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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

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

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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

SUMMARY: It is the intention of the NRCS in Louisiana to issue revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG for the following practices: Nutrient Management (code 590), and Waste Utilization (code 633).

DATES: Comments will be received on or before March 23, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

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

Dated: February 7, 2000.

Donald W. Gohmert,

State Conservationist, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) in Mississippi

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Mississippi.

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

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Mississippi to issue new and revised conservation practices of the FOTG in its entirety. Each of 123 standards under the responsibility of Ecological Sciences and Engineering are being issued and are available for public comment.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before March 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Inquire in writing to Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Suite 1321 Federal Building, 100 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269. Copies of the draft conservation practice standards will be made available upon written request.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law 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 Mississippi will receive comments relative to the stated summary. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Mississippi regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

Richard L. Peace,

State Conservation Engineer, Jackson, MS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 000209033-0036-00]

RIN Number 0607-XX56

Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) will conduct the Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures survey for the year 1999. The U.S. Census Bureau, prior to 1995, conducted the Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures survey, MA-200. Due to budget limitations, the survey was suspended. In response to the need for this data to assess the cost of environmental regulations on private business, the U.S. Census Bureau, with support from the Environmental Protection Agency, is reinstating the Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures survey.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Taylor, Manufacturing and Construction Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2135, Federal Building 4, Washington, DC 20233, on (301) 457-4683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225. The Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data for the period between the economic censuses. The next economic census will occur in the year 2002. Data collected in this survey will be within the general scope, type, and character of those inquiries covered in the economic census.

The survey form will collect—from plants that produce goods or provide services classified in manufacturing,

mining, and electric utility industries—data on the operating costs of pollution prevention and treatment, including hazardous pollutants, payments to government agencies for pollution removal, and new capital expenditures for pollution prevention and treatment (such as for air pollution control, water pollution control, and solid waste). These data are similar to the data collected on the previously mentioned MA-200. The survey results will be used to track costs of regulatory programs and rules. Results also will be used for monitoring economic impact and promoting growth of environmental programs.

The U.S. Census Bureau will use mail-out/mail-back survey forms to collect the data. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 60 days of the initial mailing. Letters encouraging participation will be mailed to companies that have not responded by the designated time. Resulting statistics will be published in the Current Industrial Reports series.

The primary users of these data will be federal, state, and local government agencies, including the U.S. Census Bureau, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Other users include business firms, academics, trade associations, and research and consulting organizations. These data are not publicly available from nongovernmental or other governmental sources on a timely and continuing basis.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 United States Code, Chapter 35, we have submitted the survey to OMB. We will furnish report forms to organizations included in the survey, and additional copies are available on written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that an annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

Kenneth Prewitt,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021500B]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling public information meetings in support of its Habitat Committee to solicit public input on proposals to begin developing one or more dedicated habitat research areas. The results of and information gathered at these meetings will be reviewed by the Habitat Committee. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Monday, March 6, 2000 at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at 3:00 p.m., and Monday, March 13, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held as follows:

March 6, 2000, 3:00 p.m., Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH; (603) 431-6774;

March 8, 2000, 3:00 p.m., Center for Marine Science and Technology (CMAS), University of Massachusetts, 706 South Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA; (508) 999-8193; and

March 13, 2000, 10:00 a.m., Sheraton Plymouth Inn, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA; (508) 747-4900.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1036; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The New England Fishery Management Council's Habitat Committee is holding informational meetings on the potential establishment of one or more new dedicated habitat research areas. The committee is trying to identify the major issues related to developing the research area(s). The committee solicits suggestions and input on the location and design of proposed habitat research area(s). The committee also wants to ensure that any area(s) selected would be appropriate for the conduct of

habitat-related research and information gathering.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, those issues will not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: February 15, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 000216044-0044-01]

Public Meeting, Child Online Protection Act Commission

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In October 1998, Congress passed the Child Online Protection Act (COPA), Pub. L. No. 105-277, 112 Stat. 2681-736 (1998), to restrict the commercial distribution of material that is harmful to minors on the Internet. The Act established a Commission to examine the extent to which current technological tools effectively help to protect children from inappropriate online content. Under the statute, the Speaker of the House and the Senator Majority Leader selected 16 members of the Commission from the public and private sector. In addition, the statute provided that representatives from the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Justice, and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration will also serve on the Commission as "ex officio" members. The original COPA legislative language