

# NOTICE OF INTENT

## Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Forestry Forestry Commission

### Forest Tree Seedling Prices (LAC 7:XXXIX.20301)

In accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedures Act, notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Forestry, and the Louisiana Forestry Commission intend to amend LAC 7:XXXIX.20301, Seedling Prices. The proposed rule increases the prices for Improved Pine Seedlings, Advanced Generation Pine Seedlings, and Special Pine Seedlings. These price changes are designed to allow the Office of Forestry to recover production costs for these seedlings. These rules comply with and are enabled by R.S. 3:4303.

#### Title 7 AGRICULTURE AND ANIMALS Part XXXIX. Forestry

#### Chapter 203. Tree Seedlings

#### §20301. Seedling Prices

A. The Louisiana Forestry Commission adopts the following prices for forest tree seedlings:

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Improved Pine Seedlings            | \$32 per thousand |
| 2. Advanced Generation Pine Seedlings | 42 per thousand   |
| 3. Special Pine Seedlings             | 52 per thousand   |
| 4. Hardwood Seedlings                 | 175 per thousand  |
| 5. Baldcypress Seedlings              | 175 per thousand  |

B.1. Volume discounts for bulk loblolly/slash pine seedling orders and contracts shall be as follows:

Order/Sale Volume (Number Seedlings)	Proposed Discounted Prices
- 1,000,000	\$ 32.00/M
1,000,001 - 2,000,000	\$ 31.50/M
2,000,001 - 3,000,000	\$ 31.00/M
3,000,001 - 4,000,000	\$ 30.50/M
4,000,001 - 5,000,000	\$ 30.00/M
5,000,001 - 6,000,000	\$ 29.50/M
6,000,001 -	\$ 29.00/M

The Office of Forestry seed costs shall be deducted from these prices when seedlings are produced from seed supplied by the customer.

B.2. - B.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:1503, redesignated R.S. 3:4303.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Forestry, and the Louisiana Forestry Commission, LR 8:285 (June 1982), amended LR 10:458 (June 1984), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Forestry, and the Louisiana Forestry Commission, LR 13:432 (August 1987), LR 19:610 (May, 1993), LR 21:671 (July 1995); LR 22:

Interested persons should submit written comments on the proposed rules to Charles Matherne through August 26, 1996, at 5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806. A public hearing will be held on these rules on August 26, 1996 at 9

a.m. at the address listed above. All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the hearing. No preamble regarding these rules is available.

Bob Odom  
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#### FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Seedling Prices

#### I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There will be no additional implementation costs or savings to state or local governments required by the implementation of this action.

#### II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

If future sales and production equal those of recent years, Office of Forestry revenue would increase by approximately \$60,000.

#### III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

Customers who choose to purchase Advanced Generation Pine Seedlings, Improved Pine Seedlings and Special

Pine Seedlings from the Office of Forestry would pay the additional costs that his rule would create.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated impact from the proposed action on any in-state company providing similar services. Maintaining a fiscally sound seedling production operation will allow the Office of Forestry to keep all three of its nurseries operating. Closure of any of the nurseries would greatly impact the local economy of the nursery areas by eliminating a source of employment for residents and revenue for local businesses.

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