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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2017–0071]

#### Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Biological Control of Yellow Toadflax

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the release of a stem gall weevil, *Rhinusa pilosa*, for the biological control of yellow toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*). Based on its finding of no significant impact, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Colin D. Stewart, Assistant Director, Pests, Pathogens, and Biocontrol Permits, Permitting and Compliance Coordination, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 851–2327.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to issue permits for the release of a stem gall weevil, *Rhinusa pilosa*, into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of yellow toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*) infestations.

On October 2, 2017, we published in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 45796–45797, Docket No. APHIS–2017–0071) a notice<sup>1</sup> in which we announced the

availability, for public review and comment, of an environmental assessment (EA) that examined the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed release of this biological control agent into the continental United States.

We solicited comments on the EA for 30 days ending November 1, 2017, and extended the comment period by an additional 15 days at the request of a stakeholder. We received one comment by the November 16, 2017, close of the extended comment period. The commenter raised several issues related to the EA and asked for additional data and clarification on the monitoring of non-target impacts at initial release sites for the stem gall weevil, the expected efficacy of releasing the stem gall weevil and interactions among existing biocontrol agents, the expected results of interactions between the stem gall weevil and the non-native parasitoid wasp *Pteromalus microps*, and the use of an integrated pest management (IPM) approach to the control of yellow toadflax.

We note in response that the release permit would require that the permittee conduct monitoring of non-target impacts at initial release sites, and provide additional requested data on the efficacy and increased suitability of the stem gall weevil as a biocontrol agent, as well as interactions among existing biocontrol agents, in Appendix 5 of the final EA. In our extended written response in Appendix 5, we also explain the unlikely impact of the non-native parasitoid wasp *P. microps* on the effectiveness of *R. pilosa* in controlling yellow toadflax, and note that the use of an IPM approach to control yellow toadflax, while important, is beyond the scope of the EA.

In this document, we are advising the public of our finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the release of *Rhinusa pilosa* into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of yellow toadflax infestations. The finding, which is based on the EA, reflects our determination that release of this biological control agent will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

The EA and FONSI may be viewed on the *Regulations.gov* website (see

footnote 1). Copies of the EA and FONSI are also available for public inspection in our reading room, which 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) 799–7039 before coming. In addition, copies may be obtained by calling or writing to the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The EA and FONSI have 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 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 1st day of March 2018.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

[FR Doc. 2018–04576 Filed 3–6–18; 8:45 am]

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Notice of Public Meeting of the Louisiana Advisory Committee To Discuss the Barriers to Voting Report

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Louisiana Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Friday, March 16, 2018, at 1:00:00 p.m. Central for a discussion on Hearing preparations for the Barriers to Voting in Louisiana report.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, March 16, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. Central.

**ADDRESSES:** Public call information: Dial: 888–510–1785, Conference ID: 2078052

<sup>1</sup> To view the notice, extension of comment period, EA and FONSI, and the comment we

received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2017-0071>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Barreras, DFO, at [dbarreras@usccr.gov](mailto:dbarreras@usccr.gov) or 312-353-8311.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the public can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888-510-1785, conference ID: 2078052. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Midwestern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353-8324, or emailed to David Barreras at [dbarreras@usccr.gov](mailto:dbarreras@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at (312) 353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Midwestern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov) under the Commission on Civil Rights, Louisiana Advisory Committee link (<http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/committee.aspx?cid=251&aid=17>). Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at the above email or street address.

**Agenda**

Welcome and Roll Call  
Discussion of Barriers to Voting—post-hearing

Next Steps  
Public Comment  
Adjournment

**Exceptional Circumstance:** Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, the notice for this meeting is given less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting because of the exceptional circumstance that this project will inform the Commission's FY2018 statutory enforcement report on voting rights and is therefore under a very tight timeline.

Dated: March 1, 2018.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

[FR Doc. 2018-04611 Filed 3-6-18; 8:45 am]

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS****Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of briefing meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a briefing meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12:30 p.m. (EDT) on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in the auditorium at City Hall in Lewiston, Maine, located at 27 Pine Street in Lewiston, ME 04240. The purpose of the briefing is to hear from government officials, advocates, and others on Voting Rights in Maine.

**DATES:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 (EDT).

*Time:* 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 27 Pine St., Lewiston, Maine 04240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Evelyn Bohor at [ero@usccr.gov](mailto:ero@usccr.gov), or 202-376-7533.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** If other persons who plan to attend the meeting require other accommodations, please contact Evelyn Bohor at [ebohor@usccr.gov](mailto:ebohor@usccr.gov) at the Eastern Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Time will be set aside at the end of the briefing so that members of the public may address the Committee after the formal presentations have been completed. Persons interested in the issue are also invited to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Written comments may be mailed to the Eastern

Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425, faxed to (202) 376-7548, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at [ero@usccr.gov](mailto:ero@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at (202) 376-7533.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <https://database.faca.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=252> and clicking on the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, [www.usccr.gov](http://www.usccr.gov), or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above phone number, email or street address.

**Tentative Agenda**

*Wednesday, March 21, 2018*

- I. Welcome and Introductions, 12:30 p.m.
- II. Briefing, 12:30 p.m.
  - Panel One: Government Officials
  - Panel Two: Advocates
- III. Open Session—conclusion of panels
- IV. Adjournment

Dated: March 1, 2018.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS****Notice of Public Meetings of the New York Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the New York Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 12:00 p.m. (EDT) on: Friday, March 16, 2018. The purpose of the meeting is to review a report on police practices.

**DATES:** Friday, March 16, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** Public call-in information: Conference call-in number: 877-857-6163 and conference ID #7575052.