

the Secretary of Transportation has the authority to issue Aquaculture Support Operations Waivers to U.S. documented vessels with registry endorsements or foreign flag vessels engaged in operations that treat aquaculture fish or protect aquaculture fish from disease, parasitic infestation, or other threats to their health after a finding that suitable vessels of the United States are not available that could perform those operations. The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Maritime Administrator.

MARAD has received an Aquaculture Support Operations Waiver request from Cooke Aquaculture USA, Inc. (Cooke) for the operations of the Canadian-flag vessels Colby Perce, Ronja Carrier, Sadie Jane, Miss Mildred 1, KC Commander. Cooke proposes, in part, “to use highly-specialized foreign-flag vessels referred to as a “wellboat” (or “live fish carrier”) to treat Cooke’s swimming inventory of farmed Atlantic salmon in the company’s salt-water grow-out pens off Maine’s North Atlantic Coast. This treatment prevents against parasitic infestation by sea lice that is highly destructive to the salmon’s health.” Cooke proposes to operate the vessels off Maine’s North Atlantic Coast during the 2025 calendar year, from January 1 to December 31, 2025. Further details of Cooke’s proposed operations may be found in the waiver request posted in the docket.

The public may submit comments providing detailed information relating to the availability of U.S.-flag vessels to perform the proposed aquaculture support operations set forth in Cooke’s waiver request. Comments should reference the docket number of this notice, the vessel names, the commenter’s interest in the application, and address whether there are suitable U.S. vessels available to conduct the proposed aquaculture support operations.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), MARAD solicits comments from the public to inform its decision determining the availability of suitable U.S.-flag vessels to conduct the aquaculture support operations proposed in this notice. All timely comments will be considered; however, to facilitate comment tracking, commenters should provide their name or the name of their organization. If comments contain proprietary or confidential information, commenters may contact the agency for alternate submission instructions. Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our

dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). For information on DOT’s compliance with the Privacy Act, please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. (Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(w))

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces a meeting of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) Board of Visitors (Board). During the meeting, MARAD and USMMA leadership will provide an update on the State of the Regiment of Midshipmen, Educational Programs, Middle States Accreditation, Sea Year, Infrastructure Projects, Draft Facility Master Plan, Athletics, Admissions, Class of 2029, Midshipmen Reimbursements, Midshipmen Well-Being including Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response.

DATES: The USMMA BOV meeting will take place on November 25, 2024, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. EST. Request to attend the virtual meeting must be received by November 11, 2024. Written statements to be considered during the meeting must be received via email to ExternalAffairs@usmma.edu no later than November 18, 2024. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received via email to ExternalAffairs@usmma.edu no later than November 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The meeting is open to the public and will be held through a virtual forum. The USMMA Board of Visitors’ web page can be found at: <https://www.usmma.edu/about/leadership/board-visitors>. General information about the Board is available at <https://www.usmma.edu/about/leadership/board-visitors>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Board’s Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact, Michael O’Hagan, 516–

726–6048 or ExternalAffairs@usmma.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Board is a Federal Advisory Committee originally established as a Congressional Board by section 51312 of title 46, United States Code “to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.” The Board was originally chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) on October 24, 2017.

Agenda

The meeting agenda for the November meeting is as follows:

1. Welcome remarks and Board maintenance items.
2. Update on the state of the Regiment of Midshipmen
3. Update on the USMMA Educational Programs and Sea Year, Middle States Accreditation, Facilities and Infrastructure Projects and Draft Facility Master Plan, Admissions—Class of 2029, Athletics Programs, Midshipmen Well Being (incl. Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response), Midshipmen Reimbursements, Institutional Culture); and
4. Public comment period (not to exceed 10 minutes).

Public Participation

This meeting is open to the public and will be held through a virtual forum. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Board. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than November 11, 2024.

