

**ACTION:** Cancellation of an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** On February 25, 1992, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Two Forks Timber Sales and Other Projects on the Chetco Range District of the Siskiyou National Forest was published in the **Federal Register** (57 FR 6490). A Notice of Availability for the draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 22, 1992 (57 FR 21792). After an extension of the comment period on the draft EIS, the comment period ended July 20, 1992. Forest Service has decided to cancel the environmental analysis process. An EIS was being prepared because timber harvest was proposed in an inventoried roadless area. This area was designated as Late-Successional Reserve under the Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl. Timber harvest is no longer planned in this area at this time. The NOI is hereby rescinded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this cancellation to Bill Blackwell, Resource Planner, Gold Beach Ranger District, 29279 Ellensburg, Gold Beach, Oregon 97444. (541) 247-3600.

Dated: April 13, 1998.

**J. Michael Lunn,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Posting of Stockyards

Pursuant to the authority provided under Section 302 of the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. 202), it was ascertained that the livestock market named below is a stockyard as defined by Section 302 (a). Notice was given to the stockyard owner and to the public as required by Section 302 (b), by posting notice at the stockyard on the date specified below, that the stockyard is subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

Facility No., name and location of stockyard	Date of posting
AL-191, M & H Horse Sales, Russellville, Alabama.	March 28, 1998.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 15th day of April 1998.

**Daniel L. Van Ackeren,**

*Director, Livestock Marketing Division, Packers and Stockyards Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

### Farm Service Agency

#### Inviting Preapplications for Rural Cooperative Development Grants

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) announces the availability of approximately \$1.7 million in competing Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) funds for fiscal year (FY) 1998. This action will comply with legislation which authorizes grants for establishing and operating centers for rural cooperative development. The intended effect of this notice is to solicit preapplications for FY 1998 and award grants before September 1, 1998.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of a preapplication is June 15, 1998. Preapplications received after that date will not be considered for FY 1998 funding.

**ADDRESSES:** Entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact their USDA Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the preapplication package.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James E. Haskell, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Cooperative Services, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 3250, Room 4016, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3250. Telephone (202) 720-8460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rural Technology and Cooperative Development Grants (RTCDG) program is authorized by section 310B(f) through (h) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932) and regulations are contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F. The Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act) removed "technology" from RTCDG, thereby directing the focus of the program specifically to cooperative development.

The 1996 Act also clarified that public bodies were not eligible applicants, and modified application requirements and applicant selection criteria. The final rule for the Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) program was published August 7, 1997 (62 FR 42385-91). The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. The program is administered through USDA Rural Development State Offices acting on behalf of RBS. RBS is one of the successors of the Rural Development Administration pursuant to the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education based on specific selection criteria. The priorities described in this paragraph will be used by RBS to rate preapplications. RBS review of preapplications will include the complete preapplication package submitted to the Rural Development State Office. Points will be distributed according to ranking as compared with other preapplications on hand. Points will be awarded to each factor on a 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis depending on the applicant's ranking compared to other applicants.

(a) Preference will be given to applications that:

(1) Demonstrate a proven track record in administering a nationally coordinated, regionally or State-wide operated project;

(2) Demonstrate previous expertise in providing technical assistance to cooperatives in rural areas;

(3) Demonstrate the ability to assist in the retention of business, facilitate the establishment of cooperatives and new cooperative approaches, and generate employment opportunities that will improve the economic conditions of rural areas;

(4) Demonstrate the ability to create horizontal linkages among cooperative businesses within and among various sectors in rural areas of the United States and vertical linkages to domestic and international markets;

(5) Commit to providing technical assistance and other services to underserved and economically distressed rural areas of the United States;

(6) Commit to providing greater than a 25 percent matching contribution with private funds and in-kind contributions;

(7) Evidence transferability or demonstration value to assist rural areas outside of project area; and

(8) Demonstrate that any cooperative development activity is consistent with positive environmental stewardship.

