

TABLE A-3.—COMPARISON BETWEEN 1998 AND 1997 PSAF COMPONENTS—Continued

	1998	1997
Total	\$616.3	\$623.5
B. Cost of Capital:		
Short-term Debt Rate	5.1%	5.2%
Long-term Debt Rate	6.8%	7.1%
Pre-tax Return on Equity	22.4%	19.1%
Weighted Average Long-term Cost of Capital	16.9%	15.1%
C. Tax Rate	32.1%	32.1%
D. Capital Structure:		
Short-term Debt	14.2%	14.5%
Long-term Debt	30.0%	29.0%
Equity	55.8%	56.5%
E. Other Required PSAF Recoveries (millions of dollars):		
Sales Taxes	\$9.1	\$11.6
Federal Deposit Insurance Assessment	\$2.6	\$2.0
Board of Governors Expenses	\$2.8	\$2.9
F. Total PSAF:		
Required Recovery	\$108.5	\$101.5
As Percent of Capital	17.6%	16.3%
As Percent of Expenses	18.1%	16.6%

TABLE A-4.—COMPUTATION OF CAPITAL ADEQUACY FOR FEDERAL RESERVE PRICED SERVICES
[Millions of dollars]

	Assets	Risk Weight	Weighted Assets
Imputed reserve requirement on clearing balances	\$750.4	0.0	\$0.0
Investment in marketable securities	6,753.5	0.0	0.0
Receivables	69.0	0.2	13.8
Materials and supplies	4.3	1.0	4.3
Prepaid expenses	14.1	1.0	14.1
Items in process of collection	2,922.8	0.2	584.6
Premises	360.4	1.0	360.4
Furniture and equipment	145.2	1.0	145.2
Leases and long-term prepayments	23.3	1.0	23.3
Total	11,043.0	.....	1,145.7
Imputed Equity for 1996 .....	.....	\$343.8	.....
Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets .....	.....	30.0%	.....
Capital Total Assets .....	.....	3.1%	.....

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 5, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97N-0451]

Microbial Safety of Produce; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a public meeting to discuss practices to minimize microbial food safety risks for

produce as part of the President's initiative to ensure the safety of imported and domestic fruits and vegetables and other foods.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Submit registration for the meeting and requests to make oral presentations by Wednesday, November 12, 1997. If you have written or published materials to be distributed at the public meeting, please bring at least 250 copies to the meeting. Written comments will be accepted until Friday, November 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Key Bridge Marriott, Potomac Ballroom Salons A, B, and C, 1401 Lee Hwy., Arlington, VA. Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals

may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Catherine M. DeRoeve, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-22), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-4251, FAX 202-205-4970, or e-mail "cderoeve@Bangate.fda.gov". Send registration information (including name, title, firm name, address, telephone, and fax number), one copy of any material that you wish to distribute at the meeting, and requests to make oral presentations to the contact person.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 2, 1997, President Clinton announced an initiative to ensure the safety of imported and domestic produce and other foods. This initiative is geared to optimize the microbial safety of domestic and imported fruits and vegetables. As part of this initiative,

the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in partnership with the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and in cooperation with the agricultural community, to issue guidance on good agricultural practices and good manufacturing practices for fruits and vegetables. FDA will coordinate the effort for DHHS. As part of this effort, FDA plans to publish a draft document for public comment early in 1998, and a final document later next year. To assist with these documents, FDA is particularly interested in information on how to minimize microbial contamination through the control of water, manure, worker sanitation and health, field and facility sanitation, and transportation and handling.

Public input is planned through several avenues, including this public meeting. Both oral and written comments from the public are encouraged. A series of grassroots meetings will also be held throughout the country to discuss the initiative. The dates, locations, and times will be published in an upcoming issue of the **Federal Register**.

Transcripts of the public meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A-16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting at a cost of 10 cents per page. The transcript of the public meeting and all submitted comments will be available for public examination at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: November 5, 1997.

William K. Hubbard,
Associate Commissioner for Policy
Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Public Scoping Meetings for Issuance of an Incidental Take Permit to the Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Mendocino County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior; National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Commerce; California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

ACTION: Notice of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (collectively "the Services"), and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection intend to prepare a joint National Environmental Policy Act document/Environmental Impact Report for: (1) Approval of a Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan), and issuance of an incidental take permit to Georgia-Pacific Corporation, pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), and (2) approval of Georgia-Pacific's Sustained Yield Plan by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, including consideration of conservation measures or plans addressing State-listed species. The Plan will cover forest management activities on Georgia-Pacific's properties in Mendocino County, California. Georgia-Pacific intends to request an incidental take permit for the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus marmoratus*), American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*), coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), and possibly other Federally-listed species. It is anticipated that Georgia-Pacific may also seek coverage for approximately 40-50 currently unlisted species of concern under specific provisions of the permit, should these species be listed in the future.

Public Involvement

This notice is being furnished pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR sections 1501.7 and 1508.22) to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on what alternatives should be considered and what environmental impacts issues should be addressed in preparation of the National Environmental Policy Act document. To satisfy both Federal and State environmental policy act requirements, the above Federal and California agencies are conducting a joint scoping process for the preparation of environmental documents.

DATES: In order to expedite the planning process, the above agencies request all scoping comments to this notice be received by December 20, 1997. As an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the scope of the National Environmental Policy Act document, two public scoping meetings have been scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 1997, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Town Hall, 363

North Main Street, Fort Bragg, California.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the scope of the National Environmental Policy Act document should be addressed to Mr. Bruce Halstead, Project Leader, Coastal California Fish and Wildlife Office, 1125 16th Street, Room 209, Arcata, California 95521-5582. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile to (707) 822-8411. Comments received will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (Monday through Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at the above office. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Mr. Ken Hoffman at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Georgia-Pacific Corporation, a forest products company, owns and manages approximately 192,952 acres of commercial forest lands in Mendocino County, California, that will be considered for inclusion in the Plan. Georgia-Pacific's multi-species Plan is anticipated to include the northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, American peregrine falcon, coho salmon, and possibly other threatened/endangered species as part of their application for the incidental take permit. In addition, approximately 40-50 unlisted species of concern (anadromous and resident fish, wildlife, and plants) are being considered for inclusion in the Plan and provisions under the permit. The National Environmental Policy Act document will evaluate various forest management alternatives for the planning area.

Once completed, it is expected that Georgia-Pacific Corporation will submit the Plan as part of their incidental take permit application, as required under section 10(a) of the Act. The Services will evaluate the incidental take permit application, and associated Plan, in accordance with section 10(a) of the Act, and its implementing regulations.

Environmental review of the permit application, including the Plan, will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations. A No Action/No Project alternative will be considered consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act.

Georgia-Pacific will also be preparing a Sustained Yield Plan pursuant to the provisions under Article 6.75 of the