

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2019-0048]

#### Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Release of *Sericothrips staphylinus* for Biological Control of Gorse

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that we have prepared an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact relative to permitting the release of *Sericothrips staphylinus* for the biological control of gorse, a spiny shrub, within the contiguous United States. Based on our finding of no significant impact, we have 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; email: [Colin.Stewart@usda.gov](mailto:Colin.Stewart@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

During the late 1800s, gorse was introduced into North America from Western Europe. Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) is a spiny shrub found in eastern States, Washington, Oregon, California, and Hawaii. This plant is most often a pest of disturbed sites in open wild or less-developed areas where management is minimal or non-existent. Gorse's invasiveness is most prolific in the maritime climate within a few miles of the ocean, where sandy soils and rocky outcrops are especially vulnerable to invasion. Gorse's impacts include

displacement of native plants, including forest tree saplings, reduction in the quality of wildlife habitats, increased fire hazard, interference in rights-of-way and recreation sites, and reduced livestock forage production.

The insect *Sericothrips staphylinus* was chosen as a potential biological control agent. Although specific information as to the extent of its range has been difficult to obtain, the native distribution of the agent is assumed to overlap with the majority of the range of gorse in Europe.

On August 20, 2019, we published in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 43099, Docket No. APHIS-2019-0048) 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 release of *Sericothrips staphylinus* for the biological control of gorse within the contiguous United States.

We solicited comments on the EA for 30 days ending September 19, 2019. We received 10 comments by that date. Eight of those comments were in favor of the release of the biological control agent. Two commenters were not in favor of the biological control agent and raised concerns regarding the release of the insect. These comments are addressed in Appendix 5 of the final EA.

In this document, we are advising the public of our finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the release of *Sericothrips staphylinus* for the biological control of gorse within the contiguous United States. The finding, which is based on the EA, reflects our determination that release of the *Sericothrips staphylinus* will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Concurrent with this announcement, we will issue a permit for the release of *Sericothrips staphylinus* for the biological control of gorse. 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 at USDA, Room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, between 8 a.m.

<sup>1</sup> To view the notice, supporting documents, and the comments we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2019-0048>.

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and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect copies are requested to call ahead on (202) 799-7039 to facilitate entry into the reading room. 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 8th day of April 2020.

**Michael Watson,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the North Carolina Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** 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 (FACA), that a planning meeting of the North Carolina State Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call, on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. (EST). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss its civil rights project on legal financial obligations.

**DATES:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. (EST).

*Call-in Information:* 1-206-800-4892 and conference call ID: 818972654#.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mallory Trachtenberg at [mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov](mailto:mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov) or by phone at (312) 353-8311.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is available to the public through the telephone number and

conference ID listed above. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call-in numbers: 1-206-800-4892 and conference call ID: 818972654#.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the respective meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Mallory Trachtenberg at [mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov](mailto:mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (312) 353-8311. Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at [https://www.faca-database.gov/FACA/apex/FACA\\_PublicCommittee?id=a10t0000001gzldAAA](https://www.faca-database.gov/FACA/apex/FACA_PublicCommittee?id=a10t0000001gzldAAA); click the “Meeting Details” and “Documents” links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Midwestern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meetings. 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 Midwestern Regional Office at the above phone number or email.

#### Agenda

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Announcements and Updates
- IV. Discussion: Civil Rights Project on Legal Financial Obligations
- V. Next Steps
- VI. Adjournment

Dated: April 24, 2020.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*  
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#### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

##### Notice of Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** 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 (FACA), that a meeting of the Massachusetts Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (EDT). To review and vote on a statement of concern regarding detention facilities in Massachusetts.

**DATES:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (EDT).

##### *Public Call-In Information:*

Conference call-in number: 5259966 and conference ID: 1-888-254-3590.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested members of the public may listen to the discussion by calling the following toll-free conference call-in number: 5259966 and conference ID: 1-888-254-3590. Please be advised that before placing them into the conference call, the conference call operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and email addresses (so that callers may be notified of future meetings). Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over landline connections to the toll-free conference call-in number.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the operator with the toll-free conference call-in number: 5259966 and conference ID: 1-888-254-3590.

Members of the public are invited to make statements during the open comment period of the meeting or submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office approximately 30 days after each scheduled meeting. 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://www.faca-database.gov/FACA/PublicViewCommitteeDetails?id=a10t0000001gzllAAA>, click 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 meetings. 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 numbers, email or street address.

#### Agenda

*Thursday, April 30, 2020; 2:00 p.m. (EDT)*

1. Roll Call
2. Review and Edit Statement of Concern
3. Vote on Statement
4. Other Business
5. Open Comment
6. Adjourn

Dated: April 24, 2020.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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#### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

##### Notice of Public Meeting of the Missouri Advisory Committee to discuss voting as a topic of study in the state

**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 Missouri Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. (Central) for the purpose discussing voting as a topic of study in the state.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. (Central)

**Public Call Information:** Dial: 206-800-4892, Conference ID: 150420354.

**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 call-in number: 206-800-4892, conference ID: 150420354. 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