

comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

David P. Doss,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Refinancing Water and Wastewater Loans

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice describes the Rural Utilities Service's Water and Wastewater (WW) loan program refinancing policies, informs commercial lenders of the availability of a list of eligible WW borrowers that have the potential to refinance outstanding debt, and invites commercial credit sources to participate in refinancing loans from the Agency's portfolio.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deanna Plauche' Loan Specialist, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, Room 2238, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250, Telephone: (202) 720-9635.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agency provides credit to public entities such as municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts, Indian tribes, tribal organizations and nonprofit corporations. The eligible WW loan purposes are to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve water and wastewater systems. The Agency's credit programs are administered in a manner which ensures that they do not compete with credit available from other reliable sources. Loan agreements require financially capable borrowers to refinance debts owed to the Agency when other credit is available at reasonable rates and terms from a cooperative or private credit source.

The Agency would like to further develop its public/private partnerships while enhancing its refinancing efforts. As part of these efforts, each Rural Development State office, which administers the WW program in the field, will maintain a current listing of borrowers that have the potential to refinance. The Agency requests that any interested lenders contact the State

office in each State for the current list of borrowers with potential to graduate. The Agency has developed a unified database of lenders interested in this refinancing initiative as part of the ongoing effort to establish a stronger alliance with private sector lenders. Each interested lender should submit its name and address to the State office located in its residing State. Each State office is required to provide a copy of its current lender list annually to the National office for compilation of a nationwide database. This list should be submitted to the National office by October 1, of each year.

Dated: July 31, 1997.

John Romano,

Deputy Administrator, Water and Wastewater.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Minnesota Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Minnesota Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 1997 at the Embassy Suites, 425 S. 7th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights issues of interest and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Alan W. Weinblatt, 612-292-8770, or Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, August 5, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New Mexico Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the New Mexico Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on September 15, 1997, at the Clovis Public Library, Ingram Room, 701 North Main Street, Clovis, New Mexico 88101. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss: (1) Food stamp fraud sting operation carried out in Clovis; (2) progress on the Farmington project; and (3) plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Lynda Eaton, 505-326-4338, or Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, August 4, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Ohio Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Ohio Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 1997, at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights issues and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Grace Ramos, 614-466-6715, or Constance Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the

services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, August 5, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 911]

Grant of Authority; Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone, Springfield, Missouri

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the City of Springfield Airport Board, on behalf of the City of Springfield, Missouri (the Grantee), has made application to the Board (FTZ Docket 72-96, 61 FR 54153, 10/17/96), requesting the establishment of a foreign-trade zone at the Springfield-Branson Regional Airport complex in Springfield, Missouri, within the Springfield Customs port of entry; and,

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register**, and the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report and finds that the requirements of the Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants to the Grantee the privilege of establishing a foreign-trade zone, designated on the records of the Board as Foreign-Trade Zone No. 225, at the site described in the application, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations,

including Section 400.28, and subject to the standard 2,000-acre activation limit.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 1st day of August 1997.

Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

William M. Daley,

Secretary of Commerce, Chairman and Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 909]

Grant of Authority; Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone, Spokane, Washington

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, Spokane Airport Board, on behalf of the City and County of Spokane, Washington (the Grantee), has made application to the Board (FTZ Docket 70-96, 61 FR 52909, 10/9/96), requesting the establishment of a foreign-trade zone in Spokane, Washington, within the Spokane Customs port of entry; and,

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register**, and the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report and finds that the requirements of the Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants to the Grantee the privilege of establishing a foreign-trade zone, designated on the records of the Board as Foreign-Trade Zone No. 224, at the sites described in the application, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 1st day of August 1997.

Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

William M. Daley,

Secretary of Commerce, Chairman and Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 080597B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit 1055 (P646) and modification 2 to permit 1025 (P622).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a permit to Amy Harris, a student of California State University at Sacramento, CA and a modification to a permit to the California Department of Fish and Game at Sacramento, CA (CDFG) providing authorization for takes of an endangered species for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6064).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The permit and the permit modification were issued under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Notice was published on May 12, 1997 (62 FR 25927) that an application had been filed by Amy Harris (P646) for a scientific research permit. Permit 1055 was issued to Amy Harris on August 1, 1997. Permit 1055 authorizes Amy Harris an annual take of juvenile, endangered, Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to compare the relative abundance of juvenile chinook salmon in restored and naturally-occurring shallow-water habitats in the northern