Only written statements will be considered by the Board; no member of the public will be allowed to present questions or speak during the meeting unless requested to do so by a member of the Board.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 51312; 5 U.S.C. 552b; 5 U.S.C. Ch.10; 41 CFR parts 102–3.140 through 102–3.165)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Decommissioning and Disposition of the National Historic Landmark Nuclear Ship Savannah; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces a public meeting of the Peer Review Group (PRG). The PRG was established pursuant to the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations to plan for the decommissioning and disposition of the Nuclear Ship Savannah (NSS). PRG membership is comprised of officials from the U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and other consulting parties. The public meeting affords the public an opportunity to participate in PRG activities, including reviewing and providing comments on draft deliverables. MARAD encourages public participation and provides the PRG meeting information below.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. eastern daylight time (EDT). Requests to attend the meeting must be received by 5 p.m. EDT one week before the meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 2024, to facilitate entry or to receive instructions to participate online. Requests for accommodations for a disability must also be received one week before the meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held onboard the NSS, online, or by phone. The NSS is located at Pier 13 Canton Marine Terminal, 4601 Newgate Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21124.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erhard W. Koehler, (202) 680–2066 or via email at marad.history@dot.gov. You may send mail to N.S. Savannah/ Savannah Technical Staff, Pier 13 Canton Marine Terminal, 4601 Newgate Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224, ATTN: Erhard Koehler.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The decommissioning and disposition of the NSS is an Undertaking under Section 106 of the NHPA. Section 106 requires that federal agencies consider views of the public regarding their Undertakings; therefore, in 2020, MARAD established a Federal docket at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/MARAD-2020-0133> to provide public notice about the NSS Undertaking. The federal docket was also used in 2021 to solicit public comments on the future uses of the NSS. MARAD is continuing to use this same docket to take in public comment, share information, and post agency actions.

The NHPA Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the Decommissioning and Disposition of the NSS is available on the MARAD docket located at www.regulations.gov under docket id “MARAD–2020–0133.” The PA stipulates a deliberative process by which MARAD will consider the disposition of the NSS. This process requires MARAD to make an affirmative, good-faith effort to preserve the NSS. The PA also establishes the PRG in Stipulation II. The PRG is the mechanism for continuing consultation during the effective period of the PA and its members consist of the signatories and concurring parties to the PA, as well as other consulting parties. The PRG members will provide individual input and guidance to MARAD regarding the implementation of stipulations in the PA. PRG members and members of the public are invited to provide input by attending bi-monthly meetings and reviewing and commenting on deliverables developed as part of the PA.

II. Agenda

The agenda will include (1) welcome and introductions; (2) program update; (3) status of PA stipulations; (4) other business; and (5) date of next meeting. The agenda will also be posted on MARAD’s website at <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/outreach/history/maritime-administration-history-program> and on the MARAD docket located at www.regulations.gov under docket id “MARAD–2020–0133.”

III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend in person or online must RSVP to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section with your name and affiliation. Members of the public may also call-in using the

following number: 312–600–3163 and conference ID: 930 866 814#.

Special services. The NSS is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ship has some capability to accommodate persons with impaired mobility. If you require accommodations to attend PRG meetings in-person, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing all participants equal access to this meeting. If you need alternative formats or services such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b; 36 CFR part 800; 49 CFR 1.81 and 1.93.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2024–0067]

HOLON U.S. Inc.—Receipt of Petition for Temporary Exemption From Various Requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for an Automated Driving System-Equipped Vehicle

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for temporary exemption; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: HOLON and HOLON U.S. Inc have petitioned NHTSA for a temporary exemption from certain requirements in seven Federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS) for its “automated electric bus,” which is a vehicle equipped with an Automated Driving System (ADS). Specifically, HOLON seeks exemption from portions of FMVSS No. 101, Controls and displays; FMVSS No. 102, Transmission shift position sequence, starter interlock, and transmission braking effect; FMVSS No. 104, Windshield wiping and washing systems; FMVSS No. 105, Windshield wiping and washing systems; FMVSS No. 108, Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment; FMVSS No. 111, Rear visibility; and FMVSS No. 208, Occupant crash protection. NHTSA is