

from the community of Kake in Southeast Alaska. In its 2004 Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan (and 2011 SATP Scoping Report and updates as posted at <http://dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/satp/index.shtml>, ADOT&PF identified the need to improve the transportation system between Southeast Communities, including the need to provide local access for the community of Kake to a major transportation and commercial hub. This EIS will be coordinated with the Kake to Petersburg Transmission Intertie EIS, which is also in progress. The Western Federal Lands Highway Division of FHWA will be the lead federal agency for the Kake Access EIS.

Currently, Kake is accessible by mainline ferry twice a week and by scheduled air taxi service to Juneau and Sitka and chartered aircraft to Petersburg. Preliminary alternatives were identified during the transportation planning phase, and will be evaluated during development of the EIS. These alternatives include:

(1) The Northern Corridor alternative, which begins in Kake and reconstructs segments of logging roads and constructs new road segments to extend a roadway that terminates in the City of Kupreanof across Wrangell Narrows from downtown Petersburg;

(2) The Intertie corridor alternative, which connects Kake with Petersburg by following one of the alternatives being considered in the Transmission Intertie EIS;

(3) The Southern Corridor alternative to Kah Sheets Bay, which follows existing mainline logging roads south from Kake before diverging along a new alignment to Kah Sheets Bay where ferry service would provide access to Mitkof Island and Petersburg, Prince of Wales Island and Ketchikan, or Wrangell;

(4) The Southern Corridor alternative to Totem Bay, which includes upgrading existing mainline logging roads and construction of new roadway south from Kake to Totem Bay where ferry service would provide access to Mitkof Island and Petersburg, Prince of Wales Island and Ketchikan, or Wrangell; and (5) the Kake Ferry Service Improvement alternative would improve direct ferry service between Kake and Juneau, Sitka, or Petersburg using existing Alaska Marine Highway Service ferries and ferry terminals or by adding a new ferry to better serve the community.

The EIS also will evaluate the No Action alternative.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2013 0002]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel TERRAPIN; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. 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 February 21, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2013-0002. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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 is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Williams, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0903, Email Linda.Williams@dot.gov.

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

Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: Limited sightseeing cruising bay and delta waters.

Geographic Region: "California."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2013-0002 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.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388.

Privacy Act

Anyone is able to 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.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

Dated: January 14, 2013.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Julie P. Agarwal,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2013 0001]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel WINDROSE; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for