Clarification of Participation in the Habitat Restoration and Data Collection Jobs Programs

Although included in the notice of proposed program for financial assistance (see 59 FR 46226, September 7, 1994) the policy that "persons receiving a permit buyout are not eligible for the jobs program" was omitted from the notice of program for financial assistance (59 FR 51419, October 11, 1994) due to oversight. Therefore, in response to questions from the Washington Department of Fisheries and others, the intended policy is now established. Persons receiving a permit buyout are not eligible for the jobs program.

The following revised description of loss and eligibility criteria incorporates the changes described above.

Revised Definition of Loss

Loss is defined as a loss of income not subject to Federal or state compensation and determined by a multi-step procedure, as follows:

1. The applicant (commercial fisherman) selects a base year from the years 1986 through 1991.

2. For comparison to the base year, the applicant determines his/her commercial fishery income from 1992, 1993, or 1994, and selects whichever year commercial fisheries income was the lowest. This is the comparison year. If the applicant had no commercial fishery income during the years 1992 to 1994 but can show evidence of being a current member of the salmon industry, commercial fisheries income is assumed to be zero for the years 1992 to 1994. Applicants who did not sell their permits but allowed permits to lapse via non-renewal, and still consider themselves members of the commercial salmon fishing community, must provide supporting evidence to the administrative intermediary or its representatives. Such evidence can be written endorsement by any commercial fishing association, tribal government, fish marketing association, or charterboat association. If the fisherman does not belong to any association, written endorsements by three currently (1993) commercially permitted or licensed members of the industry must be provided. These written endorsements must include the endorser's name, address, phone number, and appropriate permit and license numbers. Crew members, in similar situations, can provide such evidence via written endorsement by their last employer. In these instances where no commercial fishing income was earned from 1992 through 1994,

should the applicant provide the necessary proof, the comparison year fishing income is assumed to be zero.

3. If the amount of the applicant's commercial fishery income, as selected in step 2 above, is less than the applicant's commercial fishery income from the base year, then a loss has occurred. The amount of the annual loss is the difference between the applicant's base year commercial fishery income and that from the comparison year selected in step 2 above. (If charterboat captains or crew do not have adequate records to determine the specific amount of commercial fishing income, i.e., the amount of revenue earned from West Coast salmon fishing, the administrative intermediary is given the discretion to allow total fishing income from all species of fish to be substituted for commercial fishery income in these calculations.)

4. The amount of the annual loss calculated in step 3 above is multiplied by three to determine the applicant's total loss for the disaster period.

Revised Eligibility Criteria for the Habitat Restoration and Data Collection Jobs Programs

For purposes of the habitat restoration and data collection jobs programs under NEAP, job applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria to receive assistance:

1. The applicant must not have received a permit buyout under the Vessel Permit Buyout Program.

2. The applicant must show an uninsured loss.

3. The applicant must have earned at least \$5,000 in commercial fishing income in the base year selected in determining loss.

4. If single, the applicant's 1993 or 1994 gross income must have been less than \$25,000. If married, the applicant's 1993 or 1994 gross combined income of the applicant and his/her spouse must have been less than \$50,000.

Classification

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

This action revises definitions and eligibility criteria for a financial assistance program that will contain collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The necessary information collection forms and specific reporting requirements have not been fully identified at this time, and will be developed in conjunction with the intermediaries administering the program, and submitted to OMB for approval prior to implementation. Authority: 16 U.S.C. 4107(d)

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COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

Commission Roundtables in Puerto Rico

AGENCY: Commission on Immigration Reform.

ACTION: Announcement of Commission Roundtables.

This notice announces two roundtables to be held by the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform in San Juan, Puerto Rico on February 9–10, 1995. The Commission, created by Section 141 of the Immigration Act of 1990, is mandated to review the implementation and impact of U.S. immigration policy and report its findings to Congress. An interim report, U.S. Immigration Policy: Restoring Credibility, was issued on September 30, 1994; the final report is due in 1997.

Roundtable participants will include the Commissioners, local and federal government officials, researchers, local businessmen, and other experts. The first roundtable will examine the economic and social impacts of immigration on Puerto Rico. The Commission seeks to gain a greater understanding of the effects of immigrants, legal and illegal, on the Commonwealth's labor market, social services, and relations between various ethnic groups.

The second roundtable will focus on the illegal movements of various groups of migrants into and through Puerto Rico, as well as enforcement efforts by local and government officials.

Date: February 9, 1995.

Time: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM (Economic and Social Impacts).

Address: Department of State, Conference Room, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901, 809–723–4343.

Date: February 10, 1995. Time: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM (Illegal Movements Into and Through Puerto Rico)

Address: Condado Plaza Hotel, 999 Ashford Avenue—Garden Room, Condado, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907, (809) 721–1000.

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