opportunity to comment on them at that time.

Because air gun use in seismic operations may cause short-term behavioral changes in marine organisms (especially sharks and rays which school in the Sanctuary), and interfere with recreational diving, NOAA will seek additional information on these effects, and also identify time periods when air gun operations will have the least potential for impacts on Sanctuary resources and recreational divers. Because air gun operations may result in accidental loss of mooring buoys at the Sanctuary site, NOAA has requested that the Minerals Management Service require seismic surveyors to:

- Remove mooring buoys immediately before, and replace immediately after, a seismic survey is run through the Sanctuary;
- Announce the time that the mooring buoys will not be available in a Notice to Mariners.

II. Miscellaneous Rulemaking Requirements

The information in the December 5, 1991, **Federal Register** document addressing miscellaneous rulemaking requirements has not changed. There are no additional collection of information requirements.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program.

Dated: February 15, 1995.

W. Stanley Wilson,

Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

PART 943—FLOWER GARDENS BANKS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Accordingly, the interim final rule portion of 15 CFR part 943, which was published at 56 FR 63634 on December 5, 1991, is adopted as a final rule without change.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Annual Marine Events Within the Eighth Coast Guard District

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT. ACTION: Final rule. **SUMMARY:** This rule establishes permanent special local regulations for the annual marine events within the Eighth Coast Guard District. This, in turn, reduces the number of annual requests for temporary final rules for regattas and marine parades by codifying these marine events in the Code of Federal Regulation. These regulations are needed to provide for the safety of life, limb, and property on the navigable waters during these events. EFFECTIVE DATE: March 27, 1995. ADDRESSES: Unless otherwise indicated. documents referred to in this preamble are available for inspection or copying at the office of Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District (dl), 501 Magazine St., room 1311 (Hale Boggs Federal

Building), New Orleans, Louisiana 70130–3396 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (504) 589–6188.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT C.D. Michel, Eighth Coast Guard District Legal Office, at Hale Boggs Federal Building, 501 Magazine, room 1311, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118. Telephone: (504) 589–6188.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Drafting Information

The principal persons involved in drafting this document are LCDR T.P. Marian, Project Manager, and LT C.D. Michel, Project Counsel, Eighth Coast Guard District Legal Office.

Regulatory History

On September 7, 1994, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking entitled Annual Marine Events within the Eighth Coast Guard District in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 172). The Coast Guard received 1 (one) letter commenting on this proposal. No public hearing was requested, and none was held.

Background and Purpose

Currently, Coast Guard units responsible for overseeing the safety of marine events prepare temporary rules each year for each event. This rule eliminates the need to prepare annual temporary final rules for those annual marine events that have few or no changes from year to year. This streamlines the marine event process for those regattas and marine events that have very little annual variation and would significantly reduce the Coast Guard's administrative burden for managing these type events.

Table I delineates the events, their sponsors, dates, and locations. Each event occurs annually on or about the date given. The course will be patrolled by patrol vessels. While viewing the event at any point outside the regulated area is not prohibited, spectators will be encouraged to congregate within areas designated by the sponsor. Nonparticipating vessels will be permitted to transit the area at *NO WAKE SPEED* at the discretion of the Coast Guard Patrol Commander.

Discussion of Comments and Changes

One comment was received from Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Morgan City. This comment referred to Table 1 of the proposed rulemaking and noted that the Louisiana Shrimp and Petroleum Festival also included an evening fireworks display.

The fireworks are launched from a barge stationed in Berwick Bay between the railroad and highway bridges. Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Morgan City requested that this event be amended to reflect the existence of a fireworks display by changing the marine event's title from, "The Blessing of the Fleet" to, "The Blessing of the Fleet and Fireworks Display." Since the fireworks display takes place after sunset Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Morgan City also requested changing the duration of this event from, "8:30 a.m. through 1 p.m' to, "8:30 p.m. through 1 p.m., and 9 p.m. through 10 p.m.

Implementing these requested changes will not have any significant impact upon the public. The notice of proposed rulemaking had included a fireworks display and no comments were received on that event. Furthermore, this specific change does not pertain to the regulations that were specified in the notice to proposed rulemaking but is limited rather to the title and the duration of the marine event.

The change to Table 1 of this rule is limited in nature and provides for one additional hour of oversight by the Coast Guard in the interest of public safety. Therefore, Table 1 will be amended to reflect the information provided by Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Morgan City.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the