

*Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) and Allotments*

As provided for in section 3(o) of the Act, the TFP is a plan for the consumption of foods of different types (food groups) that a household might use to provide nutritious meals and snacks for household members. The plan reflects a diet required to feed a family of four persons consisting of a man and a woman aged 20 to 50, a child 6 to 8 and a child 9 to 11. The cost of the TFP is adjusted monthly to reflect changes in the costs of the food groups.

The TFP is also the basis for establishing food stamp allotments. *Allotment* is defined in section 3(a) of the Act as "the total value of coupons a household is authorized to receive during each month." Food stamp allotments are adjusted periodically to reflect the changes in food cost levels indicated in the changing amounts of the TFP. Prior to the amendment of section 3(o) of the Act by section 804 of Pub. L. 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, allotment amounts were established on each October 1 at 103% of the cost of the TFP in the previous June. Amended section 3(o)(4) of the Act now provides that the TFP will be adjusted each October 1 to reflect the exact cost, or 100%, of the TFP for the previous June, rounding the results to the nearest lower dollar increment for each household size, except that on October 1, 1996, the TFP was not to have been reduced below the amounts in effect on September 30, 1996.

To obtain the maximum food stamp allotment for each household size for the period October 1, 1998, to September 30, 1999, June 1998 TFP costs for the above described four-person household were divided by four, multiplied by the appropriate household size and economy of scale factor, in accordance with section 3(o)(1) of the Act, and the final result was rounded down to the nearest dollar. The maximum benefit, or allotment, is paid to households with no net income. For a household with income, the household's allotment is determined by reducing the maximum allotment for the household's size by 30 percent of the individual household's net income in accordance with section 8(a) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. 2017(a). The following table shows the current allotments for the 48 States and the District of Columbia.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM—OCTOBER 1, 1998—SEPTEMBER 30, 1999  
[Maximum Food Stamp Allotments]

Household size	48 States and the District of Columbia
1 .....	\$125
2 .....	230
3 .....	329
4 .....	419
5 .....	497
6 .....	597
7 .....	659
8 .....	754
Each Additional Person ..	+94

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan Revision; Tongass National Forest, AK**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; record of decision.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service gives notice that on April 13, 1999, the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment approved a new Record of Decision (1999 ROD) for the final Environmental Impact Statement on the Tongass Land Management Plan Revision. The Under Secretary's decision adopts, with modifications, Alternative 11 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement. As modified, Alternative 11 consists of extensive standards and guidelines, including land allocations, that comprise a comprehensive ecosystem management strategy. The modifications are set out in the body of the 1999 ROD and amplified in Appendix B of the 1999 ROD.

**DATES:** The Under Secretary signed the new Record of Decision on April 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the 1999 Record of Decision and the Final Environmental Impact Statement are available from the Tongass National Forest, Alaska Region, Forest Service, USDA, PO Box 309, Petersburg, AK 99833.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Merrily Jones, Public Affairs Office, Tongass National Forest, Alaska Region, Forest Service, USDA; telephone: (907) 772-3841 or fax: (907) 772-5895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Tongass Land Management Plan Revision was filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and notice of its availability was published in the **Federal Register** by EPA on June 27, 1997 (62 FR 34745). The 1999 Record of Decision (ROD) presents a comparison of the alternatives considered in the Final Environmental Impact Statement and described the rationale for the alternatives elected. This decision is not appealable under Forest Service administrative appeal procedures.

The Forest Supervisor will mail a copy of the 1999 ROD to persons and organizations on mailing lists associated with the Tongass planning endeavor.

The 1999 ROD is also available on the Tongass National Forest's worldwide web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass> in portable document format (pdf). That site includes additional related information such as a summary of changes, a press release, and a comparison table showing key components of the Tongass decisions in 1979, 1997, and 1999.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economics and Statistics Administration**

**Renewal of Secretary's 2000 Census Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and after concurrence of the General Services Administration, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the renewal of the 2000 Census Advisory Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 16, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 1647, Federal Building 3, Washington,