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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2019-0315; Airspace Docket No. 18-ANM-3]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Astoria, OR

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class E airspace at Astoria Regional Airport, Astoria, OR. The Class E Surface area will be reduced to contain published IFR departure and arrival procedures. This action also adds two Class E airspace areas, designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area. Additionally, this action amends the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 or more above the surface by reducing dimensions of the airspace. The airspace reduction will properly size the airspace to contain IFR arrivals descending below 1,500 feet above the surface and IFR departures until reaching 1,200 feet above the surface. Further, this action makes several administrative corrections to the airport's legal description.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, May 21, 2020. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1 Code of Federal Regulations part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at

https://www.faa.gov//air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11D at NARA, email fedreg.legal@nara.gov or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for this Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it would amend Class E airspace at Astoria Regional Airport, Astoria, OR, to ensure the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register (84 FR 68827; December 17, 2019) for Docket No. FAA-2019-0315 to amend Class E airspace at Astoria Regional Airport, Astoria, OR. Interested parties were invited to participate in this

rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class E2, E4 and E5 airspace designations are published in paragraph 6002, 6004 and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.11D, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019. FAA Order 7400.11D is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11D lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 amends Class E airspace, designated as a surface area, at Astoria Regional Airport, Astoria, OR, to properly contain IFR aircraft as follows: That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4-mile radius of the airport beginning at the 350° bearing from the airport, clockwise to the 239° bearing from the airport, thence along the 239° bearing to a 5-miles radius, clockwise to the 350° bearing from the airport, thence along the 350° bearing to the 4-miles radius of the Astoria Regional Airport, excluding that airspace within a 1-mile radius of the Camp Rilea Army Heliport.

Also, this action amends the Class E airspace by adding two Class E airspace areas, designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area. These areas would properly contain IFR arrivals descending below 1,000 feet above the surface of the earth as follows;

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 1.1 miles each side of the 095° bearing from the airport, extending from the 4-mile radius to 9.3 miles east of the airport, and within 2.4 miles each side of the 267° bearing from the airport, extending from the 5-mile radius to 7.1 miles west of the Astoria Regional Airport.

Additionally, this action amends the Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth at the airport. The action reduces the overall dimensions of the area and properly sizes it to contain IFR departures and arrivals as follows; That airspace extending from 700 feet above the surface within an 8-mile radius of the airport, and within 4 miles each side of the 095° bearing from the airport, extending from the 8-mile radius to 18.8 miles east of the airport, and 4.3 miles north and 7.8 miles south of the 265° bearing from the airport, extending from the 8-mile radius to 16.1 miles west of the Astoria Regional Airport.

Further, this action makes administrative corrections to the airport's Class E2 and Class E5 legal descriptions. The Class E2 airspace should be full time; the following two sentences do not accurately represent the time of use for the Class E2 airspace and are removed from the legal description: "This Class E airspace area is effective during specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory."

The action also removes the Seaside Municipal Airport from the Class E5 legal description because the Class E5 700 foot airspace no longer overlies the Seaside Municipal Airport.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. 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, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

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

PART 71 - DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

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

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 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 FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002. Class E Airspace Areas Designated as Surface Areas.

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ANM OR E2 Astoria, OR [Amended]

Astoria Regional Airport, Astoria, OR
(lat. 46°09'29"N., long. 123°52'43"W.)
Camp Rilea Army Heliport
(lat. 46°06'59"N., long. 123°55'54"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4-mile radius of the airport beginning at the 350° bearing from the airport, clockwise to the 239° bearing from the airport, thence along the 239° bearing to a 5-miles radius, clockwise to the 350° bearing from the airport, thence along the 350° bearing to the 4-miles radius of the Astoria Regional Airport, excluding that airspace within a 1-mile radius of the Camp Rilea Army Heliport.

Paragraph 6004. Class E Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension to a Class D or Class E Surface Area.

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ANM OR E4 Astoria, OR [New]

Astoria Regional Airport, Astoria, OR
(lat. 46°09'29"N., long. 123°52'43"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 1.1 miles each side of the 095° bearing from the airport, extending from the 4-mile radius to 9.3 miles east of the airport, and within 2.4 miles each side of the 267° bearing from the airport, extending from the 5-mile radius to 7.1 miles west of the Astoria Regional Airport.

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or more above the Surface of the Earth.

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ANM OR E5 Astoria, OR [Amended]
Astoria Regional Airport, Astoria, OR
(lat. 46°09'29" N., long. 123°52'43" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within an 8-mile radius of the airport, and within 4 miles each side of the 095° bearing from the airport, extending from the 8-mile radius to 18.8 miles east of the airport, and 4.3 miles north and 7.8 miles south of the 265° bearing from the airport, extending from the 8-mile radius to 16.1 miles west of the Astoria Regional Airport.

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