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Signed at Washington DC this 6 day of September 2001.

**Carl J. Poleskey,**

*Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.*

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**NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIME & DATE:** 2 p.m., Friday, September 21, 2001.

**PLACE:** Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, 1325 G Street, NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20005.

**STATUS:** Open.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jeffrey T. Bryson, General Counsel/ Secretary 202-220-2372.

**AGENDA:**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes: May 31, 2001 Annual Meeting
- III. Audit Committee Meetings
  - a. July 12, 2001
  - b. September 14, 2001
- IV. Budget Committee Meeting
  - a. August 7, 2001
- V. Committee Appointments
- VI. Treasurer's Report
- VII. Executive Director's Quarterly Management Report
- VIII. Strategic Planing Update
- IX. Executive Session
- X. Adjournment

**Jeffrey T. Bryson,**

*General Counsel/Secretary.*

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**PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION**

**Required Interest Rate Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal**

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or are derivable from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC's Web site (<http://www.pbgc.gov>).

**DATES:** The required interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in September 2001. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in October 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Variable-Rate Premiums**

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and § 4006.4(b)(1) of the PBGC's regulation on Premium Rates (29 CFR part 4006) prescribe use of an assumed interest rate (the "required interest rate") in determining a single-employer plan's variable-rate premium. The required interest rate is the "applicable percentage" (currently 85 percent) of the annual yield on 30-year Treasury securities for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the "premium payment year"). The yield figure is reported in Federal Reserve Statistical Releases G.13 and H.15.

The required interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in September 2001 is 4.66 percent (*i.e.*, 85 percent of the 5.48 percent yield figure for August 2001).

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between October 2000 and September 2001.

For premium payment years beginning in	The required interest rate is
October 2000 .....	4.96
November 2000 .....	4.93
December 2000 .....	4.91
January 2001 .....	4.67
February 2001 .....	4.71
March 2001 .....	4.63
April 2001 .....	4.54
May 2001 .....	4.80
June 2001 .....	4.91
July 2001 .....	4.82
August 2001 .....	4.77
September 2001 .....	4.66

**Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal**

The PBGC's regulation on Duties of Plan Sponsor Following Mass Withdrawal (29 CFR part 4281) prescribes the use of interest assumptions under the PBGC's regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044). The interest assumptions applicable to valuation dates in October 2001 under part 4044 are contained in an amendment to part 4044 published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**. Tables showing the assumptions applicable to prior periods are codified in appendix B to 29 CFR part 4044.

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 11th day of September 2001.

**John Seal,**

*Acting Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of September 17, 2001: a closed meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 2001, at 10 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has

certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(5), (7), (9)(A), (9)(B), and (10) and (17) CFR 200.402(a)(5), (7), 9(i), 9(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The subject matters of the closed meeting scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2001, will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature; and

A formal order.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: September 10, 2001.

**Jonathan G. Katz,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2001-10612]

#### Westward I, Viking, Chelsea K, Alaskan Command and Seafisher—Applicability of Preferred Mortgage, Ownership and Control Requirements for Fishing Industry Vessels of 100 Feet or Greater in Registered Length

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on two petitions requesting MARAD to issue determinations that the ownership and control requirements and the preferred mortgage requirements of the American Fisheries Act of 1998 and 46 CFR Part 356 are in conflict with an international investment agreement.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration ("MARAD") is soliciting public comments on a petition from the owners and mortgagees of the vessels *Westward I* (Official Number—615165), *Viking* (Official Number—565017), *Chelsea K* (Official Number—976753), and *Alaskan Command* (Official Number—599383) and a petition from the owners of the vessel *Seafisher* (Official Number—575587) (hereinafter the "Vessels"). The petitions request that MARAD issue decisions that the American Fisheries Act of 1998

("AFA"), Division C, Title II, Subtitle I, Pub. L. 105-277, and our regulations at 46 CFR part 356 (65 FR 44860 (July 19, 2000)) are in conflict with the U.S.-Japan Treaty and Protocol Regarding Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, 206 UNTS 143, TIAS 2863, 4 UST 2063 (1953) ("U.S.-Japan FCN" or "Treaty"). The petitions are submitted pursuant to 46 CFR 356.53 and section 213(g) of AFA, which provide that the requirements of the AFA and the implementing regulations will not apply to the owners or mortgagees of a U.S.-flag vessel documented with a fishery endorsement to the extent that the provisions of the AFA conflict with an existing international agreement relating to foreign investment to which the United States is a party.

If MARAD determines that the AFA and MARAD's implementing regulations conflict with the U.S.-Japan FCN, the requirements of 46 CFR part 356 and the AFA will not apply to the extent of the inconsistency with respect to each specific vessel. Accordingly, interested parties are invited to submit their views on the petitions and whether there is a conflict between the U.S.-Japan FCN and the requirements of both the AFA and 46 CFR part 356. In addition to receiving the views of interested parties, MARAD will consult with other Departments and Agencies within the Federal Government that have responsibility or expertise related to the interpretation of or application of international investment agreements.

**DATES:** You should submit your comments in order to ensure that Docket Management receives them not later than September 24, 2001. Prior to the two petitions that are the subject of this notice, we published seven different notices relating to potential conflicts between the AFA and the Japan-FCN. No comments from the public were received in response to any of the petitions. Because we have not received any public comments in regard to previous notices and because the present petitions do not present novel issues, we are using a shortened comment period of ten days for this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at

the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket may be obtained over the internet from the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov> by typing in the last four digits of the docket number provided at the beginning of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John T. Marquez, Jr. of the Office of Chief Counsel at (202) 366-5320. You may send mail to John T. Marquez, Jr., Maritime Administration, Office of Chief Counsel, Room 7228, MAR-222, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001 or you may send e-mail to [John.Marquez@marad.dot.gov](mailto:John.Marquez@marad.dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The AFA was enacted in 1998 to give U.S. interests a priority in the harvest of U.S.-fishery resources by increasing the requirements for U.S. Citizen ownership, control and financing of U.S.-flag vessels documented with a fishery endorsement. MARAD was charged with promulgating implementing regulations for fishing industry vessels of 100 feet or greater in registered length while the Coast Guard retains responsibility for vessels under 100 feet.

Section 202 of the AFA, raises, with some exceptions, the U.S.-Citizen ownership and control standards for U.S.-flag vessels that are documented with a fishery endorsement and operating in U.S.-waters. The ownership and control standard was increased from the controlling interest standard (greater than 50%) of section 2(b) of Shipping Act, 1916 ("1916 Act"), as amended, 46 App. U.S.C. 802(b), to the standard contained in section 2(c) of the 1916 Act, 46 App. U.S.C. 802(c), which requires that 75 percent of the ownership and control in a vessel owning entity be vested in U.S. Citizens. In addition, section 204 of the AFA repeals the ownership grandfather "savings provision" in the Anti-Reflagging Act of 1987, Pub. L. 100-239, section 7(b), 101 Stat 1778 (1988), which permits foreign control of companies owning certain fishing vessels.

Section 202 of the AFA also amended 46 App. U.S.C. 31322(a) and established new requirements to hold a preferred mortgage on a vessel of 100 feet or greater in registered length that is documented with a fishery endorsement. However, those requirements were subsequently amended on July 24, 2001, by section 2202 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2001, Public Law