

licensed site of Station KAFE(FM), Channel 282C, Bellingham, Washington. The coordinates for Channel 282A at Chehalis are North Latitude 46-38-57 and West Longitude 122-57-58. Since Chehalis is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence of the Canadian government has been requested.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 10, 1997, and reply comments on or before March 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Henry E. Crawford, Esq., 1150 Connecticut Ave., NW., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036 (Counsel for Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 97-7, adopted January 10, 1997, and released January 17, 1997. 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, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 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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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-10; RM-8984]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Mount Horeb, WI

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by First Congregational Services proposing the allotment of Channel 294A to Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, as that community's first local broadcast service. There is a site restriction 9.6 kilometers (6 miles) west of the community. The coordinates for Channel 294A are 42-59-22 and 89-51-12.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 10, 1997, and reply comments on or before March 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Henry E. Crawford, 1150 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 97-10, adopted January 10, 1997, and released January 17, 1997. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 857-3800.

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Radio Broadcasting.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AC 50

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Withdrawal of Proposed Rule to List Santa Cruz Rain Beetle (*Pleocoma conjungens conjungens*) as Endangered

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) withdraws the proposal list the Santa Cruz rain beetle (*Pleocoma conjungens conjungens*) as an endangered species, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Additional information provided to the Service since the publication of the proposed rule indicates the Santa Cruz rain beetle is more widespread than previously known, and the species' range may extend beyond the Zayante sand hills ecosystem into surrounding coast redwood forests. The Service has considered the additional information and determined that listing of the Santa Cruz rain beetle is not warranted at this time. However, continued urban development and sand mining throughout significant portions of the species' range, if not accompanied by appropriate conservation measures, may necessitate its listing in the foreseeable future.

ADDRESSES: The complete file for this rule is available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ventura Field Office, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, California 93003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl Benz, Assistant Field Supervisor, Ventura Field Office, (see **ADDRESSES** section, telephone 805/644-1766).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 10, 1994, the Service published a proposal to list three species of insects from the Santa Cruz Mountains in California as endangered

species (59 FR 24112). The Santa Cruz rain beetle was included in this proposal. During the comment period on the proposal, additional information was received regarding the Santa Cruz rain beetle indicating the populations were more widespread throughout the Zayante sand hills ecosystem than previously known, and that specimens also were collected in adjacent coast redwood forest (Hazeltime 1993; J. Hoekstra, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, pers. obs. 1994). Furthermore, the Service learned of currently undescribed specimens collected from both north and south of the Zayante sand hills region that may be *Pleocomma conjungens conjungens* or, at least, closely related subspecies (F. Hovore, pers. comm. 1994). This new information and evidence from a historic specimen collected in an area dominated by coastal redwood forest, known as Waddell Creek, suggest that the range of the beetle may extend beyond the Zayante sand hills ecosystem.

The Service has considered the new information and determined listing the Santa Cruz rain beetle is not warranted at this time. Information now in the possession of the Service indicates the species is more abundant or widespread than previously believed. The Service removes this species from candidate status. If further research establishes the full extent of the beetle's range and assesses its status therein; and if urban development, sand mining, and other activities continue to alter its habitat throughout all or significant portion of its range; or if other factors threaten the continued existence of this species, the Santa Cruz rain beetle may be reevaluated for possible inclusion as a candidate species. A final rule listing the other two insect species included in the proposal, the Mount Hermon June beetle (*Polyphylla barbata*) and the Zayante band-winged grasshopper (*Trimerotropis infantilis*), is published in the Federal Register concurrently with this notice of withdrawal of the Santa Cruz rain beetle.

References Cited

Hazeltime, W. 1993. Report on the flights and distribution of the scarab beetle *Pleocomma conjungens* in the Santa Cruz County California area during 1993. Unpublished report, Oroville, California.

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The primary authors of this notice are Carl Benz and Jonathan Hoekstra, Ventura Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: January 6, 1997.

John G. Rogers,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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