.

In order to allow everyone a chance to speak at a public meeting, we may limit speaker time, extend the meeting hours, or both. You must identify yourself, and any organization you represent, by name. Your remarks will be recorded and/or transcribed for inclusion in the public docket.

You may submit written material at the public meeting, either in place of, or in addition to, speaking. Written material should include your name and address and will be included in the public docket.

Public docket materials will be made available to the public on the Federal Docket Management Facility website (see **ADDRESSES**).

Our public meeting location is wheelchair- accessibleand compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you plan to attend an open house or public meeting and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation, non- Englishlanguage translator services or other reasonable accommodation, please notify the USCG or MARAD (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 business days in advance of the public meeting. Include your contact information as well as information about your specific needs.

Request for Comments

We request public comment on this proposal. The comments may relate to, but are not limited to, the environmental impact of the proposed action. All comments will be accepted. The public meeting is not the only opportunity you have to comment on the Texas COLT deepwater port license application. In addition to, or in place of, attending a meeting, you may submit comments directly to the Federal Docket Management Facility during the public comment period (see **DATES**). We will consider all comments and material received during the 30- dayscoping period.

The license application, comments and associated documentation, as well as the draft and final EISs (when published), are available for viewing at the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website: *http://www.regulations.gov* under docket number MARAD–2019–0012.

Public comment submissions should include:

- Docket number MARAD–2019–0012.
- Your name and address.

Submit comments or material using only one of the following methods:

- Electronically (preferred for processing) to the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website: *http://www.regulations.gov* under docket number MARAD–2019–0012.
- By mail to the Federal Docket Management Facility (MARAD–2019–0012), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- By personal delivery to the room and address listed above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- By fax to the Federal Docket Management Facility at 202–493–2251.

Faxed, mailed or hand delivered submissions must be unbound, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches and suitable for copying and electronic scanning. The format of electronic submissions should also be no larger than 8½ by 11 inches. If you mail your submission and want to know when it reaches the Federal Docket Management Facility, please include a stamped, self- addressed postcard or envelope.

Regardless of the method used for submitting comments, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the FDMS website (*http://www.regulations.gov*) and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information to the docket makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy and Use Notice that is available on the FDMS website and the Department of Transportation Privacy Act Notice that appeared in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), see Privacy Act. You may view docket submissions at the Federal Docket Management Facility or electronically on the FDMS website.

Background

Information about deepwater ports, the statutes, and regulations governing their licensing, including the application review process, and the receipt of the current application for the proposed Texas COLT deepwater port appears in the Texas COLT Notice of Application, Tuesday, March 5, 2019 edition of the **Federal Register**. The ''Summary of the Application'' from that publication is reprinted below for your convenience.

Consideration of a deepwater port license application includes review of the proposed deepwater port's impact on the natural and human environment. For the proposed deepwater port, USCG and MARAD are the co- leadFederal agencies for determining the scope of this review, and in this case, it has been determined that review must include preparation of an EIS. This NOI is required by 40 CFR 1501.7. It briefly describes the proposed action, possible alternatives and our proposed scoping process. You can address any questions about the proposed action, the scoping process or the EIS to the USCG or MARAD project managers identified in this notice (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Proposed Action and Alternatives

The proposed action requiring environmental review is the Federal licensing of the proposed deepwater port described in ''Summary of the Application'' below. The alternatives to licensing the proposed port are: (1) Licensing with conditions (including conditions designed to mitigate environmental impact), (2) evaluation of proposed deepwater port and onshore site/pipeline route alternatives or (3) denying the application, which for purposes of environmental review is the ''no- action''alternative.

Scoping Process

Public scoping is an early and open process for identifying and determining the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Scoping begins with this notice, continues through the public comment period (see **DATES**), and ends when USCG and MARAD have completed the following actions:

- Invites the participation of Federal, state, and local agencies, any affected Indian tribe, the applicant, in this case Texas COLT, and other interested persons;
- Determines the actions, alternatives and impacts described in 40 CFR 1508.25;
- Identifies and eliminates from detailed study, those issues that are not significant or that have been covered elsewhere;
- Identifies other relevant permitting, environmental review and consultation requirements;
- Indicates the relationship between timing of the environmental review and

other aspects of the application process; and

• At its discretion, exercises the options provided in 40 CFR 1501.7(b).

Once the scoping process is complete, USCG and MARAD will prepare a draft EIS. When complete, MARAD will publish a **Federal Register** notice announcing public availability of the Draft EIS. (If you want that notice to be sent to you, please contact the USCG or MARAD project manager identified in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). You will have an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft EIS. The USCG, MARAD and other appropriate cooperating agencies will consider the received comments and then prepare the Final EIS. As with the Draft EIS, we will announce the availability of the Final EIS and give you an opportunity for review and comment. The Act requires a final public hearing be held in the Adjacent Coastal State. Its purpose is to receive comments on matters related to whether or not a deepwater port license should be issued to the applicant by the Maritime Administrator. The final public hearing will be held in Lake Jackson, Texas after the Final EIS is made available for public review and comment.

Summary of the Application

Texas COLT LLC is proposing to construct, own, and operate a deepwater port terminal in the Gulf of Mexico to export domestically produced crude oil. Use of the DWP would include the loading of various grades of crude oil at flow rates of up to 85,000 barrels per hour (bph). At full operating capacity twenty- threeVery Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) vessels (or equivalent volumes) would be loaded per month from the proposed deepwater port. Loading of one VLCC vessel is expected to take 24 hours.

The overall project would consist of offshore and marine components as well as onshore components as described below.

