

filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the Petitioner's counsel, as follows: Jeffrey L. Timmons, Esquire, 1400 Buford Highway, Suite G-5, Sugar Hill, Georgia 30518-8727.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen McLean, Media Bureau, (202) 418-2738.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MB Docket No. 07-175, adopted August 22, 2007, and released August 24, 2007. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractors, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 1-800-378-3160 or <http://www.BCPIWEB.com>. This document does not contain proposed information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any proposed information collection burden "for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees," pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107-198, *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

The 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* contact.

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

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio, Radio broadcasting.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Illinois, is amended by removing Channel 292A and by adding Channel 252A at Cuba.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 07-2855; MB Docket No. 07-124; RM-11378]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Dallas and Waldport, OR

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document sets forth a proposal to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 73.202(b). The Commission requests comment on a petition filed by Radio Beam, LLC. Petitioner proposes the allotment of Channel 253A at Waldport, Oregon, as a first local service. In order to accommodate the proposed allotment, petitioner further requests the substitution of noncommercial educational Channel 236C3 for vacant noncommercial educational Channel 252C3 at Dallas, Oregon. In order to accommodate those two proposed changes in the FM Table of Allotments, petitioner also proposes the substitution of Channel 252C3 for Channel 236C3 at Monmouth, Oregon, and the modification of the license for Station KSND (FM) accordingly. Channel 253A can be allotted at Waldport in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 8.3 km (5.2 miles) north of Waldport. The proposed coordinates for Channel 253A at Waldport are 44-30-06 North Latitude and 124-04-30 West Longitude. Channel 236C3 can be allotted at Dallas in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 16.9 km (10.5 miles) southwest of Dallas. The proposed coordinates for Channel 236C3 at Dallas are 44-50-43 North Latitude and 123-30-07 West Longitude. *See*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION *infra*.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 22, 2007, and reply

comments on or before November 6, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the designated petitioner as follows: Earnest R. Hopseker, Member and Manager, Radio Beam, LLC, 4524 132nd Avenue, SE., Bellevue, Washington 98006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah A. Dupont, Media Bureau (202) 418-7072.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 07-124, adopted June 27, 2007, released June 29, 2007, and corrected August 31, 2007. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (800) 378-3160, or via the company's Web site, <http://www.bcpweb.com>. This document does not contain proposed information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any proposed information collection burden "for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees," pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107-198, *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(C)(4).

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2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Oregon, is amended by removing Channel *252C3 and by adding Channel *236C3 at Dallas, and adding Channel 253A at Waldport.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 216

[Docket No. 070809454-7459-01]

RIN 0648-AV82

Marine Mammals; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

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

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR); request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS is considering proposing changes to its implementing regulations, and criteria governing the issuance of permits for scientific research and enhancement activities under section 104 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), and is soliciting public comment to better inform the process. Permits to take marine mammal species are governed by the MMPA and NMFS implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 216. For threatened and endangered marine mammal species, permits are also governed by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and 50 CFR part 222. On May 10, 1996, a final rule was published establishing requirements for issuing permits to take, import, or export marine mammals (including endangered and threatened marine mammals) and marine mammal parts under NMFS jurisdiction for purposes of scientific research and enhancement, photography, and public display (for captures and initial imports), and providing procedures for determining

the disposition of rehabilitated stranded marine mammals. NMFS intends to streamline and clarify general permitting requirements and requirements for scientific research and enhancement permits, simplify procedures for transferring marine mammal parts, possibly apply the General Authorization (GA) to research activities involving Level A harassment of non-ESA listed marine mammals, and implement a 'permit application cycle' for application submission and processing of all marine mammal permits. NMFS intends to write regulations for photography permits and is considering whether this activity should be covered by the GA. Any other recommendations received in response to this ANPR regarding regulations at 50 CFR part 216 will be considered prior to proposed rulemaking.

DATES: Written comments must be received at the appropriate address or facsimile (fax) number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. local time on November 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Attn: Permit Regulations ANPR, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is NMFSPR1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: Permit Regulations ANPR, or The Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan, Fishery Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, at (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS has authority, delegated from the Secretary of Commerce, to issue permits for research and enhancement activities under Section 104 of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Permits to take marine mammal species are governed by the MMPA, ESA, and NMFS implementing regulations at 50 CFR parts 216 and 222. As a Federal agency, issuance of permits by NMFS is also governed by the procedural requirements and provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act

(APA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The APA is the law under which federal regulatory agencies, including NMFS, create the rules and regulations necessary to implement and enforce major legislative acts such as the MMPA and ESA. Under the APA, NMFS is required to publish in the **Federal Register** descriptions of rules of procedure, substantive rules of general applicability, and make available to the public statements of policy and interpretation, administrative staff manuals and instructions. NEPA requires Federal agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision making processes by considering the environmental impacts of their proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions. The requirements of NEPA apply to NMFS "decision-making process" for issuance of permits. The NOAA Administrative Order No. 216-6 (NAO 216-6), Environmental Review Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, is also an agency guidance document for applying the requirements of NEPA to agency actions, including permit issuance.

The following paragraphs provide some possible regulatory changes being considered by NMFS. The changes being considered are found in 50 CFR part 216, most in subpart D, although comments or recommendations regarding any of the subparts will be considered. The sections identified are either followed by recommendations from NMFS on possible alternatives or changes to the current language, or a general solicitation by NMFS to the public for comments pertaining to that section. Several of the regulatory changes would require an amendment or change to the MMPA before implementation could be effective.

Part 216, Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals

Subpart A - Introduction

NMFS does not have any recommended changes for § 216.1 (Purpose) or 216.2 (Scope). Do either of these sections require further consideration or clarification?

§ 216.3 Definitions: Are there existing definitions relevant to the marine mammal permitting process that need clarification? Are there any other definitions that need clarification, or definitions that need to be added to these regulations?

Are there any other sections in Subpart A whose language requires further consideration or clarification?