



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 the first 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), 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, July 18, 2023, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Requests to attend the meeting must be received by 5:00 pm EDT the day before the meeting, Monday, July 17, 2023, to facilitate entry or to receive instructions to participate online. Requests for accommodations for a disability must also be received by the day before the meeting, Monday, July 17, 2023.

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

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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 established the PRG under 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 updates; (3) status of PA stipulations; (4) other business; and (5) date of the next meeting. The agenda topic entitled *PA Stipulations* involve deliverables identified in the PA. MARAD will provide status

updates for the following items: the draft Disposition Alternatives Study; the draft Notice of Availability/Request for Information; potential mitigation strategies, such as architectural salvage; and the PRG charter and schedule. The agenda will also be posted on MARAD's website at 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) but 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:** 49 CFR sections 1.81 and 1.93; 36 CFR part 800; 5 U.S.C. 552b.)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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