

Consolidated North American PFD Standard Task Group

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To: North American PFD Standards Stakeholders
Fm: Task Group on Consolidated North American Standard for PFDs (Consolidated Standard Task Group, CSTG)
Subject: Request for Comment on Consolidated North American Standard Approach and Work-Plan

Purpose: This letter is to request comments from interested stakeholders on the proposed approach and work-plan discussed below and as outlined in the attachment.

Background: The larger personal flotation device (PFD) community has been working for sometime with the US Coast Guard, its Recognized Laboratory (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc, ULI), Transport Canada Marine Safety, Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC), PFDMA, interested Canadian manufacturers, BMA Engineering, and others interested on development of a what has been broadly referred to as PFD Reclassification. Through a task group under the UL Standards Technical Panel (STP) for PFDs, a statement of approach and a work-plan has been developed for completing a consolidated North American standard for wearable PFDs. The Attachment (1), Consolidated North American Standard Approach, and its attachment (Consolidated North American Standard for Wearable PFDs – Work Plan) are posted at the website, <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg5214/> within the “**Additional Information**” section and with the hyperlink reading “**North American PFD Standard**”. These documents provide the background on the reclassification and consolidated North American (NA) standard effort and document the intended approach to completing the work by March 2012.

Providing Comments: The task group and the Coast Guard are keenly interested in hearing any comments or questions on the effort. The task group would like to have all comments for consideration by December 31, 2008. Please direct your comments and questions to Samuel Wehr at swehr@mustangsurvival.com (Chair of the task group) or Robin Scott at rscott@sportdimension.com (Secretary of task group) and a copy to Martin Jackson (USCG project officer) at Martin.L.Jackson@uscg.mil.

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Sincerely,



Samuel Wehr, Chair CSTG
On behalf of the Consolidated Standard Task Group

Attachment:

1. Consolidated North American Standard Approach, *with its attachment*
Consolidated North American Standard for wearable PFDs – Work Plan

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