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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0127]

Deepwater Port License Application: Blue Marlin Offshore Port Project – Final Public Hearing

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of final public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) announce the final public hearing for the Blue Marlin Offshore Port (BMOP) Deepwater Port license application for the export of oil from the United States to nations abroad. The BMOP Deepwater Port license application describes a project located approximately 99 statute miles off the coast of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, with an approximate water depth of 162 feet. MARAD encourages public participation in the final public hearing and is providing information on how to participate at the final public hearing and welcomes comments on the BMOP Deepwater Port license application.

DATES: MARAD and USCG will hold two final public hearings in connection with the BMOP Application. The first public hearing will be held on Aug. 4, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) in the Cameron Parish Police Jury West Annex, 148 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA. The second public hearing will be held on Aug. 5, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CDT in the Bob Bowers Civic Center, 3401 Cultural Center Drive, Port Arthur, TX 77640. Each public hearing will be preceded by an Informational Open House, held between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. CDT. Materials

submitted in response to this request for comments on the BMOP Deepwater Port license application may be submitted verbally or in writing during the public hearing mentioned above. If you choose to submit comments in writing regarding the BMOP Deepwater Port license application, you may do so via the Federal eRulemaking Portal or the Federal Docket Management Facility as detailed in the **ADDRESSES** section below by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Aug. 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0127 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2020-0127 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* The DOT Docket is located at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. Documents may be delivered between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name, mailing address, email address, or telephone number so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brent Yezefski, Program Manager, USCG, telephone: 202-372-1351, email: DeepwaterPorts@USCG.mil; or Dr. Efrain Lopez, Senior Transportation Industry Analyst, Office of Deepwater Ports, MARAD, telephone: 202-366-9761, email: Deepwater.Ports@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Final Public Hearing

MARAD encourages the public to attend the informational open house and final public hearing for the BMOP Deepwater Port license application. Speakers at the public hearing will be recognized in the following order: elected officials, public agencies, individuals, or groups in the sign-up order, and then anyone else who wishes to speak.

In order to allow everyone a chance to speak at the public hearing, MARAD may limit speaker time, extend the hearing hours, or both. Speakers must identify themselves, and any organization they represent, by name. All remarks will be recorded and transcribed for inclusion in the public docket.

Commenters may submit written material at the hearing either in place of, or in addition to, speaking. Written material should include the commenter's name and address and will be included in the public docket and made available to the public on the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at www.regulations.gov. MARAD will also accept written comments submitted to FDMS by 11:59 p.m. EDT, Aug. 5, 2026 (*see ADDRESSES*).

If you plan to participate in the public hearing and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation, non-English language translator services or other reasonable accommodation, please notify MARAD (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT*) at least seven business days in advance of the public hearing. Include your contact information as well as information about your specific needs.

Comments During the Final Public Hearing

MARAD encourages comments on the proposed BMOP Deepwater Port license application, verbally or in writing during the final public hearing. Comments may be used

to inform MARAD's Record of Decision for the BMOP Deepwater Port license application. MARAD encourages you to review the applicant's information online on the FDMS website at www.regulations.gov under DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0127. The application, all comments, and associated documentation will be found on the docket..

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into the FDMS website by the docket number and name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.).

Summary of the Application

BMOP is proposing to construct, own, operate, and eventually decommission a Deepwater Port terminal in the Gulf of America to export domestically produced crude oil. Use of the Deepwater Port would include the loading of various grades of crude oil at flow rates of up to 80,000 barrels per hour (bph). The BMOP Deepwater Port would allow for up to one Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) or other crude oil carrier to moor at the catenary anchor leg mooring (CALM) and connect with the Deepwater Port via floating connecting crude oil hoses. The maximum loading volume for VLCCs or other crude oil carriers would be approximately 2 million barrels per day, 365 days per year.

A Notice of Application that summarized the BMOP Deepwater Port License Application was published in the *Federal Register* on Nov. 4, 2020 (85 FR 70233). A Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Notice of Public Scoping Meeting was published in the *Federal Register* on November 5, 2020 (85 FR 70707). A Notice of Availability for the DEIS and Notice of Public Meeting

was published in the *Federal Register* on Feb. 21, 2025 (90 FR 10444).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

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Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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