

smaller-scale ORV projects in the States of Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, and Alabama. The March 2001 notice contained detailed information about the history of the problems with raccoon rabies in eastern States and with gray fox and coyote rabies in Texas, along with information about previous and ongoing efforts using ORV baits in programs to prevent the spread of the rabies strains of concern.

Subsequently, on May 17, 2001, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 27489, Docket No. 01-009-2) a notice in which we announced the availability, for public review and comment, of an environmental assessment (EA) that examined the potential environmental effects of the ORV programs described in our March 2001 notice. We solicited comments on the EA for 30 days ending on June 18, 2001. We received one comment by that date. The comment was from an animal protection organization and supported APHIS' efforts toward limiting or eradicating rabies in wildlife populations. The commenter did not, however, support the use of lethal monitoring methods or local depopulation as part of an ORV program.

In this document, we are advising the public of APHIS' record of decision and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the use of oral vaccination to control specific rabies virus variants in raccoons, gray foxes, and coyotes in the United States. This decision will allow APHIS-WS to purchase and distribute ORV baits, monitor the effectiveness of the ORV programs, and participate in implementing contingency plans that may involve the reduction of a limited number of local target species populations through lethal means (i.e., the preferred alternative identified in the EA). The decision is based upon the final EA, which reflects our review and consideration of the comments received from the public in response to our March 2001 and May 2001 notices and information gathered during planning/scoping meetings with State health departments, other State and local agencies, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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 1); and (4) APHIS' NEPA

Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of August 2001.

Craig A. Reed,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-093-9]

Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules; Reopening and Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are reopening and extending the comment period for a notice seeking public comments on the draft Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: We invite you to comment on the draft Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules. We will consider all comments on Docket 97-093-7 that we receive by September 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 97-093-7, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 97-093-7.

You may read any comments that we receive on Docket No. 97-093-7 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>.

You may request a copy of the draft Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules by writing to the person listed

under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT. The document is also available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/scrapie>, and we may post revised versions to this website for additional comment in the future.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Diane Sutton, National Scrapie Program Coordinator, National Animal Health Programs Staff, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-6954.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Scrapie is a degenerative and eventually fatal disease affecting the central nervous systems of sheep and goats. To control the spread of scrapie within the United States, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, administers regulations at 9 CFR part 79 that restrict the interstate movement of certain sheep and goats. APHIS also has regulations at 9 CFR part 54 that describe a voluntary scrapie control program.

On April 20, 2001, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 20231, Docket No. 97-093-7) soliciting comments on the draft Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules (UM&R). The UM&R is a set of proposed cooperative procedures and standards to aid in the control and eradication of scrapie. The legal requirements for interstate movement of sheep and goats due to scrapie are contained in title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Scrapie Eradication UM&R provides guidance to the States regarding the minimum standards necessary for a State to participate in the national eradication program.

Comments on the UM&R were originally required to be received on or before June 19, 2001. On June 27, 2001, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 34143, Docket No. 97-093-8) reopening and extending the comment period until August 20, 2001. We are reopening and extending the comment period on Docket No. 97-093-7 again, until September 20, 2001. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

Comments received before September 20, 2001, will be reviewed and considered before another draft is put out for review by States, industry, and the public. APHIS will continue to accept comments on the UM&R on an ongoing basis and will open it for revision at least annually, as indicated in the introduction to the UM&R. Additional input may be provided directly to the national scrapie program coordinator at any time, at the address

given above under "For Further Information Contact:".

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 111–113, 114, 114a, 115, 117, 120, 121, 123–126, and 134a–134h; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of August 2001.

Craig A. Reed,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

Arctic Research Commission Meeting

August 20, 2001.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 62nd Meeting in Anchorage, AK on September 10 and 11, 2001. The Business Session open to the public will convene at 9 a.m. Monday, September 10, in the Agenda items include:

(1) Call to order and approval of the Agenda.

(2) Approval of the Minutes of the 61st Meeting.

(3) Reports from Congressional Liaisons.

(4) Agency Reports.

The focus of the Meeting will be reports and updates on programs and research projects affecting the U.S. Arctic. Presentations include a review of the research needs for civil infrastructure in Alaska.

The Business Session will reconvene at 9 a.m. Tuesday, September 10. An Executive Session will follow adjournment of the Business Session.

Any person planning to attend this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters must inform the Commission in advance of those needs.

Contact Person for More Information: Dr. Garrett W. Brass, Executive Director, Arctic Research Commission, 703–525–0111 or TDD 703–306–0090.

Garrett W. Brass,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the

provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Annual Trade Report.

Form Number(s): SA–42, SA–42A.

Agency Approval Number: 0607–0195.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,364 hours.

Number of Respondents: 6,000.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 24 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Annual Trade Survey (ATS) is the official source of annual sales, inventory, inventory valuation methods, purchases, cost of goods sold, and gross margin estimates for merchant wholesalers in the United States. The ATS provides annual wholesale data needed to improve the accuracy of personal consumption estimates and inventory adjustments in the gross domestic product (GDP) accounts and for benchmarking results of the Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey. The ATS has fulfilled these important and recurring data needs since its inception in 1978. The estimates compiled from this survey provide valuable information for economic policy decisions by the government and are widely used by private businesses, trade organizations, professional associations, and other business research and analysis organizations. This request is for the clearance of two similar report forms, the SA–42 and SA–42A, used to collect data in this survey using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Previously, these report forms were numbered B–450 and B–451 on the old Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) basis. The move to NAICS represents a change in classification to some companies, but not a change in the questions asked on our forms. Both forms request similar data items but different forms are needed to accommodate both large and small firms. The survey report forms are used to collect both total and e-commerce sales, purchases, year-end inventory, inventory valuation methods, and legal form of organization from merchant wholesale firms.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 182, 224, and 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395–5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3129, Department of

Commerce, room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 24, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Billfish Certificate of Eligibility.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 064–0216.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 43.

Number of Respondents: 350.

Average Hours Per Response: :20 minutes to complete a certificate, 2 minutes for recordkeeping.

Needs and Uses: Persons are the first receivers of billfish are required to complete a Certificate of Eligibility as a condition for domestic trade of fresh or frozen billfish. Dealers or processors who subsequently receive or possess billfish must retain a copy of the Certificate while processing the billfish. The purpose of the requirement is to ensure that Atlantic billfish are retained as a recreational resources, and that any billfish entering the commercial trade have not been harvested in the Atlantic Ocean management unit.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3129, Department of