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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collection Comments Requested

SUMMARY: In an effort to reduce the paperwork burden, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the following continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: The accuracy of the burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 26, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacqueline Lewis Taylor, Bureau for Management, Office of Acquisition and Assistance—Policy Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, USAID Annex, Room 10.6.3F, Washington, DC 20523, (202) 916–2628 or via email jlrtaylor@usaid.gov.

Comments: Send comments via email to jlrtaylor@usaid.gov, U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of Acquisition and Assistance—Policy Division, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, USAID Annex, Room 10.6.3F, Washington DC 20523, 202–916–2628.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No: 0412–0602.

Form No.: AID 309–1.

Title: CONTRACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL FOR PERSONAL SERVICES.

Type of Review: A Renewal Information Collection.

Purpose: United States Agency for International Development must collect

information for reporting purposes to Congress and for contract administration by the Office of Acquisition and Assistance. This collection is to record information required to award a personal services contract, which is signed by the contractor and USAID.

Annual Reporting Burden

U.S. Respondents: 550.

Total annual U.S. responses: 550.

Total annual hours requested: 137.50 hours.

Marcelle J. Wijesinghe,

Division Chief, M/OAA/Policy, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Washington State Crop Improvement Association, Inc. of Pullman, Washington, an exclusive license to the variety of chickpea described in Plant Variety Protection Application Number 201900296, ‘CA0790B0043C,’ applied for on August 5, 2019.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 23, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4–1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian T. Nakanishi of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301–504–5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government’s rights in this plant variety are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this plant variety as Washington State Crop Improvement Association, Inc. of

Pullman, Washington has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Mojdeh Bahar,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 19, 2020.

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by April 23, 2020. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this

particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Aquaculture Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0150.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition, and prices, as well as specialty agricultural and environmental statistics. Public Law 96–362 was passed to increase the overall effectiveness and productivity of federal aquaculture programs by improving coordination and communication among Federal agencies involved in those programs. Aquaculture is an alternative method to produce a high protein, low fat product demanded by the consumer. Aquaculture surveys provide information on trout and catfish inventory, acreage and sales as well as catfish processed.

Need and Use of the Information: The survey results are useful in analyzing changing trends in the number of commercial operations and production levels by State. The information collected is used to demonstrate the growing importance of aquaculture to officials of Federal and State government agencies who manage and direct policy over programs in agriculture and natural resources. The type of information collected and reported provides extension educators and research scientists with data that indicates important areas that require special educational and/or research efforts, such as causes for loss of fish and pond inventories of fish of various sizes. The data gathered from the various reports provide information to establish contract levels for fishing programs and to evaluate prospective loans to growers and processors.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,275.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly; Semi-annually; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 732.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

[Docket ID NRCS–2020–0001]

Notice of Proposed Revisions to the National Handbook of Conservation Practices for the Natural Resources Conservation Service

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is giving notice that it intends to issue a series of revised conservation practice standards in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP). NRCS is also giving the public an opportunity to provide comments on specified conservation practice standards in NHCP.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by April 23, 2020.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include the volume, date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for docket ID NRCS–2020–0001. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail, or Hand Delivery:* Mr. Bill Reck, National Environmental Engineer, Conservation Engineering Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, NRCS, 1400 Independence Avenue, South Building, Room 6136, Washington, DC 20250.

NRCS will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

The copies of the proposed revised standards are available through <http://www.regulations.gov> by accessing Docket No. NRCS–2020–0001. Alternatively, the proposed revised standards can be downloaded or printed from <http://go.usa.gov/TXye>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bill Reck, (202) 720–4485; or bill.reck@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NRCS State Conservationists who choose to

adopt these practices in their States will incorporate these practices into the respective electronic Field Office Technical Guide. These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land (HEL) or on land determined to be a wetland. Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available for public review and comment all proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out HEL and wetland provisions of the law.

The amount of the proposed changes varies considerably for each of the conservation practice standards addressed in this notice. To fully understand the proposed changes, individuals are encouraged to compare these changes with each standard’s current version, which can be found at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/technical/cp/nrcs/?cid=nrcs143_026849.

NRCS is requesting comments on the following conservation practice standards: Access Road (Code 560); Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products (Code 333); Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste (Code 591); Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Application (Code 450); Aquaculture Pond (Code 397); Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control (Code 400); Composting Facility (Code 317); Conservation Crop Rotation (Code 328); Cross Wind Trap Strips (Code 589); Dam (Code 402); Denitrifying Bioreactor (Code 605); Energy Efficient Building Envelope (Code 672); Energy Efficient Lighting System (Code 670); Field Operations Emissions Reduction (Code 376); Forage Harvest Management (Code 511); Grade Stabilization Structure (Code 410); Grassed Waterway (Code 412); Heavy Use Area Protection (Code 561); Herbaceous Weed Treatment (Code 315); Herbaceous Wind Barriers (Code 603); Irrigation Land Leveling (Code 464); Irrigation Pipeline (Code 430); Irrigation System, Microirrigation (Code 441); Irrigation Water Management (Code 449); Lined Waterway or Outlet (Code 468); Livestock Pipeline (Code 516); Livestock Shelter Structure (Code 576); Pasture and Hay Planting (Code 512); Prescribed Burning (Code 338); Pumping Plant (Code 533); Riparian Forest Buffer (Code 391); Rock Wall Terrace (Code 555); Row Arrangement (Code 557); Saline and Sodic Soil Management (Code 610); Saturated Buffer (Code 604); Spoil Disposal (Code 572); Spring Development (Code 574); Stormwater Runoff Control (Code 570); Streambank and Shoreline Protection (Code 580); Surface Drain, Field Ditch (Code 607);