

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 98–AAL–20]

Proposed Revision of Class E Airspace; Gambell, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to revise Class E airspace at Gambell, AK. The establishment of the Global Positioning System (GPS) instrument approaches to runway (RWY) 16 and RWY 34 and the modification of the Non-directional Radio Beacon (NDB) instrument approaches to RWY 16 and RWY 34 at Gambell, AK, have made this action necessary. Adoption of this proposal would result in the provision of adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Gambell, AK.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Operations Branch, AAL–530, Docket No. 98–AAL–20, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513–7587.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel for the Alaskan Region at the same address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the Office of the Manager, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, at the address shown above and on the Internet at Alaskan Region's homepage at <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/> or at address <http://162.58.28.41/at>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert van Haastert, Operations Branch, AAL–538, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513–7587; telephone number (907) 271–5863; fax: (907) 271–2850; email: Robert.van.Haastert@faa.dot.gov. Internet address: www.alaska.faa.gov/at.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Comments Invited**

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments

are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify the airspace docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 98–AAL–20." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRM's

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded, using a modem and suitable communications software, from the FAA regulations section of the Fedworld electronic bulletin board service (telephone: 703–321–3339) or the **Federal Register's** electronic bulletin board service (telephone: 202–512–1661).

Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** web page for access to recently published rulemaking documents at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html.

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The Proposal

The FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 by revising the Class E airspace at Gambell, AK, through the establishment of GPS instrument

approaches and modifications to the NDB instrument approaches to RWY 16 and RWY 34. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for IFR operations at Gambell, AK.

The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9F, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 (63 FR 50139; September 21, 1998). The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be revised and published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that these proposed regulations only involve an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore—(1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9F, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, is to be amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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AAL AK E5 Gambell, AK

Gambell Airport, AK

(Lat. 63°46'00" N., long. 171°43'58" W.)

Gambell NDB/DME

(Lat. 63°46'55" N., long. 171°44'12" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of the Gambell Airport and within 4 miles each side of the 174° bearing of the Gambell NDB/DME extending from the NDB/DME to 23 miles south of the NDB/DME and within 4 miles each side of the Gambell NDB/DME 354° bearing extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 10.6 miles north of the airport; and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within 8 miles west and 4 miles east of the 354° bearing of the Gambell NDB/DME extending from the NDB/DME to 16 miles north of the NDB/DME and within 25 miles of the NDB/DME clockwise between the 006° and 227° bearings of the NDB/DME.

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[Airspace Docket No. 98-AAL-25]

Proposed Revision of Class E Airspace; Port Heiden, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to revise Class E airspace at Port Heiden, AK. The establishment of a new Microwave Landing System (MLS) instrument approach to runway (RWY) 05 at Port Heiden, AK, has made this action necessary. Adoption of this proposal would result in the provision of

adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Port Heiden, AK.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Operations Branch, AAL-530, Docket No. 98-AAL-25, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

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The Proposal

The FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 by revising Class E airspace at Port Heiden, AK, through the establishment of a new MLS instrument approach to RWY 05. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for IFR operations at Port Heiden, AK.

The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1200 foot transition areas, are published in paragraph 6005 in FAA Order 7400.9F, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 (63 FR 50139; September 21, 1998). The Class E airspace listed in this document would be revised and published in the Order.

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