

particularly mindful that the availability of an FSA loan guarantee may induce commercial lenders to finance facilities that they would otherwise not consider viable under current market conditions.

Direct and guaranteed loan applications that were received by FSA county offices on or before the date of this notice will be processed through to completion and will not be affected by this temporary suspension. Loan applications for purchase, refinancing, maintenance or repair of facilities currently in production will continue to be processed, as will loan requests for operating loans for annual production purposes. In all other cases, applications will only be processed when the government's interest will be imperiled. All other loan applications submitted to FSA county offices during the temporary suspension will be accepted but held in abeyance until the suspension is lifted.

This temporary moratorium will be lifted upon determination by the Secretary that economic and financial conditions have improved to the extent that USDA action is no longer necessary to alleviate financial stress on hog producers.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 4, 1999.

Parks Shackelford,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet in Washington, DC, February 18-20, 1999. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss emerging issues in urban and community forestry.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 18-20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doyle Washington Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire, NW, Washington, DC. A tour of local projects will be given on February 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Individuals who wish to speak at the meeting or to propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Suzanne M. del Villar, Executive Assistant, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 20628 Diane Drive, Sonora, CA 95370.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne M. del Villar, Cooperative Forestry Staff, (209) 536-9201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Persons who wish to bring urban and community forestry matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided during the meeting and individuals who have made written requests by January 29 will have the opportunity to address the Council at those sessions. Council discussions is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members.

Dated: January 4, 1999.

Larry Payne,

Acting Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, DOA.

ACTION: Notice of change.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 343 of Subtitle E of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIRA) that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to provide public notice and comment under Section 553 of Title 5, United States Code, with regard to any future technical guides that are used to carry out Subtitles A, B, and C of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*), the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice of revisions to all conservation practices in Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guides (FOTG) located in Washington State.

These revisions to conservation practices in Section IV of State technical guides are subject to these provisions, since one or more could be used as part of a conservation management system to comply with the Highly Erodible Land Conservation or Wetland Conservation requirements.

At this time, four conservation practices are being added/and or revised to Section IV of the state's FOTG's:

- Contour Buffer Strips: NRCS Code Number: 332.
- Riparian Forest Buffer: NRCS Code Number: 391.
- Nutrient Management: NRCS Code Number: 590.

- Best Management: NRCS Code Number: 595.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank R. Easter, Watershed Planning Team Leader, USDA-NRCS, 316 West Boone Avenue, Suite 450, Spokane, WA 99201-2348 Telephone number: (509) 323-2961.

Dated: January 4, 1999.

Frank R. Easter,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) will meet on January 26 & 27, 1999, 9:00 a.m., at the SPAWAR Systems Center, Catalina Boulevard (Point Loma area), San Diego, California. Committee members and visitors are asked to check in at Visitor Reception before the meeting. The public session will be held on January 26 in the Training Center Conference Room. The closed session will be held in the Cloud Room, Building 33. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to information systems equipment and technology.

January 26

Public Session 9:00 am-12:00 pm

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Discussion on alternatives to High Performance Computers.
3. Update on export regulations, including those regarding License Exception CIV and encryption products.
4. Update on the Bureau of Export Administration Website.
5. Comments on presentations by the public.

January 26 & 27

Closed Session

6. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not required. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit

written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3886C, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on October 3, 1997, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information or copies of the minutes call Lee Ann Carpenter, 202-482-2583.

Dated: December 30, 1998.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Science Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SUMMARY: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for research, education and application of science to resource management. SAB activities and advice will provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

TIME AND PLACE: Thursday, January 28, 1999 from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. The meeting will take place in the main conference room at the Clarion Hotel & Suites, Downtown Convention Center, 100 SE 4th Street, Miami, FL, 33131.

AGENDA:

1. Update on FY99 NOAA science programs and budget.
 2. Overview of NOAA-wide Line Office consensus research priorities with focus on cross-cutting initiatives.
 3. Presentation of NOAA Strategic Planning Team examples at a general level (i.e., Sustain Health Coasts with focus on "Harmful Algal Blooms" and Advance Short-Term Weather Forecast Systems with focus on "Hurricanes at Landfall").
 4. SAB Discussion on NOAA Strategic Planning related to science priorities.
 5. SAB Sub-committee reports.
 6. SAB Discussion on NOAA Science Policy with reference to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science Report on Science Policy ("Ehler Report"), the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) "White Paper", and the National Research Council (NRC) report on "Research Pathways for the Next Decade".
 7. Discussion on potential SAB participation in NOAA Science panel Reviews.
 8. Closing discussion on Priority Science-related issues for NOAA by SAB, with Sub-Committee Action Items, Next Steps and/or Preliminary Recommendations identified as appropriate.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to public participation with at least 45 minutes set aside during the meeting for direct verbal comments or questions from the public. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by January 18, 1999, in order to provide sufficient time for SAB review prior to meeting date. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after January 18 will be distributed to the SAB, but may possibly not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Approximately twenty (20) seats will be available for the public

including five (5) seats reserved for the media. Seats will be available on a first-come first-served bases.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael P. Crosby, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, NCHB, Rm. 5128, 14th St. & Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230. (Phone: 202-482-2977, Fax: 202-501-3068, E-mail: MICHAEL.CROSBY@NOAA.GOV).

Dated: December 30, 1998.

D. James Baker,

Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator for NOAA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122898A]

Marine Mammals; File No. P595

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 1004, issued to The Whale Conservation Institute, 191 Weston Road, Lincoln, Massachusetts 01773, was amended to extend the expiration date to December 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978/281-9250).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).