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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2011-0021]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is sponsoring a public meeting on October 4, 2011. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items, and draft United States (U.S.) positions that will be discussed at the 19th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS), of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Cairns, Australia October 17–21, 2011. The Under Secretary for Food Safety recognizes the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 19th Session of the CCFICS, and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2011, from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the South Agriculture Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 0161–S, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 19th Session of the CCFICS will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>

Mary Stanley, U.S. Delegate to the 19th Session of the CCFICS invites U.S.

interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address

Mary.Stanley@fsis.usda.gov.

Call-In Number:

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 19th Session of the CCFICS by conference call, please use the call-in number and participant code listed below.

Call-in Number: 1–888–858–2144.

Participant Code: 6208658.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 19TH SESSION OF THE CCFICS CONTACT:

Mary Stanley, Director, International Policy Division, Office of Policy and Program Development, FSIS, USDA, South Agriculture Building, Room 2925, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, *telephone:* (202) 720–0287, *fax:* (202) 720–4929, *e-mail:* *Mary.Stanley@fsis.usda.gov.*

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Karen Stuck, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, *telephone:* (202) 205–7760, *fax:* (202) 720–3157, *e-mail:* *uscodex@fsis.usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCFICS Is Responsible for

(a) Developing principles and guidelines for food import and export inspection and certification systems with a view to harmonizing methods and procedures which protect the health of consumers, ensure fair trading practices and facilitate international trade in foodstuffs.

(b) Developing principles and guidelines for the application of measures by the competent authorities of exporting and importing countries to provide assurance where necessary that foodstuffs comply with requirements, especially statutory health requirements.

(c) Developing guidelines for the utilization, as and when appropriate, of quality assurance systems to ensure that foodstuffs conform to requirements and to promote the recognition of these systems in facilitating trade in food products under bilateral/multilateral arrangements by countries.

(d) Developing guidelines and criteria with respect to format declarations and language of such official certificates as countries may require with a view towards international harmonization.

(e) Making recommendations for information exchange in relation to food import/export control.

(f) Consulting as necessary with other international groups working on matters related to food inspection and certification systems.

(g) Considering other matters assigned to it by Codex in relation to food inspection and certification systems.

The CCFICS is hosted by Australia.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 19th Session of the CCFICS will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee by Codex and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.
- Activities of the FAO and the WHO relevant to the work of the CCFICS.
- Activities of other international organizations relevant to the work of the CCFICS.
- Proposed draft Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems.
- Other business and future work.
- Discussion paper on further guidance regarding attestation in Generic Model Official Certificate.
- Proposals for new work.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the October 4, 2011, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to Mary Stanley, U.S. Delegate for the 19th Session of the CCFICS (see **ADDRESSES**).

Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 19th Session of the CCFICS.

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Done at Washington, DC, on September 20, 2011.

Karen Stuck,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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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: Marine Recreational Information Program.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0052.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (revision of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 783,405 (37,060 net increase).

Average Hours per Response:

Screening questionnaires, 5 minutes; angler questionnaires, 6 minutes for telephone survey, 10 minutes for mail survey.

Burden Hours: 53,494 hours (3,854 hours net increase).

Needs and Uses: This request is for a revision of a current information collection. Marine recreational anglers are surveyed for catch and effort data, fish biology data, and angler socioeconomic characteristics. These data are required to carry out provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), as amended, regarding conservation and management of fishery resources.

Marine recreational fishing catch and effort data are currently collected through a combination of telephone surveys and on-site intercept surveys with recreational anglers. Recent amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) require the development of an improved data collection program for recreational fisheries. To meet the requirements of MSA, NOAA Fisheries is developing pilot studies to test alternative approaches for surveying recreational anglers. Studies will test

the effectiveness of alternative sample frames and data collection methods for contacting anglers and collecting recreational fishing data. The goal of these studies is to develop more efficient and accurate methods for estimating marine recreational fishing catch and effort.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

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 6616, 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

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: September 21, 2011.

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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: Elwha River Dam Removal and Floodplain Restoration Ecosystem Service Valuation Pilot.

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (request for a new information collection).

Number of Respondents: 164.

Average Hours per Response: 1 hour for interviews, 2 hours for focus groups and stakeholder meetings.

Burden Hours: 304.

Needs and Uses: NOAA is requesting approval to conduct focus groups, stakeholder meetings and one-on-one interviews to develop and test the Elwha River Dam Removal and