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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2014-0005]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

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) is sponsoring a public meeting on June 18, 2014. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions to be discussed at the Thirty-seventh session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), taking place in Geneva, Switzerland July 14–18, 2014. The Under Secretary for Food Safety recognizes the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 37th session of the CAC and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at The Jamie L. Whitten Building, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 107–A, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 37th Session of the CAC will be accessible via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 37th Session of the CAC invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Barbara.McNiff@fsis.usda.gov.

Call-In Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the

37th Session of the CAC, by conference call, please use the call in number below:

Call in Number: 1–888–844–9904.

The participant code will be posted on the Web page below: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/us-codex-alimentarius/public-meetings>.

Contact for Further Information about the 37th Session of the CAC: Barbara McNiff, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; Telephone: (202) 690–4719; Fax: (202) 720–3157; Email: Barbara.McNiff@fsis.usda.gov.

Contact for Further Information about the Public Meeting: Jasmine Curtis, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4865, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; Telephone: (202) 205–7760; Fax: (202) 720–3157; Email: Jasmine.Curtis@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius (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 fair practices in the food trade; promotes coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and nongovernmental organizations; determines priorities and initiates and guides the preparation of draft standards through and with the aid of appropriate organizations; finalizes standards elaborated and publish them in a Codex Alimentarius either as regional or worldwide standards, together with international standards already finalized by other bodies, wherever this is practicable; Amends published standards, as appropriate, in the light of new developments.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 37th Session of CAC will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Report by the Chairperson on the 69th Session of the Executive Committee.

- Proposed amendments to the Procedural Manual/Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Procedural Manual.

- Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 8 of the Procedure (including those submitted at Step 5 with a recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7 and at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure)/Comments on Draft Standards and Related Texts submitted to the Commission for adoption.

- Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5/Comments on Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5.

- Revocation of Existing Codex Standards and Related Texts.

- Amendments to the Codex Standards and Related Texts.

- Proposals for the Elaboration of New Standards and Related Texts and for the Discontinuation of Work.

- Matters referred to the Commission by Codex Committees and Task Forces.

- Codex Strategic Plan 2014–2019: (a) General Implementation Status.

- Financial and Budgetary Matters.

- Matters arising from FAO and WHO:

- (a) FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex.

- (b) Other Matters arising from FAO and WHO.

- Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other International Organizations.

- Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and Appointment of the Coordinators.

- Designation of Countries responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Committees.

- Other Business.

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 or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the June 18, 2014 public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described, discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate for the 37th Session of CAC (see

ADDRESSES). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 37th session of the CAC.

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Done at Washington, DC on April 18, 2014.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revision of Land Management Plan for the Francis Marion National Forest, SC

AGENCY: U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Revise the Land and Resource Management Plan and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Francis Marion National Forest (Francis Marion).

SUMMARY: As directed by the National Forest Management Act (NFMA), the U.S. Forest Service is preparing the Francis Marion's revised land management plan (forest plan) and will also prepare an EIS for this revised forest plan. This notice briefly describes the nature of the decision to be made, a proposed action based on the preliminary identified need to change the existing plan and information concerning public participation. It also provides estimated dates for filing the EIS and the name and address of the responsible agency official and the individuals who can provide additional information. Finally, this notice identifies the applicable planning rule that will be used for completing this plan revision. The revised forest plan will supersede the existing forest plan that was approved by the Regional Forester in December 1995. The existing forest plan will remain in effect until the revised forest plan takes effect.

DATES: Comments concerning the proposed action provided in this notice will be most useful in the development of the draft revised forest plan and EIS if received June 16, 2014. The agency expects to release a draft revised forest plan and draft EIS for formal comment by February 1, 2015 and a final revised forest plan and final EIS by April 30, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted on-line at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=40695> or sent via email to: comments-southern-francismarion-sumter@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to (803) 561-4004. Electronic comments should include "FM Plan Revision" in the subject line. Written comments may be sent or delivered to: Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests, Attn: FM Plan Revision, 4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, S.C. 29212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Planning Team Leader Mary Morrison, Planning Staff Officer Michelle Burnett or Public Affairs Specialist Tammy

Terrell Robinson, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests at (803) 561-4000. Information on this revision is also available on the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests' Web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/scnfs/fmplan>. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339. Please call 8 a.m.–noon and 1 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Eastern Time Monday through Friday, except on federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The U.S. Forest Service is the lead agency on revision of the forest plan.

B. Name and Address of the Responsible Official

The responsible official who will approve the Record of Decision is Forest Supervisor John Richard "Rick" Lint, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests, 4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, S.C. 29212.

C. Nature of the Decision To Be Made

The Francis Marion is preparing an EIS to revise the existing forest plan. The EIS process informs the Forest Supervisor so that he can decide which alternative best meets the public's diverse needs while conserving the forests' resources as required by the NFMA and the Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act.

The revised forest plan will:

- Describe the strategic intent of managing the Francis Marion into the next 10 to 15 years and address the identified needs to change the existing land management plan. Section D of this notice provides a description of the preliminary need to change and a description of the proposed action.

- Provide management direction in the form of desired conditions, objectives, suitability determinations, standards, guidelines and a monitoring program.

- Make changes to the structure and delineation of the Management Areas described in the existing plan along with possible changes to administratively designated areas and recommendations for changes to other designations.

- Provide a description of the plan area's distinctive roles and contributions within the broader landscape.

Some decisions will not be made within the revised forest plan. The following are several examples:

- The authorization of project-level activities on the Francis Marion is not a decision made in the forest plan but