

- such as hair made into ropes or nets (see 43 CFR 10.2(d)(1)).
- Indian Tribe*: “An Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including a Native village, Regional Corporation or Village Corporation, as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602), which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians” (36 CFR 800.16(m)).
 - NAGPRA*: The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001 *et seq.*)
 - Native Hawai’ian*: Any individual who is a descendant of the aboriginal people who, prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now constitutes the State of Hawai’i (36 CFR 800.16(s)(2)).
 - Native Hawaiian Organization*: Any organization which serves and represents the interests of Native Hawaiians; has as a primary and stated purpose the provision of services to Native Hawaiians; and has demonstrated expertise in aspects of historic preservation that are significant to Native Hawaiians (36 CFR 800.16(s)).
 - Policy statement*: A formal statement, endorsed by the full ACHP membership, representing the membership’s collective thinking about what to consider in reaching decisions about select issues, in this case, human remains and funerary objects encountered in undertakings on Federal, tribal, state, or private lands. Such statements do not have the binding force of law.
 - Preservation in place*: Taking active steps to ensure the preservation of a property.
 - Treatment*: Under Section 106, “treatments” are measures developed and implemented through Section 106 agreement documents to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to historic properties.

III. Text of the Draft Policy

The following is the text of the draft policy:

Policy Statement Regarding Treatment of Burial Sites, Human Remains and Funerary Objects

Preamble: When burial sites, human remains, or funerary objects, will be or are likely to be encountered in a project subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), parties consulting under Section 106 should adhere to the following principles. The treatment and

disposition of burial sites, human remains, and funerary objects are a human rights concern to many individuals, tribes, and descendant communities. Accordingly, while frequently the remains encountered in Section 106 review are of significance to Indian tribes and Native Hawai’ian organizations, this policy applies to the treatment of all burial sites, human remains, and funerary objects in the context of compliance with Section 106. This policy is mindful of the values reflected in the guarantee of a burial for every person as expressed in the laws of every State. This policy does not modify, add or detract from the requirements of applicable Federal, tribal, State or local law, such as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

Principle 1: Burial sites, human remains and funerary objects should not be knowingly disturbed unless absolutely necessary, and only after the Federal agency has fully considered avoidance and/or preservation in place.

Principle 2: Participants in the Section 106 process shall treat all burial sites, human remains and funerary objects with dignity and respect, which is determined through meaningful consultation.

Principle 3: Federal agencies are responsible for early and meaningful consultation throughout the Section 106 process.

Principle 4: The policy recognizes that Native Americans are descendants of aboriginal occupants of this country. Federal agencies shall consult with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations that attach religious and cultural significance to burial sites, human remains, and associated funerary objects, and be cognizant of their expertise in, and religious and cultural connection to them. Federally recognized tribes are sovereign nations and Federal agencies shall conduct consultation with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis, as required by law.

Principle 5: When human remains or funerary objects must be disinterred, they should be removed carefully, respectfully and in a manner developed in consultation.

Principle 6: The Federal agency official is responsible for making decisions regarding avoidance or treatment of burial sites, human remains and funerary objects based on consultation and appropriate documentation. In reaching a decision, the Federal agency official must comply with applicable Federal, tribal, State, or local law.

Principle 7: Federal agencies shall, after meaningful consultation, develop plans for the treatment of burial sites, human remains and funerary objects that may be discovered.

Principle 8: In cases where the disposition of human remains and funerary objects is not legally prescribed, Federal agencies should proceed following a hierarchy that acknowledges the rights of lineal descendants, Indian tribes, Native Hawai’ian Organizations and other descendant communities. (End of text of the draft policy)

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 470j.

Dated: March 8, 2006.

John M. Fowler,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2006–0002]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold public meetings of the full Committee and subcommittees on March 21–24, 2006. The Committee will discuss:

(1) Determination of Cooking Parameters for Safe Seafood for Consumers, (2) Consumer Guidelines for the Safe Cooking of Poultry Products, and (3) Assessment of the Food Safety Importance and Public Health Significance of *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis*.

DATES: The full Committee will hold an open meeting on Friday, March 24, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Subcommittee on Determination of Cooking Parameters for Safe Seafood for Consumers will hold open meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21–22, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Subcommittee on Consumer Guidelines for the Safe Cooking of Poultry Products will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Subcommittee on Assessment of the Food Safety Importance and Public Health Significance of *Mycobacterium avium*

subspecies paratuberculosis will hold an open meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Westin Arlington Gateway, 801 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203; telephone number 703-717-6200. All documents related to full Committee meetings will be available for public inspection in the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Docket Room, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, Washington, DC 20250, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as soon as they become available. The NACMCF documents will also be available on the Internet at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2006_Notices_Index/.

FSIS will finalize an agenda on or before the meeting dates and post it on the FSIS Internet Web page http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_Events/.

Also, the official transcripts of the March 2006 full Committee meeting, when they become available, will be kept in the FSIS Docket Room at the above address and will also be posted on http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Meetings/.

FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. FSIS prefers to receive comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search for Open Regulations" box, select "Food Safety and Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click on "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select the FDMS Docket Number FSIS-2006-0002 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand-or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, Washington, DC 20250.

Electronic mail: fsis.regulationscomments@fsis.usda.gov. All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2006-0002. All comments submitted in response to this notice, as well as research and background information used by FSIS in developing this document, will be posted to the

regulations.gov Web site. The background information and comments also will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

See the disclaimer section below regarding modifications that may be necessary due to the presentation of the comments.

The mailing address for the contact person below, Karen Thomas, is: Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, Office of Public Health Science, Aerospace Center, Room 333, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons interested in making a presentation, submitting technical papers, or providing comments should contact Karen Thomas, phone (202) 690-6620, Fax (202) 690-6334, e-mail address: karen.thomas@fsis.usda.gov, or at the mailing address above. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. Thomas by March 6, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in 1988, in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods, and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The Charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on the FSIS Internet Web page at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Charter/.

The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including development of microbiological criteria and review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides advice to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Departments of Commerce and Defense.

Dr. Richard Raymond, Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is the Committee Chair; Dr. Robert E.

Brackett, Director of Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Gerri Ransom, FSIS, is the Executive Secretariat.

At the meetings the week of March 21-24, 2006 the Committee will discuss:

- The determination of cooking parameters for safe seafood for consumers,
- Consumer guidelines for the safe cooking of poultry products, and
- Assessment of the Food Safety Importance and Public Health Significance of Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis.

Documents Reviewed by NACMCF

FSIS intends to make available to the public all materials that are reviewed and considered by NACMCF regarding its deliberations. Generally, these materials will be made available as soon as possible after the full Committee meeting. Further, FSIS intends to make these materials available in both electronic formats on the FSIS Web page, as well as in hard copy format in the FSIS Docket Room. Often, an attempt is made to make the materials available at the start of the full Committee meeting when sufficient time is allowed in advance to do so.

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Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public, and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through

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FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. The update also is available on the FSIS Web page. Through Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

In addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service which provides an automatic and customized notification when popular pages are updated, including **Federal Register** publications and related documents. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/ and allows FSIS customers to sign up for subscription options across eight categories. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives, and notices.

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Done at Washington, DC on: March 8, 2006.

Barbara J. Masters,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) has announced its next two meetings. The first meeting will take place at 1 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. (or until the conclusion of public testimony) on Friday, April 21, and from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., Saturday, April 22, 2006, in Petersburg, Alaska. The second meeting will be a teleconference that will be

from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. (or until the conclusion of business) on Tuesday, May 23, 2006. The purpose of these meetings is to review, discuss and potentially recommend for funding proposals received pursuant to Title II, Public Law 106-393, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the "Payments to States" Act. Public testimony regarding the proposals will also be taken.

DATES: The first meeting will be held commencing at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 21, through 2 p.m., Saturday, April 22, 2006. The second meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 and is expected to last until approximately 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The April meeting will be held at the Petersburg Lutheran Church Holy Cross House, 407 Fram Street, Petersburg, Alaska. The May teleconference will be hosted at the two local Forest Service offices—in Wrangell, at the Wrangell Ranger District, 525 Bennett Street, and in Petersburg, at the Petersburg Ranger District, 12 N. Nordic Drive. Participants may join the teleconference from any telephone. Please contact either of the designated federal officials below to receive the teleconference number. The April meeting will also have teleconference capability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Hummel, Wrangell District Ranger, P.O. Box 51, Wrangell, AK 99929, phone (907) 874-2323, e-mail mhummel@fs.fed.us, or Patty Grantham, Petersburg District Ranger, P.O. Box 1328, Petersburg, AK 99833, phone (907) 772-3871, e-mail pagrantham@fs.fed.us. For further information on RAC history, operations, and the application process, a Web site is available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/ro/payments>. Once in the Web site, follow the links to the Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These meetings will focus on the review and discussion of proposals received by the RAC for funding under Title II of the Payments to States legislation (Pub. L. 106-393). New information may be introduced concerning these proposals. New proposals (initial reading) may be discussed at these meetings. The committee may make recommendations for project funding at these meetings. A field trip to review proposals proximate to the Petersburg, Alaska, area may take place. The meetings are open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the

opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: March 6, 2006.

Forrest Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[06-GL-C]

Opportunity To Comment on the Applicants for the Texas Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the Texas geographic area previously assigned to Global Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (Global).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 29, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Deputy Director, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604. FAX 202-690-2755; e-mail

Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Global advised the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) that they will cease providing official services on April 9, 2006. GIPSA announced that Global's designation will be canceled effective April 9, 2006, in the February 1, 2006, **Federal Register** (71 FR 5233). GIPSA also asked persons interested in providing official services in the south Texas area to submit an application for designation.

There were three applicants for the south Texas area: a company proposing to do business as Gulf Country Inspection Service, Inc. (Gulf); a