

Notices

Federal Register

Vol. 68, No. 200

Thursday, October 16, 2003

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Domestic Sugar Program—Revisions of 2002-Crop Sugar Marketing Allotments and Allocations

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to announce that the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) has reassigned the unused 2002-crop (Fiscal Year 2003) allocations among cane and beet sugar processors. This announcement lists the final revised 2002-crop sugar marketing allotments and allocations. This reassignment is effective September 26, 2003, and applies to all domestic cane and beet sugar marketed for human consumption in the United States from October 1, 2002, through September 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Barbara Fecso, Dairy and Sweeteners Analysis Group, Economic Policy and Analysis Staff, Farm Service Agency, USDA, 1400 Independence

Avenue, SW., STOP 0516, Washington, DC 20250-0516; telephone (202) 720-4146; FAX (202) 690-1480; e-mail: barbara.fecso@usda.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Fecso at (202) 720-4146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 359e(a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, requires a periodic review to determine (in view of current sugar inventories, estimated sugar production, expected marketings and other pertinent factors) whether (1) any sugarcane processor will be unable to market the sugar covered by the portion of the State cane sugar allotment allocated to the processor; and (2) any sugar beet processor will be unable to market its allocation. Section 359e(b)(1)(B) further provides for the reassignment of the estimated quantity of a State deficit proportionately to the allotments for other cane sugar States (depending on each State's capacity to market) when a State does not have the capacity to fulfill its allotment among its own processors.

In September 2003, sugarcane and sugar beet processors submitted revisions of their 2002-crop production and ending stocks estimates to CCC for the purpose of calculating a final reassignment. The allotments/allocations were calculated for the cane and beet sectors as follows:

Cane Sector:

- First, 14,878 short tons, raw value (STRV) of allocation were taken from

Louisiana processors with surplus allocation and reassigned to processors with surplus supply within Louisiana (attached table, column C). This amount was insufficient to cover Louisiana's overall shortfall.

- Then, the excess allotment of 11,100 STRV for Hawaii was redistributed to the remaining cane states (attached table, column D).

Beet Sector:

- Using August survey data for the current year, it was determined that three beet sugar processors had 2002-crop allocation that would not be used while three processors showed an allocation shortfall. The surplus allocation of 8,679 STRV from the first three was surrendered and reassigned to other three (attached table, column D).

Two organizational changes are recognized in this **Federal Register** announcement:

1. The merger of M.A. Patout & Sons, Raceland Sugars and Sterling Sugars into M.A. Patout & Sons—a Louisiana cane processor with a single allocation.
2. The September 8, 2003, sale of all assets of the Pacific Northwest Sugar Company (PNS) to the American Crystal Sugar Company (ACS). In accordance with section 359d (b)(2)(F) of the Agriculture Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, CCC permanently transferred the beet sugar allocation of PNS to ACS.

The final revised 2002-crop sugar marketing allotments and allocations are listed in the following table:

FISCAL YEAR 2003 SUGAR MARKETING ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS

[Revised September, 2003]

	B Last allotment/ allocation	C New—cane reassignments within States	D New— reassignments across all processors by sector	E New allotment/ allocation
(short tons, raw value)				
Overall Beet/Cane Allotments:				
Beet Sugar	4,708,341	0	0	4,708,341
Cane Sugar (includes P. Rico)	3,954,660	0	0	3,954,660
Total OAQ	8,663,000	.....	.....	8,663,000
Beet Reassignment to CCC	174,000	.....	.....	174,000
Allotment Available to Beet	4,534,341	.....	.....	4,534,341
Allotment Available to Cane	3,954,660	.....	.....	3,954,660
Beet Processors' Marketing Allocations:				
Amalgamated Sugar Co.	976,021	.....	0	976,021

FISCAL YEAR 2003 SUGAR MARKETING ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS—Continued

[Revised September, 2003]

