

Public Notice

The Department of Agriculture, State of Ohio, will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed adoption of three new rules: **901:1-17-02, 901:1-17-13, 901:1-17-14**; amendment of existing rule **901:1-21-02**, and rescission of existing rule **901:1-17-02**.

These rules relate to the importation of fish of the family salmonidae. The rule changes are being proposed under authority of section 941.03 of the Revised Code and implement section 941.10 of the Revised Code.

Adoption of these proposed changes will add seven new diseases unique to fish to the list of dangerously contagious diseases. The rule changes will also establish import requirements for fish of the family salmonidae.

The hearing will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., in Hearing Room 133 (Seminar 'B') Bromfield Administration Building, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the proposed rescission (adoption, amendment) of the existing rules or adoption of the new rules may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the proposed rescission (adoption, amendment) if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

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