

recently, on December 28, 2000 (65 FR 82451) the Coast Guard published a proposal and request for comments to streamline the RCAC certification process. The comments received on that proposal are under review prior to implementing changes to the certification process.

The Coast Guard has received an application for recertification of CIRCAC, the currently certified advisory group for the Cook Inlet region. In accordance with the review and certification process contained in the policy statement, the Coast Guard announces the availability of that application.

At the conclusion of the comment period, the Coast Guard will review all application materials and comments received and will take one of the following actions:

(a) Recertify the advisory group under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o).

(b) Issue a conditional recertification for a period of 90 days, with a statement of any discrepancies, which must be corrected to qualify for recertification for the remainder of the year.

(c) Deny recertification of the advisory group if the Coast Guard finds that the group is not broadly representative of the interests and communities in the area or is not adequately fostering the goals and purposes of 33 U.S.C. 2732.

The Coast Guard will notify CIRCAC by letter of the action taken on its application. A notice will be published in the **Federal Register** to advise the public of the Coast Guard's determination.

Dated: September 6, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Membership in the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in accordance with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, established the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (NPOAG). The NPOAG was formed to provide continuing advice and counsel with respect to commercial

air tour operations over and near national parks. This notice informs the public of the desire to expand the advisory group and delineates the nomination procedures.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Howard Nesbitt, Flight Standards Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20591, telephone: (202) 493-4981, or Marvin Jensen, Soundscapes Office, National Park Service, 1201 Oak Ridge Drive, Suite 200, Ft. Collins, Colorado 80525, telephone: (970) 225-3563. Persons interested in serving on the advisory group should contact Mr. Nesbitt or Mr. Jensen on or before October 16, 2001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (the Act) was enacted on April 5, 2000, as Public Law 106-181. The Act required the establishment of the advisory group within 1 year after its enactment. The advisory group is comprised of a balanced group of representatives of general aviation, commercial air tour operations, environmental concerns, and Native American tribes. The Administrator and the Director (or their designees) serve as ex officio members of the group. Representatives of the Administrator and Director serve alternating 1-year terms as chairman of the advisory group. The Administrator's representative will serve the first term, which will terminate at the end of the calendar year following the year in which the advisory group is established.

The advisory group provides "advice, information, and recommendations to the Administrator and the Director—

(1) on the implementation of this title [the Act] and the amendments made by this title;

(2) on commonly accepted quiet aircraft technology for use in commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands, which will receive preferential treatment in a given air tour management plan;

(3) on other measures that might be taken to accommodate the interests of visitors to national parks; and

(4) at the request of the Administrator and the Director, safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands."

Members of the advisory group may be allowed certain travel expenses as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for intermittent Government service.

An initial assignment was made to the group of seven members representing

aviation, environmental and Native American cultural interests. At the first meeting of the group, on August 28, 2001, the group decided that the addition of three new members would achieve a better balance of interests representing the group. The additional members would represent fixed wing air tour operators, environmental interests and Native American cultural interests.

#### Public Participation in the Advisory Group

The FAA and NPS invite members of the public from the desired areas, who are interested in serving on the advisory group, to contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Requests to participate should be made in writing and postmarked on or before October 16, 2001. The request should indicate whether or not they are a member or an official of a particular interest group. The request should also state whether they are proposing to represent fixed wing air tours, environmental, or Native American cultural interests and what expertise they would bring to either of these interest areas while serving on the group. Those individuals or groups previously submitting nominations need not resubmit. The term of service of advisory group members will be three years.

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*Director, Flight Standards Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2001-10649]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comments; Clearance of a New Information Collection; Customer Satisfaction Surveys

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection that involves generic customer satisfaction surveys. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.