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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of Strategic Planning Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Strategic Planning Task Force on Research Facilities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Strategic Planning Task Force on Research Facilities, currently consisting of 14 members, is scheduled to meet for the eighth of eight planned meetings. The meeting is scheduled to be held at the Hyatt Regency, Washington, D.C. The meeting will be a review of the data collected by the Task Force and will continue discussion of the draft report.

TIMES AND DATES: June 24, 1999, beginning at 8:00 a.m., and June 25, 1999, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: Hyatt Regency, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20001.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open to the public.

COMMENTS: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mitch Geasler, Project Director, Strategic Planning Task Force on Research Facilities, Room 344-A Jamie L. Whitten Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-0113. Telephone 202-720-3803.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 1st day of June.

I. Miley Gonzalez,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council, Hells Canyon Subgroup

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hells Canyon Subgroup of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council will meet on June 24, 1999 at the Imnaha Church at Imnaha, Oregon and June 25, 1999 at the Joseph United Methodist Church at the corner of Third and Lake Streets in Joseph, Oregon. On June 24, 1999, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. On June 25, 1999, the meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will continue until 12:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Presentations and discussions by the three topic groups, Recreation, Healthy, Sustainable Ecological Ecosystem and Heritage Resources. (2) Open public forum. All meetings are open to the public. Public comments will be received at 1:00 p.m. on June 24, 1999 at the Imnaha Church.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Kendall Clark, Area Ranger, USDA, Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, 88401 Highway 82, Enterprise, OR 97828, 541-426-5501.

Dated: May 28, 1999.

Kendall Clark,

Area Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Proposed Posting of Stockyards

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, has information that the livestock markets named below are stockyards as defined in Section 302 of the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. 202), and should be made subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

GA-224 Dixie Livestock Market, Inc.,
Oak Park, Georgia

NC-174 Taylorsville Auction Service,
Taylorsville, North Carolina
NC-175 Benson Horse Auction, Benson,
North Carolina

Pursuant to the authority under Section 302 of the Packers and Stockyards Act, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to designate the stockyards named above as posted stockyards subject to the provisions of said Act.

Any person who wishes to submit written data, views or arguments concerning the proposed designation may do so by filing them with the Director, Office of Policy/Litigation Support, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Room 3418-South Building, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, by June 23, 1999.

All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection in the office of the Director of the Office of Policy/Litigation Support during normal business hours.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 12th day of May 1999.

Michael J. Caughlin, Jr.,

*Director, Office of Policy/Litigation Support,
Packers and Stockyards Programs.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Extend and Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection, the Aquaculture Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 12, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Aquaculture Survey.

OMB Number: 0535-0150.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2000.

Type of Request: Intent to extend and revise a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production. The Aquaculture Survey collects information on trout sales, catfish processed, inventory, acreage, and sales. The Aquaculture Survey is being revised to obtain 99 percent coverage of sales and decrease overall frequency of data collection.

Eighteen states are currently in the trout program representing approximately 90 percent of sales. Eight states are being added to the program to increase sales coverage to approximately 99 percent. The trout questionnaire is being revised to collect distributed fish as a separate item. The trout inventory and sales data will be published on a calendar basis instead of a fiscal year basis.

The catfish program is also being revised to represent 99 percent of sales. Currently, the four major catfish producing states are surveyed quarterly and 11 are surveyed annually. Under the revised program the four major states will be surveyed semiannually and 12 states will be surveyed annually. Data collection in the four major states will be discontinued for April and October.

Survey results are used by government agencies in planning farm programs. These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,125.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 825 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4162 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, May 19, 1999.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Natural Resources Conservation Service****Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices**

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, New York State Office.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices, Section IV of the New York State NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS to issue a new conservation practice standard in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. This new

standard is: Agricultural Fuel Storage Facility (NY701).

DATES: Comments will be received on or before July 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Richard D. Swenson, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, (NRCS), 441 S. Salina Street, Fifth Floor, Suite 354, Syracuse, New York, 13202-2450.

A copy of this standard is available from the above individual.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State Technical Guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: May 25, 1999.

Joseph R. DelVecchio,

Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Syracuse, NY.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Census Bureau****Annual Retail Trade Survey**

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or