

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory committee and Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, January 17, 2002, at the Wenatchee National Forest headquarters main conference room, 215 Melody lane, Wenatchee, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. During this meeting we will learn about long-term restoration projects and noxious weeds. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: December 6, 2001.

**Paul Hart,**

*Designated Federal Official, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Hearing on Environmental Justice

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of hearings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of

1994, section 3, Public Law 103-419, 108 Stat. 4338, as amended, and 45 CFR 702.3., that a public hearing before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will take place on Friday, January 11, 2002, beginning at approximately 10 a.m., immediately following previously scheduled Commission business taking place earlier that morning. The purpose of this hearing is to collect information within the jurisdiction of the Commission, under Public Law 98-183, section 5(a)(1) and Section 5 (a)(5), related particularly to the effect of environmental hazards, including hazardous waste sites and industries located in, or near, low-income communities and communities of color, and the question of whether the civil rights of those communities in question are being violated.

The Commission are authorized to hold hearings and to issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses pursuant to 45 CFR 701.2. The Commission in an independent bipartisan, fact finding agency authorized to study, collect, and disseminate information, and to appraise the laws and policies of the Federal Government, and to study and collect information with respect to discrimination or denials of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or in the administration of justice. Hearing impaired persons who will attend the hearings and require the services of a sign language interpreter, should contact Pamela Dunston, Administration's Services and Clearinghouse Division at (202) 376-8105 (TDD (202) 376-8116), at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the hearing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Les Jin, Office of the Staff Director (202) 376-7700.

Dated: December 7, 2002.

**Les Jin,**

*Staff Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency 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:* NMFS Alaska Region Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Program.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* Emergency.

*Burden Hours:* 13,044.

*Number of Respondents:* 539.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 6 hours for installation of a VMS unit, 4 hours per year to maintain a VMS unit, 5 seconds for an automated position report, and 12 minutes to fax a check-in report.

*Needs and Uses:* As required in the reasonable and prudent measures in the Endangered Species Act, Section 7 biological opinion on the effects of the BSAI and GOA pollock, Atka mackerel, and Pacific cod fisheries on the endangered Steller sea lions, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) must implement changes to information collected from fishery participants. These new registrations will be in effect on January 1, 2002 and will end for Atka mackerel on January 15, 2002. In order to participate in the three fisheries, these registered participants must install vessel monitoring system (VMS) units on their vessels and operate the VMS while directed fishing for each of the species. Some of these applicants have already acquired VMS units for use in the Atka mackerel and pollock fisheries. This emergency collection of information extends the requirement for use of VMS units to all vessels that are directed fishing for Pacific cod, pollock, and Atka mackerel in the exclusive economic zone off Alaska.

*Affected Public:* Business and other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Every 20 minutes for a position report, on occasion for a check-in report.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.