

desired transmitter site. Channels 235A and 272A can both be allotted to Seaside at the transmitter site set forth in Station KULU(FM)'s construction permit, at coordinates 45-54-35 NL; 123-56-07 WL, which is 10.1 kilometers (6.3 miles) south. Canadian concurrence in the allotments is required since both communities are located 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before December 9, 1996, and reply comments on or before December 24, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: John R. Feore, Jr., H. Anthony Lehw, Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, P.L.L.C., 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20036 (Counsel to petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No.96-212, adopted October 11, 1996, and released October 18, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

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John A. Karousos,

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-123, RM-8875]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Tullahoma, Tennessee

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition by Tri County Broadcasting Company, Inc., proposing the allotment of Channel 296A at Tullahoma, Tennessee, as the community's second local FM service. Channel 296A can be allotted to Tullahoma in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 11.5 kilometers (7.1 miles) west in order to avoid short-spacing conflicts with the licensed sites of Station WSKZ(FM), Channel 293C, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Station WBLG(FM), Channel 296C2, Smith Grove, Kentucky and to Station WQLT(FM)'s construction permit for Channel 297C1, Florence, Alabama. The coordinates for Channel 296A at Tullahoma are 35-20-55 and 86-20-13.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before December 9, 1996, and reply comments on or before December 24, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Joe Brewer, President, Tri County Broadcasting Company, Inc., P.O. Box 398, Cowan, Tennessee 37318 (Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 96-213, adopted October 11, 1996, and released October 18, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc., (202) 857-

3800, 2100 M Street, NW, Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 424

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Extension of Public Comment Period on the Proposed Rule to List West Coast Steelhead and Notice of Public Hearing

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: NMFS is extending the public comment period on the proposed rule to list several Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). NMFS is also announcing details of an additional public hearing in Idaho. This will allow additional time for all interested parties to submit written comments on the proposal and to provide information and testimony at a public hearing.

DATES: The comment period, which would otherwise close on November 7, 1996, has been extended and now closes on January 6, 1997. A public hearing will be held on December 3, 1996, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Pocatello, ID.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and materials regarding the proposed rule should be directed to Garth Griffin, National Marine Fisheries Service, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232. The hearing will be held at Pocatello-Pocatello City Hall - Council Chambers, 911 N. 7th, Pocatello, ID 83205.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garth Griffin, 503-231-2005; Craig Wingert, 310-980-4021; or Marta Nammack, 301-713-1401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 9, 1996, NMFS published a proposed

rule to list 10 ESUs of west coast steelhead as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (61 FR 41541). Public comments were solicited, public hearings were announced (61 FR 51398, October 2, 1996), and the comment period was set to expire on November 7, 1996. NMFS has recently received several requests for further opportunity for public input, including a request for an additional public hearing in Idaho. NMFS is keenly aware of the public interest in the status of west coast steelhead. Interested parties will have opportunity to provide

oral and written testimony at the public hearing. This hearing will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Matthew Eagleton at (503) 230-5433.

Dated: October 23, 1996.

Stephen M. Waste,

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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