

airport extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 11 miles northeast of the airport; that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within a 30-mile radius of lat. 63°38'25" N., long. 170°57'44" W., starting at the 303° bearing of the airport counterclockwise to the 171° bearing of the airport then northeast to lat. 63°20'35" N., long. 169°36'56" W., and within a 30-mile radius of lat. 63°47'53" N., long. 170°03'36" W., starting at the 121° bearing of Savoonga Airport counterclockwise to the 352° bearing of the airport thence to the point of origin.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2012-0853; Airspace Docket No. 12-ANM-23]

#### Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Astoria, OR

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to modify Class E airspace at Astoria Regional Airport, Astoria, OR. Controlled airspace is necessary to accommodate aircraft using Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures at Astoria Regional Airport. The FAA is proposing this action to enhance the safety and management of aircraft operations at the airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 23, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA-2012-0853; Airspace Docket No. 12-ANM-23, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eldon Taylor, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057; telephone (425) 203-4537.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA-2012-0853 and Airspace Docket No. 12-ANM-23) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management System (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to FAA Docket No. FAA-2012-0853 and Airspace Docket No. 12-ANM-23". The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

##### Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's Web page at [http://www.faa.gov/airports/airtraffic/air\\_traffic/publications/airspace\\_amendments/](http://www.faa.gov/airports/airtraffic/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/).

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the **ADDRESSES** section for the address and phone number) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal

business hours at the Northwest Mountain Regional Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057.

Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should contact the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, for a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

##### The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by modifying Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Astoria Regional Airport, Astoria, OR. Controlled airspace is necessary to accommodate aircraft using the RNAV (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures at Astoria Regional Airport and would enhance the safety and management of aircraft operations at the airport.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005, of FAA Order 7400.9W, dated August 8, 2012, and effective September 15, 2012, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in this Order.

The FAA has determined this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this proposed regulation; (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 this proposed 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.

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Subtitle 1, Section 106, describes the authority for 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 the 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 modify controlled airspace at Astoria Regional Airport, Astoria, OR.

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures" prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

#### The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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(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 the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9W, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2012, and effective September 15, 2012 is amended as follows:

*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 [Modified]

Astoria Regional Airport, Astoria, OR  
(Lat. 46°09'29" N., long. 123°52'43" W.)  
Seaside Municipal Airport  
(Lat. 46°00'54" N., long. 123°54'28" W.)

That airspace extending from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of Astoria Regional Airport; and within 6 miles north and 8.3 miles south of the Astoria Regional Airport 268° bearing extending from the 7-mile radius to 17.5 miles west of Astoria Regional Airport, excluding the portion within a 1.8-mile radius of Seaside Municipal Airport; and within 4 miles northeast and 8.3 miles southwest of the Astoria Regional Airport 326° bearing extending from the 7-mile radius to 21.4 miles northwest of Astoria Regional Airport; and within 4 miles each side of the Astoria Regional Airport 096° bearing extending from the 7-mile radius to 12 miles east of Astoria

Regional Airport; and within 8.3 miles north and 4 miles south of the Astoria Regional Airport 096° bearing from 12 miles east, to 28.3 miles east of Astoria Regional Airport; and within a 15.9-mile radius of Astoria Regional Airport extending clockwise from the 326° bearing to the 347° bearing of the airport; and within a 23.1-mile radius of Astoria Regional Airport extending clockwise from the 347° bearing to the 039° bearing of the airport extending from the 15.9-mile radius to a 23.1-mile radius of Astoria Regional Airport extending clockwise from the airport 039° bearing to the airport 185° bearing.

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#### POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

##### 39 CFR Part 3001

[Docket No. RM2012–8; Order No. 1488]

##### New Postal Product

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service petition to initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to consider changes in analytical principles (Proposals Eight and Nine) used in periodic reporting. This notice provides an opportunity for the public to comment on the potential changes.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* October 29, 2012. *Reply Comments are due:* November 8, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** portion of the preamble for advice on alternatives to electronic filings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202–789–6824.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 28, 2012, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting that the Commission initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to consider changes in the analytical methods approved for use in periodic reporting.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service

<sup>1</sup> Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed

also requests that the Commission complete action on the petition by December 1, 2012, so that the proposed changes can be incorporated into the Annual Compliance Report (ACR) for FY 2012. Petition at 1.

**Proposal Eight: Transfer Mail Processing Cost Model for Machinable and Irregular Standard Mail Parcels to the Mail Processing Cost Model for Parcel Select/Parcel Return Service.** The Postal Service proposes to move the machinable and irregular cost worksheets contained in the Standard Mail parcel mail processing cost model to the Parcel Select/Parcel Return Service mail processing cost model and to relabel the worksheets as "Lightweight Parcel Select." *Id.* at 3. The Commission, in Docket No. MC2010–36, conditionally approved the transfer of the commercial Standard machinable and irregular parcel price categories from the market dominant product list to the competitive product list as "Lightweight Parcel Select," a subcategory of Parcel Select.<sup>2</sup> The transfer became effective with the implementation of new prices in January 2012.<sup>3</sup> The Postal Service states that costs reported for FY 2012 should reflect the incorporation of Lightweight Parcel Select into Parcel Select. Petition at 4.

The Postal Service states that the proposed changes are solely mechanical in nature because the number of machinable and irregular price categories, as well as the presort level and destination entry point for each price category, have not changed as a result of the commercial Standard Mail parcel price categories being moved to the competitive products list. *Id.* at 3. The Postal Service also proposes that the Parcel Select and Lightweight Parcel Select model cost estimates be used to

Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposals Eight and Nine), September 28, 2012 (Petition).

<sup>2</sup> Docket No. MC2010–36, Order Conditionally Granting Request to Transfer Commercial Standard Mail Parcels to the Competitive Product List, March 2, 2011 (Order No. 689). The Commission imposed "the following conditions: (1) The Postal Service files a notice of competitive price adjustment for Parcel Select rates, including Lightweight Parcel Select parcels, that demonstrates such rates satisfy 39 U.S.C. 3633(a) and 39 CFR part 3015; (2) the Commission issues an order finding that the Parcel Select rates in (1) above satisfy 39 U.S.C. 3633(a) and 39 CFR part 3015; and (3) the Standard Mail Parcels transfer authorized by this Order is not effective until the effective date of prices authorized in (b), above." *Id.* at 19.

<sup>3</sup> In Docket No. CP2012–2, the Commission approved an 8.9 percent rate increase for Lightweight Parcel Select and found that the Postal Service had met the conditions set out in Order No. 689. Docket No. CP2012–2, Order No. 1062, Order Approving Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, at 4, 10–13, December 21, 2011.