

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

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members. The committee may be increased by one public member and alternate nominated by the committee and selected by the Secretary. The public member and alternate shall be neither a grower nor a handler. Persons filling these positions may be referred to as non-industry members. The committee, with the approval of the Secretary, shall prescribe qualifications and the procedure for nominating the public member. Each of the following subdivisions of the production area shall be represented by at least one member and one alternate member, each of whom shall be a grower, or an employee, agent, or duly authorized representative of a grower, in the designated district of the production area:

(a) District 1: The States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut;

(b) District 2: The State of New Jersey and Long Island in the State of New York;

(c) District 3: The States of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota; and

(d) District 4: The States of Oregon and Washington.

[27 FR 8101, Aug. 15, 1962, as amended at 43 FR 29765, July 11, 1978]

§ 929.21 Term of office.

The term of office for each member and alternate member of the committee shall be for two years, beginning on August 1 of each even-numbered year and ending on the second succeeding July 31. Members and alternate members shall serve the term of office for which they are selected and have been qualified or until their respective successors are selected and have been qualified. Beginning on August 1 of the even-numbered year following the adoption of this amendment, committee members shall be limited to three consecutive terms: *Provided*, That committee members representing Districts 1 and 2 shall be limited to two consecutive terms of office for the initial period following adoption of this amendment. The consecutive terms of office for alternate members shall not be limited. Members serving three consecutive terms may become eligible to serve on the committee by not serving for one full term as either a member or an alternate

member, unless specifically exempted by the Secretary.

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§ 929.22 Nomination.

(a) *Initial members.* Nominations for each of the initial members and alternate members may be submitted, not later than 10 days after the effective date of this part, to the Secretary by individual growers or groups of growers.

(b) *Successor members.* (1) Any cooperative marketing organization that handled more than two-thirds of the total volume of cranberries produced during the fiscal period during which nominations for membership on the committee are made, or the growers affiliated therewith, shall nominate four or more qualified persons for members and four or more qualified persons for alternate members of the committee. At least one such nominee for member and one such nominee for an alternate member shall represent growers in the State of Oregon and the State of Washington. The names and addresses of such nominees shall be submitted to the Secretary not later than July 1 of each even-numbered year.

(2) The committee shall hold or cause to be held, not later than July 1, of each even-numbered year, meetings of growers in Districts 1, 2, and 3, other than those affiliated with the cooperative marketing organization designated in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, to elect nominees for member and alternate member positions on the committee.

(i) With respect to such meeting in District 3, eligible growers in District 4 shall be permitted to attend the meeting and participate in the selection of nominees. Such growers shall be eligible to be nominated for and serve as member or alternate member. Eligible growers in District 4 who do not attend the nomination meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to participate in the selection of nominees by mail. Selection of the nominee for member and the nominee for alternate member from Districts 3 and 4 shall be on the basis of the total vote of the eligible growers who attended the meeting plus any mail ballots cast by District 4 growers.