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PUBLIC NOTICE (06-17)

DRAWBRIDGE REGULATION NOTICE OF INQUIRY TO CHANGE DRAWBRIDGE REGULATIONS AT TCHEFUNCTA RIVER MILE 2.5 SWING BRIDGE AT MADISONVILLE, ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LA

All interested parties are notified that the Eighth Coast Guard District has received a request from Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA-DOTD) to change the drawbridge regulations of the SR 22 bridge, mile 2.5 on the Tchefuncta River at Madisonville, LA.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED RULE CHANGE: LA-DOTD has requested to change the existing drawbridge regulations contained in 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 117.500 Tchefuncta River. According to LA-DOTD the opening of the draw on its current operating schedule contributes to traffic congestion on SR 22. Below is the current regulation and the proposed regulation.

Current Regulation:

The draw of the SR 22 Bridge, mile 2.5, at Madisonville, shall open on signal, from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. From 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., the draw need only open on the hour and half hour, except that, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, the draw need only open on the hour.

Proposed Regulation:

The draw of the SR 22 Bridge, mile 2.5, at Madisonville, shall open on signal, from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. From 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., the draw need only open on the hour, except that the draw need not open for the passage of vessels at 8 a.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday except federal holidays. The bridge will open any time for an emergency.

OPEN HOUSE. LA-DOTD is hosting an open house for the public to view information, studies and data that relate to this rule change. Representatives from LA-DOTD will be at the open house to provide information to the public as needed. Coast Guard representatives will be at the open house to provide information to the public on drawbridge operations and the rule making process. The public will be able to provide written comments to LA-DOTD at this open house.

Time and Date: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. August 28, 2017

Location: Madisonville Town Hall 403 St Francis St, Madisonville, LA 70447

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