#### **Fiscal Year 1998 Preapplication Submission**

Preapplications must include a clear statement of the goals and objectives of the project and a plan which describes the proposed project as required by the statute and 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F. Each preapplication received in the State Office will be reviewed to determine if the preapplication is consistent with the eligible purposes outlined in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F. Preapplications without supportive data to address selection criteria will not be considered. Copies of 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F, will be provided to any interested applicant by making a request to the Rural Development State Office or RBS National Office.

**Preapplications must be completed and submitted to the State Rural Development Office as soon as possible, but no later than June 15, 1998. Preapplications received after June 15 will not be considered.**

For ease of locating information, each preapplication must contain a detailed Table of Contents containing page numbers for each component of the preapplication. The preapplication must also contain a project summary of 250 words or less on a separate page. This page must include the title of the project and the names of the primary project contacts and the applicant organization, followed by the summary. The summary should be self-contained and should describe the overall goals, relevance of the project, and a listing of all organizations involved in the project. The project summary should immediately follow the Table of Contents.

The National Office will score applicants based on the grant selection criteria contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F, and will select awardees subject to the availability of funds and the awardee's satisfactory submission of a formal application and related materials in accordance with subpart F. Entities submitting preapplications that are selected for award will be invited by the State Office to submit a formal application prior to September 1. It is anticipated that grant awardees will be selected by September 1, 1998.

Dated: April 16, 1998.

**Dayton Watkins,**

*Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Services.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

##### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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##### **Notice of Workshop**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS will sponsor a workshop for the members of its Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Advisory Panels and of the National Research Council (NRC) Committee to Study IFQs. The workshop will be held in Boston, Massachusetts and will be open for public observation.

**DATES:** The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. on May 5, 1998, and will end at 2 p.m. on May 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Harborside Hyatt Conference Center and Hotel, 101 Harborside Drive, Boston, MA; telephone: 800-233-1234.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Gautam, NMFS, Office of Science and Technology; telephone: (301) 713-2328.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), Congress required the NRC to provide a report with recommendations on a national policy for implementing IFQs by October 1, 1998. The Magnuson-Stevens Act also required the formation of NMFS Advisory Panels to provide support to the NRC committee and to NMFS in their respective roles of preparing and evaluating the IFQ study. The workshop is intended to continue the dialogue between IFQ Advisory Panel and NRC committee members related to key questions the NRC has developed. Issues discussed will include initial allocation criteria, restrictions on transferability of quota shares, enforcement and monitoring requirements, and long-term implications of implementing IFQs relative to other management regimes. Members of the public are invited to observe the proceedings, but will not be allowed to participate.

Dated: April 20, 1998.

**Lamarr B. Trott,**

*Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

##### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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##### **Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Council (Council) will hold its 96th meeting in Honolulu, HI.

**DATES:** The full Council (some members by conference call) will meet on May 8, 1998, from 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Honolulu time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

*Council address:* Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808)-522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At the May 8 meeting, the Council will consider two regulatory amendments:

1. Fishing bank/area-specific harvest guidelines for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands lobster fishery (this will be the second meeting under the Crustaceans Fishery Management Plan framework procedure for a new measure [final action]); and
2. Prohibition of the taking of pelagic management unit species by domestic or foreign fishing vessels longer than 50 feet (length overall) from waters within 100 nautical miles of the islands of American Samoa.

##### **Summary of Issue**

1. Lobster bank/area guidelines: Using the Amendment 7 and 9 formula for determining the harvest guideline, the Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, has determined that the total 1998 guideline for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands fishery is 286,000 lobsters. At its November 1997 meeting, the Council requested NMFS to investigate bank or area specific guidelines for review by its advisory bodies. At its April 1998 meeting, the Council concurred with the recommendations of its advisory bodies (that met in March 1998) to limit the harvest of lobsters at specific banks/areas as follows: Maro Reef no more