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Respondents: Intermediate handlers, carriers, "A" and "B" dealers (as consignors), USDA-accredited veterinarians.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 1,470.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.53.

Estimated annual number of responses: 2,240.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 260 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 28th day of October, 2002.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-098-1]

Giant Salvinia; Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental assessment relative to a proposed field release of the non-indigenous salvinia weevil for the biological control of the aquatic weed giant salvinia. The environmental assessment documents our review and analysis of environmental impacts associated with widespread release of this agent. We are making the environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four

copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 02-098-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 02-098-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 02-098-1" in the subject line.

You may read any comments that we receive on the environmental assessment in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Tracy A. Horner, Environmental Services, PPD, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 149, Riverdale, MD 20737-1228; (301) 734-5213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Giant salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*) is a free-floating aquatic fern, native to South America, with a tremendous growth rate and the potential to significantly affect water-reliant agricultural industries and recreation and the ecology of freshwater habitats throughout much of the United States.

Giant salvinia reproduces vegetatively through fragmenting and from dormant buds breaking away. The colonizing or immature stage of giant salvinia is characterized by small leaves that lie flat upon the water. As plant growth accelerates, the leaves become larger, crowding occurs, and the plants are pushed upright. Mats may grow to a meter thick and can cover large areas.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) listed giant salvinia as a noxious weed in 1983. Under APHIS' regulations, no person may move giant salvinia into or through the United States, or interstate, unless he or she obtains a permit for the movement from APHIS.

Because giant salvinia is a free-floating plant, it disperses by passive means (water currents and wind) and by "hitchhiking." Animals may carry the plants over short distances, but humans can spread it widely on fishing gear and boating equipment. Intercontinental dispersal and dispersal within the United States have probably occurred when giant salvinia was sold in the nursery trade, either intentionally as a plant for aquaria or for ponds, or unintentionally when it "hitchhiked" with other aquatic plants collected for academic study or for use in aquaria or ponds. Although native to southeastern Brazil, giant salvinia is now found in North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Australia, New Guinea, and Oceania.

In the past several years, giant salvinia has been detected in the United States, mostly in association with the nursery trade in aquatic plants. Generally, detections have been in small, confined sites and are currently contained or have been eradicated. Such detections have occurred in Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia. Most recently, giant salvinia was found in the Toledo Bend Reservoir and the surrounding areas in Louisiana and eastern Texas. As a result of this infestation, APHIS prepared an environmental assessment (EA) and has issued permits for the environmental release of the non-indigenous salvinia weevil (*Cyrtobagous salviniae*) into the limited area of the Toledo Bend Reservoir.

APHIS has now received a permit application for additional releases of the salvinia weevil into other areas of the continental United States beyond the area considered in the existing APHIS EA. The applicant proposes to release the salvinia weevil to reduce the severity and extent of giant salvinia infestation in the United States. The salvinia weevil is native to Brazil, Bolivia, and Paraguay. Salvinia weevil larvae tunnel within the rhizomes of giant salvinia, causing them to disintegrate. They also tunnel in the leaf buds and adults eat leaves and leaf buds, suppressing growth and vegetative propagation of this sterile weed. This insect has successfully controlled giant salvinia in 12 countries over 3 continents.

APHIS' review and analysis of the proposed action and its alternatives are documented in detail in an EA entitled, "Field Release of the Salvinia Weevil, *Cyrtobagous salviniae* Calder and Sands (Curculionidae: Coleoptera) for Control of Giant Salvinia, *Salvinia molesta*

Mitchell (Hydropteridales: Salviniaceae)" (August 2002). We are making the EA available to the public for review and comment. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before the date listed under the heading DATES at the beginning of this notice.

The EA may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/> by following the link for "Documents/Forms Retrieval System" then clicking on the triangle beside "6—Permits—Environmental Assessments," and selecting document number 0001. You may request paper copies of the EA by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the EA when requesting copies. The EA is also available for review in our reading room (information on the location and hours of the reading room is listed under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this notice).

The EA has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 28th day of October, 2002 .

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Types and Quantities of Agricultural Commodities Available for Donation Overseas Under Section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as Amended, in Fiscal Year 2003

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On October 25, 2002, the President, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), who is the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, determined that 200,000 metric tons of nonfat dry milk in CCC inventory will be made available for donation overseas under section 416(b) of the Agricultural

Act of 1949, as amended ("section 416(b)"), during fiscal year 2003. This amount will be in addition to the 5,450 metric tons that will be shipped overseas during fiscal year 2003 to fulfill commitments made by CCC in agreements entered into by CCC under section 416(b) during fiscal year 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Hawkins, Director, Program Administration Division, FAS, USDA, (202) 720–3241.

Dated: October 28, 2002.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on November 21 and 22, 2002, in Ukiah, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to implementing the Northwest Forest Plan.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on November 21, 2002, and from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on November 22, 2002, at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center in Ukiah, CA.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Chenin Blanc Room of the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phebe Brown, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA, 95988, (530) 934–1137; E-mail pybrown@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include (1) Presentations on Mendocino and Six Rivers National Forests' Draft Roads Analysis Process reports; (2) Regional Ecosystem Office (REO) update; (3) Presentation on Survey and Manage Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; (4) Update on planning for a Province fire ecology/fuels treatment workshop; (5) Aquatic Conservation Subcommittee report; (6) Finalize implementation monitoring reports; (7) Discussion of proposed timber harvest issue; (8) Northwest Forest Plan socio-economic monitoring; (9) 2003

committee meeting dates; (10) Reports from agencies and committee members; and (11) Public comment. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: October 15, 2002.

James Fenwood,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

National Infrastructure Advisory Council; Notice of Open Meeting

The National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC) will meet on Friday, November 15, 2002, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The meeting, which will be held telephonically, will be open to the public. Members of the public interested in attending by telephone should call (toll free) 1–888–899–7785 and, when prompted, enter passcode 1468517. In addition, a bridge to the conference call will be provided at the Truman Room of the White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Limited seating will be available. Reservations are not accepted.

The Council advises the President of the United States on the security of information systems for critical infrastructure supporting other sectors of the economy, including banking and finance, transportation, energy, manufacturing, and emergency government services. At this meeting, the Council will receive a briefing on the draft National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace and will begin deliberations to formulate comments on the draft to be furnished to the President.

Agenda

- I. Introduction of NIAC Members
- II. Welcoming remarks—Richard Clarke, Special Advisor to the President for Cyberspace Security; Executive Director, NIAC
- III. Welcoming remarks—Richard Davidson, Chairman, NIAC
- IV. Briefing on rules and procedures governing Federal advisory committee proceedings and deliberations—Commerce Department, Office of General Counsel Staff
- V. Briefing on draft National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace—Critical Infrastructure Protection Board Staff
- VI. Discussion of next steps to provide comments on the Strategy and deliberations concerning comments—Mr. Clarke and Mr. Davidson, NIAC