

information to ensure that U.S. birds and poultry undergo appropriate examinations before entering the United States. Without the information, it would be impossible for APHIS to establish an effective line of defense against an introduction of HPAI and Newcastle Disease.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 973.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting and Recordkeeping: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,932.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Citrus Canker; Interstate Movement of Regulated Nursery Stock and Fruit from Quarantined Areas.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0317.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701, *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture, either independently or in cooperation with the States, is authorized to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests new to or widely distributed throughout the United States. The interstate movement of nursery stock from an area quarantined for citrus canker poses an extremely high risk of spreading citrus canker outside the quarantined area. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has regulations in place to prevent the interstate spread of citrus canker. These regulations, contained in 7 CFR 301.75, restrict the interstate movement of regulated articles from and through quarantined areas and prohibit the interstate movement of regulated nursery stock from a quarantined area.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS uses compliance agreements, limited permits, certificates, and appeal processes to control the movements. Failure to collect required information for the documents could result in severe economic loss to the citrus industry due to the spread of the citrus canker disease.

Description of Respondents:

Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 402.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,840.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a virtual meeting. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. RAC information can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., Alaska Standard Time.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually only. A conference line is set up for those who would like to listen in by telephone. For the conference call number, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Ketchikan Misty Fjords Ranger District. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Penny L. Richardson, RAC Coordinator, by phone at 907-228-4105 (office) or 907-419-5300 (cell), or via email at penny.richardson@usda.gov.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Update members on past RAC projects, and
2. Propose new RAC projects.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by October 29, 2020, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time to make oral comments must be sent by mail to Penny L. Richardson, RAC Coordinator, Ketchikan Misty Fjords Ranger District, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901, by email to penny.richardson@usda.gov, or via facsimile to 907-225-8738.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to the facility or proceedings, please contact the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Dated: October 1, 2020.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket No.: 200922-0253]

Commerce Alternative Personnel System

AGENCY: Office of Administration, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the expansion of employee coverage under the Commerce Alternative Personnel System (CAPS), formerly the Department of Commerce Personnel Management Demonstration Project, published in the **Federal Register** on December 24, 1997. This coverage is extended to include employees of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) located in the Southeast Regional Office.

DATES: The amended Commerce Alternative Personnel System is effective October 7, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Department of Commerce—Sandra

Thompson, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 51020, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-0056 or Valerie Smith at (202) 482-0272.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) approved the Department of Commerce (DoC) demonstration project for an alternative personnel management system and published the final plan in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67434). The demonstration project was designed to simplify current classification systems for greater flexibility in classifying work and paying employees; establish a performance management and rewards system for improving individual and organizational performance; and improve recruiting and examining to attract highly-qualified candidates. The purpose of the project was to strengthen the contribution of human resources management and test whether the same innovations conducted under the National Institute of Standards and Technology alternative personnel management system would produce similarly successful results in other DoC environments. The project was implemented on March 29, 1998. The project plan has been modified fifteen times to clarify certain DoC Demonstration Project authorities, and to extend and expand the project: 64 FR 52810 (September 30, 1999); 68 FR 47948 (August 12, 2003); 68 FR 54505 (September 17, 2003); 70 FR 38732 (July 5, 2005); 71 FR 25615 (May 1, 2006); 71 FR 50950 (August 28, 2006); 74 FR 22728 (May 14, 2009); 80 FR 25 (January 2, 2015); 81 FR 20322 (April 7, 2016); 81 FR 40653 (June 22, 2016); 81 FR 54787 (August 17, 2016); 82 FR 1688 (January 6, 2017); 83 FR 54707 (October 31, 2018); 84 FR 22807 (May 20, 2019); and 85 FR 12771 (March 4, 2020). With the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161, on December 26, 2007, the project was made permanent (extended indefinitely) and renamed the Commerce Alternative Personnel System (CAPS). CAPS provides for modifications to be made as experience is gained, results are analyzed, and conclusions are reached on how the system is working. This notice announces that the DoC expands CAPS to include bargaining unit employees in the NMFS located in the Southeast Regional Office (SERO).

The DoC will follow the CAPS plan as published in the **Federal Register** on

December 24, 1997, and subsequent modifications as listed in the Background Section of this notice.

Paula Patrick,

Deputy Director for Human Resources Management and Deputy Chief Human Capital Officer.

