

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration****Opportunity for Designation in the California; Frankfort, IN; Indianapolis, IN; and Virginia Areas and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas**

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end on December 31, 2009. We are asking persons or governmental agencies interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. We are also asking for comments on the quality of services provided by these currently designated agencies: California Agri Inspection Company, Inc. (California Agri); Frankfort Grain Inspection, Inc. (Frankfort); Indianapolis Grain Inspection & Weighing Service, Inc. (Indianapolis); and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Virginia).

DATES: Applications and comments must be received on or before July 1, 2009.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit applications and comments on this notice by any of the following methods:

- *To apply for designation*, go to "FGISonline" at https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx then select *Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR)*. You will need a USDA e-authentication, username, password, and a customer number prior to applying.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- *Fax:* (202) 690-2755, to the attention of: Karen Guagliardo.

- *E-mail:*

Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

- *Mail:* Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

- *Internet:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting and reading comments online.

Read Applications and Comments: All applications and comments will be available for public inspection at the

office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Guagliardo at 202-720-7312, e-mail Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA or Act) (7 U.S.C. 71-87k) authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services.

Under section 7(g)(1) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for 3 years unless terminated by the Secretary, but may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the Act.

Areas Open for Designation*California Agri*

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of California, is assigned to this official agency.

Bounded on the North by the northern California State line east to the eastern California State line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern California State line south to the southern San Bernardino County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern San Bernardino and Orange County lines west to the western California State line; and

Bounded on the West by the western California State line north to the northern California State line.

California Agri's assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside California Agri's area which are serviced by GIPSA.

Frankfort

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana, is assigned to this official agency:

Bounded on the North by the northern Fulton County line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Fulton County line south to State Route 19; State Route 19 south to State Route 114; State Route 114 southeast to the eastern Fulton and Miami County lines; the northern Grant County line east to County Highway 900E; County Highway 900E south to State Route 18; State Route 18 east to the Grant County line; the eastern and southern Grant County lines; the eastern Tipton County line; the eastern Hamilton County line south to State Route 32;

Bounded on the South by State Route 32 west to the Boone County line; the

eastern and southern Boone County lines; the southern Montgomery County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western and northern Montgomery County lines; the western Clinton County line; the western Carroll County line north to State Route 25; State Route 25 northeast to Cass County; the western Cass and Fulton County lines.

Frankfort's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Frankfort's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Titus Grain Inspection, Inc.; The Andersons, Delphi, Carroll County; Frick Services, Inc., Leiters Ford, Fulton County; and Cargill, Inc., Linden, Montgomery County.

Indianapolis

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana, is assigned to this official agency:

Bartholomew; Brown; Hamilton, south of State Route 32; Hancock; Hendricks; Johnson; Madison, west of State Route 13 and south of State Route 132; Marion; Monroe; Morgan; and Shelby Counties.

Virginia

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Virginia, except those export port locations within the State, is assigned to this official agency.

Opportunity for Designation

Interested persons or governmental agencies, including California Agri, Frankfort, Indianapolis, and Virginia may apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of section 7(f) of the USGSA and 7 CFR 800.196(d). Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning January 4, 2010, and ending December 31, 2012. To apply for designation or for more information contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above or visit the GIPSA Web site at <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>.

Request for Comments

We are publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to comment on the quality of services provided by the California Agri, Frankfort, Indianapolis, and Virginia official agencies. In the designation process, we are particularly interested in receiving comments citing reasons and pertinent data supporting or objecting to the designation of the applicants. Submit all comments to the

Compliance Division at the above address or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

In determining which applicant will be designated, we will consider applications, comments, and other available information.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71–87k.

J. Dudley Butler,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration.

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ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 89th meeting in Washington, DC on June 16–18, 2009. The Business Session, open to the public, will convene at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2009 in Washington, DC. An Executive Session will follow adjournment of the Business Session.

The Agenda items include:

- (1) Call to order and approval of the Agenda.
- (2) Approval of the Minutes of the 88th Meeting.
- (3) Commissioners and Staff Reports.
- (4) Discussion of USARC Goals and Activities.

The focus of the meeting will be reports and updates on programs and research projects affecting the Arctic.

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: John Farrell, Executive Director, U.S. Arctic Research Commission, 703–525–0111 or TDD 703–306–0090.

John Farrell,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: American Fisheries Act: Vessel and Processor Permit Applications.
OMB Control Number: 0648–0393.
Form Number(s): None.
Type of Request: Regular submission.
Burden Hours: 157.
Number of Respondents: 44.
Average Hours Per Response:

Application for permit for replacement vessel, 30 minutes; application for inshore catcher vessel cooperative permit, 2 hours; and application for contract fishing by non-cooperative vessels, 4 hours.

Needs and Uses: Under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages the groundfish fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off Alaska through fishery management plans. The regulations that implement those fishery management plans appear at 50 CFR part 679. The American Fisheries Act (AFA), 16 U.S.C. 1851 provided a new program for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Management Area pollock fishery. In response to the AFA, NMFS developed a management program for BSAI pollock to include a set of permits for AFA catcher/processors, AFA catcher vessels, AFA inshore processors, AFA motherships, and AFA cooperatives. Vessels and processors in the BSAI pollock fishery are required to have valid AFA permits on board the vessel or at the processing plant, in addition to any other Federal or State permits. With the exceptions of the inshore vessel cooperatives, replacement vessel, and inshore vessel contract fishing applications, the AFA permit program had a one-time application deadline of December 1, 2000.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.
Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefit.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this

notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395–7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: May 27, 2009.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: Southeast Region Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and Related Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0544.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.
Burden Hours: 2,348.

Number of Respondents: 882.

Average Hours per Response: Fishing activity reports, 1 minute; VMS activation checklists, 15 minutes; and power-down exemption request, 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Under Amendment 18A to the Fishery Management Plan for Reef Fish Fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico, codified in 50 U.S.C. 622, owners of vessels with valid permits were required to install vessel monitoring systems (VMS) on their vessels. VMS units automatically send periodic reports on the position of the vessel. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) uses the reports to monitor the vessel's location and activities while enforcing area closures. When a VMS is installed and turned on, an activation checklist must be sent to NMFS Office for Law Enforcement. Every vessel that is required to have a VMS unit must have that VMS unit on and properly functioning at all times, even when docked, and prior to each fishing trip, or during a trip if activity changes, a report of fishing activity must be submitted to NMFS VMS personnel. A power-down exemption request may be submitted when boats are out of the water, i.e., for maintenance/repairs in drydock.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: One time and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.