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A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number FV–04–306]

United States Standards for Grades of Watermelons

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), prior to undertaking research and other work associated with revising an official grade standard, is soliciting comments on a petition to revise the United States Standards for Grades of Watermelons. AMS has received a petition from the National Watermelon Association (NWA) requesting a definition for seedless watermelons be added to the standard. Additionally, the petition included a request to add a variance to the size requirements.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 21, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 1661 South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250–0240; Fax (202) 720–8871, E-mail FPB.DocketClerk@usda.gov or you may also send your comments by the electronic process available at Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments should make reference to the dates and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David L. Priester, at the above address or call (202) 720–2185; E-mail David.Priester@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

AMS received a petition from the NWA requesting a revision to the United States Standards for Grades of Watermelons. These standards were last

revised in 1978. The petitioner is requesting that USDA add the following definition: “Seedless Watermelons” are watermelons which have 16 or less mature seeds, not to include pips/caplets, on the face of the melon which has been cut into four equal sections (one lengthwise cut and one crosswise cut). Additionally, the petitioner is requesting the size requirements be revised. Currently the size requirements states, “When the size of the watermelon is stated in terms of average weight, unless otherwise specified, the melons in any lot averaging less than 30 pounds (13.6 kgs.) shall not vary more than 3 pounds (1.4 kgs.) below the stated average, and the melons in any lot averaging 30 pounds (13.6 kgs.) or more shall not vary more than 5 pounds (2.3 kgs.) below the stated average.” The petitioner is requesting the size requirement be revised to allow for watermelons to vary 3 pounds above or below the average. Therefore, the size requirement would state, “When the size of the watermelons is stated in terms of average weight, unless otherwise specified, the melons in any lot averaging less than 30 pounds (13.6 kgs.) shall not vary more than 3 pounds (1.4 kgs.) above or below the stated average, and the melons in any lot averaging 30 pounds (13.6 kgs.) or more shall not vary more than 5 pounds (2.3 kgs.) below the stated average.”

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Prior to undertaking detailed work to develop a proposed revision to the standard, AMS is soliciting comments on the petition submitted to revise the United States Standards for Grades of Watermelons.

This notice provides for a 60-day comment period for interested parties to comment on changes to the standard. Should AMS conclude that there is an interest in the proposal, the Agency will develop a proposed revised standard that will be published in the **Federal Register** with a request for comments in accordance with 7 CFR Part 36.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension without revision of the information collection, Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies, OF–301. The collected information will help the Forest Service and other Natural Resource Agencies match the skills of individuals, who are applying for volunteer positions, with work that can be accomplished by volunteers. Information will be collected from potential volunteers of all ages. Those under the age of 18 years must have written consent from their parents or guardian.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 21, 2004 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning this notice should be addressed to USDA Forest Service, Director, Senior, Youth & Volunteer Programs, (Mail Stop 1136), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0003. Comment may also be submitted via facsimile to (703) 605–5115. The public may inspect comments received at USDA–Forest Service, 1621 N. Kent Street, Roslyn Plaza East, Room 1010, Arlington, VA during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (703) 605–4851 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald T. Hansen, Program Manager, Volunteer Programs, Senior Youth and Volunteer Programs, at (703) 605–4851.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies.

OMB Number: 0596–0080.

Expiration Date of Approval: 04/30/2004.

Type of Request: Extension with no revisions.

Abstract: This information collection helps agency volunteer coordinators and other personnel to match the volunteer worker with agency volunteer opportunities upon evaluation of the applicant’s skills and physical condition

as described in the completed form OF-301. The Volunteer Act of 1972, as amended, authorizes the Natural Resource Agencies to recruit and train volunteer workers to accomplish certain work, such as building and maintaining trails, constructing campground facilities, improving wildlife habitat, assisting with interpretive services, assisting visitors, or other activities to help the agency meet its mission. Volunteers may be any age, as long as they are capable of doing the work for which they volunteer.

Persons interested in volunteering will have to write or call the agencies to request a copy of the Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies or access to the appropriate agency internet to complete an on-line form. OF-301 asks potential volunteers for name, address, telephone number, age, the work categories in which they are interested, and about past work experiences. It also asks potential volunteers to specify the kind of work they prefer, to provide the dates they are available to do volunteer work and the location, to describe any physical limitations, and whether they require lodging at the location of volunteer work. Under this consolidated information collection agency effort, all other volunteer application forms will become obsolete once the OF-301 has been revised. If the information is not collected, the Federal Natural Resource Agencies would not be able to recruit any volunteers to accomplish their mission.

OF-301, Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies

Estimate of Annual Burden: 15 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals.
Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 58,100.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 14,525.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on

respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. In submitting this proposal to the Office of Management and Budget for approval, the Forest Service will summarize and respond to comments received.

Dated: April 16, 2004.

Irving W. Thomas,

Acting Deputy Chief for Business Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Southeast Alaska Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATES: June 1, 2004.

Time and Location: 10 a.m. by teleconference. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the Southeast Alaska Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council will hold a public meeting on June 1, 2004. The public is invited to participate and to provide oral testimony.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regional Council discussion during the meeting will be devoted to the review and recommendation of a proposed rule on membership representation on regional councils, Stikine River fisheries issues, deer management planning for Unit 2, and other matters affecting subsistence users in Southeast Alaska. To participate, call, toll free, 1-888-398-1687. The Teleconference Leader is *Mr. Bob Schroeder* and the Passcode is *Regional Council*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 3601 C Street, Suite 1030, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; telephone (907) 786-3888. For questions related to subsistence management

issues on National Forest Service lands inquires may also be directed to Steve Kessler, Subsistence Program Leader, 3601 C Street, Suite 1030, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; telephone (907) 786-3592.

Dated: April 9, 2004.

Thomas H. Boyd,

Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board.

Steve Kessler,

Subsistence Program Leader, USDA-Forest Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Montana Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a planning meeting with briefing of the Montana State Advisory Committee will convene at 1 p.m. (m.d.t.) and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. (m.d.t.), Wednesday, May 19, 2004. The purpose of the meeting with briefing is to plan for future activities including the consideration of a regional project on discrimination against Native Americans in reservation border towns and receive information on law enforcement issues in the state.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact John Dulles, Director of the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, (303) 866-1040 (TDD 303-866-1049). Hearing impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington DC, April 16, 2004.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Nevada Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a conference call of the Nevada State Advisory Committee in