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I. Executive Summary

CAPS is designed to (1) improve hiring and allow DoC to compete more effectively for high-quality candidates through direct hiring, selective use of higher entry salaries, and selective use of recruitment incentives; (2) motivate and retain staff through higher pay potential, pay-for-performance, more responsive personnel systems, and selective use of retention incentives; (3) strengthen the manager's role in personnel management through delegation of personnel authorities; and (4) increase the efficiency of personnel systems through the installation of a simpler and more flexible classification system based on pay banding, through reduction of guidelines, steps, and paperwork in classification, hiring, and other personnel systems, and through automation.

The current participating organizations include 1 office of the Deputy Secretary in the Office of the Secretary, 6 offices of the Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Secretary for Administration in the Office of the Secretary; the Bureau of Economic Analysis; 2 units of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA); The Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and the First Responder Network Authority (an independent authority within NTIA); and 12 units of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, the National Weather Service—Space Environment Center, the National Ocean Service, the Program Planning and Integration Office, the Office of the Under Secretary, the Marine and Aviation Operations, the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the Office of Human Capital Services, formerly the Workforce Management Office, and the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

This amendment modifies the December 24, 1997, **Federal Register** notice. Specifically, it expands DoC

CAPS to include NMFS bargaining unit employees located in the SERO.

II. Basis for CAPS Expansion

A. Purpose

CAPS is designed to provide supervisors/managers at the lowest organizational level the authority, control, and flexibility to recruit, retain, develop, recognize, and motivate its workforce, while ensuring adequate accountability and oversight.

NMFS is responsible for the stewardship of the nation's ocean resources and their habitat. NMFS provide vital services for the nation including productive and sustainable fisheries, safe sources of seafood, the recovery and conservation of protected resources, and healthy ecosystems. NMFS works in partnership with Regional Fishery Management Councils to assess and predict the status of fish stocks, set catch limits, ensure compliance with fisheries regulations, and reduce bycatch. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act, NMFS works to recover protected marine species while allowing economic and recreational opportunities. Since the inception of the demonstration project in 1997, and subsequent modification/expansion notices, units of NMFS have participated in CAPS.

A September 17, 2003, notice (68 FR 54505) announced the expansion of CAPS to include non-bargaining unit employees located in the SERO, in St. Petersburg, Florida. With many NOAA organizations being covered by an alternative personnel management system, NOAA and NMFS made the determination to convert the remaining bargaining unit GS SERO workforce under CAPS.

The expansion of CAPS coverage to include the remaining bargaining unit GS employees of SERO will allow NMFS to continue to benefit from the flexibilities provided by CAPS and should improve the organization's ability to recruit and retain a high-quality workforce.

DoC's CAPS allows for modifications of procedures if no new waiver from law or regulation is added. Given that this expansion is in accordance with existing law and regulation and CAPS is a permanent alternative personnel system, the DoC is authorized to make the changes described in this notice.

B. Participating Employees

Employee notification of this expansion will be accomplished by providing a full set of briefings to employees and managers and providing

them electronic access to all CAPS policies and procedures, including the fifteen previous Federal Register notices. This Federal Register notice will also be accessible electronically upon approval. Subsequent supervisor training and informational briefings for all employees will be accomplished prior to the implementation date of the expansion.

C. Labor Participation

The Labor organization was notified about the CAPS expansion pertaining to

their bargaining unit membership. Bargaining unit employees are covered by NAGE Local R5-45, St. Petersburg, Florida.

III. Changes to the Project Plan

The CAPS at DoC, published in the Federal Register on December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67434), is amended as follows:

1. The following organization will be added to the project plan, Section II D—Participating Organizations.

Within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS),

Additional employees in the following:

Southeast Regional Office (SERO)

2. The following bargaining unit is added to the project plan, Section II F—Labor Participation Table 4—Bargaining Unit Coverage.

SERO St. Petersburg, FL NAGE Local R5-45

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ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

total or partial separation of the firms' workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of the firms contributed importantly to the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE [9/25/2020 through 9/30/2020]

Table with 4 columns: Firm name, Firm address, Date accepted for investigation, Product(s). Rows include Art Technologies, LLC and Art's-Way Manufacturing Company, Inc.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. These petitions are received pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA's regulations at 13 CFR 315.9 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which

these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

Bryan Borlik, Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-119]

Certain Vertical Shaft Engines Between 225cc and 999cc, and Parts Thereof, From the People's Republic of China: Amended Negative Preliminary Determination of Critical Circumstances

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is amending the preliminary determination of the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of certain vertical shaft engines between 225cc and 999cc, and parts thereof (vertical shaft engines) from the People's Republic of China (China) to correct a