

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-060-1]

Procedures for Importing Animals Through the Harry S Truman Animal Import Center

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice of the date and location of the lottery for authorization of the use of the Harry S Truman Animal Import Center (HSTAIC) in calendar year 1996. We are also giving notice of the period during which applications must reach the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in order to be included in the lottery.

DATES: To be included in the lottery for authorization to use HSTAIC in calendar year 1996, applications must be received no earlier than October 1, 1995, and no later than October 15, 1995. Deposits must be received by November 29, 1995. The lottery for authorization to use HSTAIC during 1996 will be held on December 6, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications and deposits must be sent to the Administrator, c/o Import-Export Animal Staff, National Center for Import-Export, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231. Application forms may be obtained by writing to the same address, or by calling the telephone number provided under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The lottery will be held at USDA, APHIS, Conference Room 3B01CN, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Joan Montgomery, Staff Specialist, Import-Export Animals Staff, National Center for Import-Export, VS, APHIS, Suite 3B30, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-8172.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 9 CFR part 92, §§ 92.430, 92.431, 92.522, and 92.523 (referred to below as the regulations), set forth the conditions under which importers may qualify animals to enter the United States through the Harry S Truman Animal Import Center (HSTAIC) in Fleming Key, FL.

Because the demand for quarantine space at HSTAIC has traditionally exceeded the space available, the regulations provide that a lottery will be held each year during the first 7 days of December, to determine the priority of

applications for the following calendar year. To be included in the December lottery, applications must reach the Import-Export Animals Staff of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) no earlier than October 1, and no later than October 15 of the year of the lottery. Additionally, applicants must send a deposit in the form of a certified check or money order in the amount of \$32,000, payable to the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, for each application. APHIS will not consider an application unless we receive this deposit from the applicant on or before November 29, 1995. In the event that the Import-Export Animals Staff receives no more than one application between October 1, 1995, and October 15, 1995, the lottery will not be held, and APHIS will grant exclusive right to use HSTAIC during the calendar year 1996 in the order applications are received.

Applicants should be aware that certain improvements are being made to the HSTAIC facility in order to meet standards set by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The availability of HSTAIC for use for 1996 lottery applicants will be dependent upon satisfactory completion of these projects.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1622; 19 U.S.C. 136; 21 U.S.C. 102-105, 111, 114a, 134a, 134b, 134c, 134d, 134f, 135, 136, and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.17, 2.51, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 31st day of July 1995.

Lonnie J. King,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Forest Service

Inland Native Fish Strategy

ACTION: Notice of decision on the Inland Native Fish Strategy Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: In the March 14, 1995, **Federal Register** (Vol. 60, No. 49, pp. 13697-13698), notice was given that the Forest Service, in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management and US Fish and Wildlife Service, was gathering information in order to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposal to protect habitat and populations of native inland fish.

On July 28, 1995, the Regional Foresters for the Northern, Intermountain, and Pacific Northwest

regions of the Forest Service announced their decision on the Inland Native Fish Strategy. Based on public comment analysis and internal review, they have decided, with the support of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, to select Alternative D as described in the Environmental Assessment for the Inland Native Fish Strategy.

The Inland Native Fish Strategy covers approximately 25 million acres of National Forest System lands in eastern Washington and Oregon, Idaho, western Montana, and portions of Nevada. The Environmental Assessment for the strategy was distributed to the public in June for a 30-day review. A series of public hearings were held to allow ample opportunity for the public to share their concerns. All comments have been considered and incorporated into the decision.

This decision notice reflects the final decision of the Forest Service. The decision may be appealed in accordance with the provisions identified in the Decision Notice. Copies of the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact are currently being printed, and will be distributed to the public near the end of August. At that time, legal ads will be published in designated newspapers announcing the availability of the document and the start of the appeal period.

In addition to the Inland Native Fish Strategy effort, the Forest Service is pursuing a cooperative effort with the various states to assure a coordinated multi-agency effort to address inland native fish issues. A proposal was sent to the Governors of Idaho and Montana on June 23, 1995 to develop conservation strategies that could be used to replace this interim management direction with longer term direction working through the Upper Columbia River Basin EIS. Similar proposals will be made to the Governors of Oregon and Washington. As part of this cooperative effort, the Forest Service will actively seek participation of local state fish and game personnel in the development of watershed analysis efforts.

Through review of the public comment, the Forest Service recognizes that the selection of Alternative D will concern many people who felt this alternative provided either too much or not enough protection. Both Alternatives C and E have features that are attractive for longer-term reduction of risk to habitat. The Regional Foresters have directed Inland Native Fish Strategy Team Leader David Wright to develop a strategy to apply the concepts and philosophy of those two alternatives on a limited test basis.