The COLT deepwater port offshore and marine components would consist of the following:

• Texas COLT Offshore Manned Platform and Control Center: One (1) fixed offshore platform with piles in Brazos Area Outer Continental Shelf lease block 466, approximately 27.8 nautical miles off the coast of Brazoria County, Texas in a water depth of approximately 110 feet. The fixed offshore platform would be comprised of several decks including: A sump deck and a cellar deck. The cellar deck will have a supporting pig trap, leak detection meter, control valve, oil relief (Holding) tank, and associated equipment, complete with living quarters, control room and a helideck.

• One (1) 42- inchoutside diameter, 27.8- nautical- mildong crude oil pipeline would be constructed from the shoreline crossing in Brazoria County, Texas, to the COLT deepwater port for crude oil delivery. This pipeline would connect the Texas COLT Onshore Delivery Pipeline to the offshore Texas COLT deepwater port platform.

• The platform is connected to Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) tankers for loading by two (2) 42- inchoutside diameter departing pipelines. Each pipeline will depart the offshore platform, carrying the oil to a Pipeline End Manifold (PLEM) in approximately 110 feet water depth located one nautical mile from the offshore platform. Each PLEM is then connected through two 24- inchunderbuoy hoses to a Single Point Mooring (SPM) Buoy. Two 24- inchfloating loading hoses will connect the SPM Buoy to the VLCC.

The Texas COLT deepwater port onshore storage and supply components would consist of the following:

• Texas COLT Onshore Storage Terminal: The proposed Onshore Storage Terminal would be located in Brazoria County, Texas, on approximately 245 acres of land consisting of twenty- five(25) above ground storage tanks, each with a working storage capacity of 600,000 barrels, for a total onshore storage capacity of approximately 15 million barrels. The Texas COLT Onshore Storage Terminal also would include: Eight (8) 2,500- hpvertical product pumps; six (6) 750- hpvertical recirculation pumps; two (2) receiving manifolds; one (1) product metering station; two (2) motor control centers; nine (9) auxiliary electrical control buildings in the storage tank area; one (1) Administrative building and onshore operations control center and one (1) 15,000 square foot warehouse building.

• Texas COLT Pump Station: The Texas COLT Pump Station will be at the Texas COLT Onshore Storage Terminal site and will be comprised of twelve, 7,000 horsepower (hp) pumps (two banks of six pumps including two total spare pumps). The Texas COLT Pump Station will boost the system pressure to a maximum flow rate of 85,000 barrels per hour.

• Four onshore crude oil pipelines and affiliated facilities would be constructed onshore to support the Texas COLT deepwater port and include the following items:

○ Genoa Pipeline: One (1) 60- mile- long 24- inchcrude oil pipeline from Genoa Junction to the proposed Texas COLT Onshore Storage Terminal. This pipeline would be located in Harris County, Galveston County and Brazoria County, Texas. Additional components include six Mainline Emergency Flow Restriction Device (EFRD) Valves along the pipeline to facilitate shutdowns as needed, two meter stations (Kurland Station and Texas COLT Terminal Metering Station), two pump stations (Kurland Pump Station and Rosharon Pump Station), launcher traps and receiver traps, transfer meter, and surge relief.

○ Gray Oak Connector Pipeline: One (1) 28- mile- long30- inchinbound pipeline in Brazoria County, Texas from Sweeny Junction to the Texas COLT Onshore Terminal. Additional components include one pump station (Texas COLT Sweeny Junction Pump Station), and Mainline EFRD valves to facilitate shutdowns as needed, as well as a launcher trap, receiver trap, transfer meter, and surge relief.

○ Onshore Delivery Pipeline: One (1) 8 mile, 42- inchoutbound pipeline in Brazoria County, Texas from the Texas COLT Onshore Storage Terminal to the Texas COLT Offshore Delivery Pipeline. Additional components include three Mainline EFRD Valves along the pipeline to facilitate shutdowns as needed.

○ Seaway Pipeline Connection: One (1) 1 mile bi- directional,30- inch diameter pipeline and associated facilities in Brazoria County, Texas between the Seaway Jones Creek Crude Oil Terminal and the Texas COLT Onshore Storage Terminal. The Texas COLT Seaway Pipeline Connection will primarily receive crude oil from the Seaway Jones Creek Crude Oil Terminal. Additional components include EFRD Valves to facilitate shutdowns as needed, launcher trap, receiver trap, transfer meter, and surge relief.

Crude oil will be delivered to the Texas COLT Onshore Storage Terminal from existing sources via the Texas COLT Gray Oak Connector Pipeline, Texas COLT Genoa Pipeline, and Texas COLT Seaway Pipeline Connection. Crude oil will be delivered to the Texas COLT Offshore Manned Platform and Control Center via the Texas COLT Onshore Delivery Pipeline and continuing through the Texas COLT Offshore Delivery Pipeline. The Texas COLT Deepwater Port will transfer the crude oil to VLCCs through two separate SPM Buoy systems. VLCCs will moor to the SPM Buoys with support from assist vessels.

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14 FDMS, accessible through *www.dot.gov/privacy*. To facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93).

Dated: March 5, 2019.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2019–0030]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel ISLAND GIRL (53′ Motor Vessel); Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 8, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2019–0030 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov*. Search MARAD–2019–0030 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2019–0030, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand- deliveryour comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at *www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23–453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–366–9309, Email *Bianca.carr@dot.gov.*

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

—*Intended Commercial use of Vessel:* ''Passenger and recreational fishing charter''

—*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* ''Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina'' (Base of Operations: Fort Lauderdale, FL)

—*Vessel Length and Type:* 53′ motor vessel

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD–2019–0030 at *http://www.regulations.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 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, 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.- flagvessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

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