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### **Federal Request For Comment on Loran**

Portland, ME *February 12, 2007* - 2007 is going to be an exciting year for Loran. We ended 2006 with the Independent Assessment Team, led by Dr. Parkinson, making the unanimous recommendation to operate eLoran as the long term back up to GPS.

We started 2007 with a request for public comment on the Loran system from the Department of Transportation and Department of Homeland Security. The comment period has ended and I thought a brief summary of the comments submitted would be of interest to you. Thanks is extended to MegaPulse and the ILA for compiling the information.

There were 895 comments posted by various individuals and organizations representing approximately 830 unique posters. There were a handful of serial posters. For the following analysis these serial posters are only counted once.

#### Highlights:

- 93% in favor of Loran as a backup to GPS.
- Maritime and Aviation uses were mentioned evenly at 40%.
- Timing was mentioned 8% of the time.
- There were no negative remarks about the use of Loran for timing.

Following is a brief list of notable contributors to the public record. All of their comments were in favor of the Loran system.

- National Air Traffic Association
- National Boating Federation (2 million members)
- RTCM
- Royal Insitute of Navigation
- MITRE Employees
- National Marine Manufacturers Associations (1600+ mfgrs, serving 71 million boaters)
- Canadian Hydrographic Service
- Boat Owners Association of America (670,000 members)
- Chamber of Shipping in America (27 companies)
- Town of East Hampton (100 boaters)
- Euro Institute of Navigation
- GLA-UK
- Sprint/Nextel
- Jersey Coast Anglers (75 fishing clubs with 30,000 members)



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With this overwhelming vote of support from the public the Loran community is expecting to see a federal announcement that Loran will be maintained as the long term backup to GPS in the relatively near future.

### **About CrossRate Technology, LLC**

CrossRate Technology, LLC is an OEM technology partner developing the next generation of integrated timing, frequency, and navigation technology which will be used to secure America's critical national infrastructure. CrossRate is developing eLoran engines (chip sets) that will be used in integrated GPS/eLoran receivers.

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