

contracts, and (c) proposals for the development of new specific procedures for crediting USDA donated commodities.

For those unable to attend the meeting or those who attend and have additional comments on the discussion topics, the contact person named below will accept written statements before the meeting and until Friday, November 8, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Rigby, Branch Chief, Schools and Institutions Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 500, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2644. To confirm attendance, please contact Sherry Thackeray at (703) 305-2652 or e-mail Sherry.Thackeray@fns.usda.gov. Confirmation of attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory for participation in this meeting. Office of Inspector General audit report is available on the Office of Inspector General's Internet Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/oig/webdocs/27601-27-Ch.pdf>. A copy may also be requested by contacting Sherry Thackeray.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

Eric M. Bost,

Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Comprehensive Management of Nutria Herbivory Damage in Coastal Louisiana and Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b) in Coastal Louisiana

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for Comprehensive Management of Nutria Herbivory Damage in Coastal Louisiana and the Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b), Coastal Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; telephone (318) 473-7751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of the federally assisted action indicates that the action will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, has determined that preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The recommended plan consists of (1) implementing an incentive payment program to encourage the harvest of up to 400,000 nutria annually from coastal Louisiana by payment of \$4.00 per nutria tail to registered program participants (Coastwide Nutria Control Program LA-03b), (2) investigating techniques to promote revegetation of damaged sites with native vegetation, and (3) pursuing additional funding and/or funding sources to conduct more comprehensive revegetation. The goal of the recommended plan is to reestablish the ecological balance (plant and animal) that existed when the number of nutria harvested was high. It is predicted that the plan would reduce the conversion of fresh, intermediate, and brackish marsh to open water by about 15,000 acres over 20 years.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data collected during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald W. Gohmert.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Donald W. Gohmert,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Indiana for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Indiana to issue three revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standards are: Pond (378), Pipeline (516) and Forest Trails and Landings (655). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land and/or wetlands.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Jane E. Hardisty, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6013 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46278. Copies of this standard will be made available upon written request. You may submit your electronic requests and comments to darrell.brown@in.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane E. Hardisty, 317-290-3200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that after enactment of the law, revisions made to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Indiana will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Indiana regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made.

Dated: September 23, 2002.

Jane E. Hardisty,

State Conservationist, Indianapolis, Indiana.
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