	B Last allotment/ allocation	C New—cane reassignments within States	D New— reassignments across all processors by sector	E New allotment/ allocation
American Crystal Sugar Co.	1,654,335	.....	7,411	1,661,746
Holly Sugar Corp.	299,100	.....	0	299,100
Michigan Sugar Co.	340,509	.....	0	340,509
Minn-Dak Farmers Co-op.	305,067	.....	36	305,103
Monitor Sugar Co.	174,268	.....	-1,554	172,714
So. Minn Beet Sugar Co-op.	300,785	.....	1,232	302,018
Western Sugar Co.	446,772	.....	-4,853	441,919
Wyoming Sugar Co.	37,483	.....	-2,272	35,211
Total Beet Sugar	4,534,341	.....	0	4,534,341
State Cane Sugar Allotments:				
Florida	2,104,337	.....	6,201	2,110,538
Louisiana	1,381,212	.....	4,366	1,385,578
Texas	178,326	.....	534	178,860
Hawaii	290,784	.....	-11,100	279,684
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	
Total Cane Sugar	3,954,660	.....	0	3,954,660
Cane Processors' Marketing Allocations:				
Atlantic Sugar Assoc.	163,777	.....	0	163,777
Growers Co-op. of FL	389,088	.....	1,219	390,307
Okeelanta Corp.	448,274	.....	3,568	451,842
Osceola Farms Co.	268,661	.....	1,414	270,076
U.S. Sugar Corp.	834,536	.....	0	834,536
Total	2,104,337	.....	6,201	2,110,538
Alma Plantation	77,257	4,847	1,422	83,526
Caire & Graugnard	6,091	474	139	6,704
Cajun Sugar Co-op.	106,711	0	0	106,711
Cora-Texas Mfg. Co.	121,906	1,799	528	124,232
Harry Laws & Co.	61,992	2,330	684	65,006
Iberia Sugar Co-op.	64,543	-3,087	0	61,456
Jeanerette Sugar Co.	63,626	0	0	63,626
Lafourche Sugars Corp.	64,470	0	0	64,470
Louisiana Sugarcane Co-op.	81,471	740	217	82,429
Lula Westfield, LLC	147,840	4,688	1,376	153,904
M.A. Patout & Sons	387,454	-2,060	0	385,394
St. Mary Sugar Co-op.	89,485	-3,600	0	85,885
So. Louisiana Sugars Co-op.	108,366	-6,131	0	102,235
Total	1,381,212	0	4,366	1,385,578
Texas:				
Rio Grande Valley	178,326	.....	534	178,860
Hawaii:				
Gay & Robinson, Inc.	64,298	.....	-3,600	60,698
Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company	226,486	.....	-7,500	218,986
Total	290,784	.....	-11,100	279,684
Puerto Rico:				
Agraso	0	.....	0	0
Roig	0	.....	0	0
Total	0	.....	0	0

Signed in Washington, DC on October 3, 2003.

James R. Little,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

[FR Doc. 03-26175 Filed 10-15-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-05-U

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) the Kootenai National Forests' Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on October 28, 2003 at 6 p.m. in Libby, Montana for business meetings. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: October 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 1101 US Highway 2 West, Libby.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Edgmon, Committee Coordinator, Kootenai National Forest at (406) 293-6211, or e-mail bedgmon@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics include discussion on field trips for 2004, revision of the project proposal form and accepting project proposals earlier in the year. If the meeting date or location is changed, notice will be posted in the local newspapers, including the Daily Interlake based in Kalispell, MT.

Dated: October 9, 2003.

Bob Castaneda,

Forest Supervisor.

[FR Doc. 03-26110 Filed 10-15-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-11-M

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Yreka, California, October 20, 2003. The meeting will include routine

business and discussion, review, and recommendation of submitted project proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 20, 2003, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Hall, RAC Coordinator, Klamath National Forest, (530) 841-4468 or electronically at donaldhall@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. A public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: October 8, 2003.

Margaret J. Boland,

Designated Federal Official.

[FR Doc. 03-26111 Filed 10-15-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-11-M

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[I.D. 101003C]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Southwest Region Permit Family of Forms.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0204.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 248.

Number of Respondents: 369.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes for a permit application or permit transfer (unless otherwise noted below); 1 hour for additional permit information (when requested) for the coastal pelagic fishery of the Pacific coast; 1 hour for a limited entry permit application for bottomfish in the NWHI Ho'omalulu Zone or the Mau Zone; 2 hours for a permit appeal; 2 hours for an application for an exemption or experimental fishing permit; and 1 hour for a waiver for NWHI Ho'omalulu Zone or Mau Zone bottomfish permit renewal requirements.

Needs and Uses: Permits are required for persons to participate in Federally-managed fisheries in the western Pacific region and off the West Coast. The

permit application forms provide basic information about permit holders and the vessels and gear being used. This information is important for understanding the nature of the fisheries and provides a link to participants. It also aids enforcement of regulations.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually, biennially, on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897. Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov). Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: October 8, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

[FR Doc. 03-26202 Filed 10-15-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-S

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Membership of the Departmental Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice of membership of Departmental Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 5 U.S.C., 4313(c)(4), DOC announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of the Office of the Secretary (OS) Performance Review Board (PRB). The OS/PRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) members. The appointment of these members to the OS/PRB will be for periods of 24 months.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of service of appointees to the Office of the Secretary Performance Review Board is upon publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet C. Hoffheins, Deputy Director, Office of Executive Resources, Office of Human Resources Management, Office of the Director, 14th and Constitution