

Fireweed Communications Corporation, licensee of station KYES-TV, NTSC Channel 5, Anchorage, Alaska, requesting the substitution of DTV Channel 6 for its assigned DTV Channel 22. DTV Channel 6 can be allotted to Anchorage, Alaska, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates 61-20-10 N and 149-30-47 W. As requested, we propose to allot DTV Channel 6 to Anchorage with a power of 45 (kW) and a height above average terrain (HAAT) of 250 meters.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before July 27, 2000, and reply comments on or before August 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Jeremy Lansman, President, Fireweed Communications Corporation, 3700 Woodland Drive, #800, Anchorage, Alaska, (petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 00-99, adopted June 2, 2000, and released June 5, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,
Chief, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00-1218, MM Docket No. 00-100, RM-9860]

Digital Television Broadcast Service; San Antonio, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Alamo Public Telecommunications Council, licensee of noncommercial station KLRN-TV, NTSC Channel *9 San Antonio, Texas, requesting the substitution of DTV Channel *8 for station KLRN-TV's assigned DTV Channel *20. DTV Channel *8 can be allotted to San Antonio, Texas, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates 29-19-38 N and 98-21-17 W. As requested, we propose to allot DTV Channel *8 to San Antonio with a power of 8.3 (kW) and a height above average terrain (HAAT) of 263 meters. However, since the community of San Antonio is located within 275 kilometers of the U.S.-Mexican border, concurrence by the Mexican government must be obtained for this allotment.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before July 27, 2000, and reply comments on or before August 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Margaret L. Tobey, Morrison & Foerster LLP, 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5500, Washington, DC 20006 (Counsel Alamo Public Telecommunications Council).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

49 CFR Parts 350, 390, 394, 395 and 398

[Docket No. FMCSA-97-2350]

RIN 2126-AA23

Additional Public Hearing for Hours of Service of Drivers; Driver Rest and Sleep for Safe Operations

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA is announcing two more days of hearings for additional interested persons to speak with FMCSA officials about the agency's proposed hours-of-service regulations (65 FR 25540, May 2, 2000). This action is necessary to inform the public about the dates, times, and location of the hearing. The FMCSA continues to hope to hear from the public about how the proposed hours-of-service regulations would improve highway safety and affect drivers' professional, personal and family lives. All oral presentations will be transcribed and placed in the public docket.

DATES: Additional hearings will be held on July 6 and 7, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *General Information.* To request time to be heard and for other general information about the session, contact Mr. Stanley Hamilton, Office of Regulatory Development, (202) 366-0665. *Specific Information.* For information concerning the rulemaking, contact Mr. David Miller, Office of Bus and Truck Standards, (202) 366-1790, or Mr. Charles Medalen, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration, (202) 366-1354. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., et, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days a year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded by using a computer, modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. Internet users may reach the Office of the Federal Register's web page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>. Internet users may also find this document at the FMCSA's Motor Carrier Regulatory Information Service (MCREGIS) web site for notices at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsr/rulemakings.htm>.

Background

The earlier hearings, each of two days' duration, took place between May 31 and June 30 in Washington, DC; Ontario, CA; Golden, CO; Kansas City, MO; Indianapolis, IN; Vernon, CT; and Jackson, GA.

The additional hearing will be held Thursday and Friday, July 6 and 7, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 4200 of the DOT headquarters building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Speakers must limit their oral presentations to not more than 10 minutes duration. Presenters may submit additional written documentation to be placed in the public docket.

All persons who would like to participate must request to do so by telephoning Mr. Stanley Hamilton at (202) 366-0665 by 4 p.m., et., on Friday, July 7, 2000.

All persons participating will be subject to Federal and DOT workplace security measures. All persons will need identification with a picture on it and must display the identification to DOT security officers. All persons will be required to sign in at the guard desk and walk through metal detectors. All visitors will be required to wear a "Visitor" badge at all times while in the DOT building.

The DOT security office will limit and monitor the public's access and movement through the DOT building. All persons requesting to participate in the sessions, but failing to satisfy DOT security requirements, will be denied entry into the building and will forfeit the opportunity to participate. Such persons will be allowed to submit written comments to the docket, at the above address, by the close of business on July 31, 2000.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 504, 14122, 31133, 31136, and 31502; sec. 113, Pub. L. 103-311, 108 Stat. 1673, 1676; and 49 CFR 1.73.

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Julie Anna Cirillo,

Acting Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 000524152-0152-01; I.D. 030100C]

RIN 0648-AM34

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Requirement to Use Vessel Monitoring System Transmitter for Atka Mackerel in Aleutian Islands Subarea

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes a proposed rule to require vessels participating in the directed fishery for Atka mackerel in the Aleutian Islands subarea (AI) of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area to carry and use a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) transmitter. This action is necessary to enhance monitoring of fishery activities within critical habitat areas. It is intended to further the conservation goals and objectives of the

Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMP).

DATES: Comments must be received by June 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Sue Salvesson, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, Attn: Lori Gravel. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet. Hand or courier delivered comments may be sent to the Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, Room 453, Juneau, AK 99801. Copies of the Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (RIR/IRFA) prepared for this action may be obtained from the same address or by calling the Alaska Region, NMFS, at 907-586-7228. Send comments on collection-of information requirements to the above address and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington DC 20503 (Attn: NOAA Desk Officer).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Kinsolving, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The number of Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area has declined significantly during the past several decades and in 1997 NMFS listed the western stock of Steller sea lions as an endangered species. A requirement of the Endangered Species Act is that Federal actions affecting the critical habitat of a listed species must not jeopardize the continued existence of the populations of those species or adversely affect or modify their critical habitat. Atka mackerel is an important prey species for Steller sea lions and stocks adequate for the food needs of Steller sea lions must remain available in Steller sea lion critical habitat. Hence, the Atka mackerel fishery must be managed to provide for the food needs of Steller sea lions and avoid potential jeopardy to them.

On January 22, 1999, NMFS published a final rule that reduces the percentage of Atka mackerel taken from Steller sea lion critical habitat over a 4-year period in the Western and Central Districts of the AI (64 FR 3446). The final rule also prohibits all trawling for groundfish within areas designated as Steller sea lion critical habitat when NMFS determines that the harvest of Atka mackerel has reached the applicable limits specified in the