

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 64

[CC Docket No. 98–67; DA 02–1826]

Request for Comment on Clarification of Procedures for Emergency Calls at Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Centers

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document seeks public comment on the proposed clarification of the Commission's rules in part 64 regarding procedures for routing emergency calls by telecommunications relay services (TRS) centers. In March 2000, the Commission discussed routing emergency TRS calls to the most appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). However, the minimum mandatory standards provide for the routing of emergency TRS calls to the nearest PSAP. The Commission seeks comments regarding a proposal that TRS providers use a system for emergency calls that would automatically and immediately transfer a caller to the most appropriate PSAP.

DATES: Interested parties may file comments in this proceeding no later than August 29, 2002. Reply comments may be filed no later than September 13, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erica Myers, Federal Communications Commission, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Disability Rights Office (202) 418–2429 (voice), (202) 418–0464 (TTY), or e-mail emyers@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When filing comments, please reference CC Docket 98–67. Interested parties may file comments in this proceeding no later than August 29, 2002. Reply comments may be filed no later than September 13, 2002. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24,121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must

transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Services mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW–A325 Washington, DC 20554. Parties who choose to file by paper should also submit their comments on diskette. These diskettes should be submitted to: Erica Myers, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5–C212, Washington DC 20554. Such a submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible format using Word 97 or compatible software. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labeled with the commenter's name, proceeding (including the lead docket

number in this case, CC Docket No. 98–67, type of pleading (comment or reply comment), date of submission, and the name of the electronic file on the diskette. The label should also include the following phrase "Disk Copy—Not an Original." Each diskette should contain only one party's pleadings, preferably in a single electronic file. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554. This proceeding shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 CFR 1.1200 and 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 CFR 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in § 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.1206(b). Alternative formats (computer diskette, large print, audio recording and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Brian Millin, of the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418–7426, TTY (202) 418–7365, or e-mail at bmillin@fcc.gov. This document can also be downloaded in Text and ASCII formats at: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro>.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018–AI61

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment of the California Tiger Salamander as Endangered

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), provide notice that we are holding a public hearing for the proposed rule to list the Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment of the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) as endangered under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We are also giving notice that the comment period for the proposed rule for this species is being extended to hold the public hearing and to allow all interested parties to submit written comments on the proposal. Comments previously submitted on the proposed rule need not be resubmitted as they will be fully considered in the final determination.

DATES: We will hold a public hearing from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. in Santa Rosa, CA, on October 1, 2002. The comment period, which originally closed on September 20, 2002, will now close on October 21, 2002, at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 175 Railroad Street, Santa Rosa, CA. Comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent to Wayne S. White, Field Supervisor, ATTN: CTS, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way Room W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile to 916/414-6713 or through the internet to fw1sccaliforniatiger@r1.fws.gov. You may also hand-deliver written comments to our Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, at the above address. Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in the preparation of this proposed rule, will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above address. You may obtain copies of the proposed rule from the above address, by calling 916/414-6600, or from our Web site at <http://sacramento.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Wooten, Amy LaVoie, or Chris Nagano, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way Room W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825 (telephone 916/414-6600, facsimile 916/414-6713 or visit our Web site at <http://sacramento.fws.gov/>). Information regarding this proposal is available in alternative formats upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This Distinct Population Segment of the California tiger salamander is restricted to a portion of the Santa Rosa Plain in Sonoma County, CA, extending from approximately Santa Rosa south to the Cotati area. The factors imperiling this animal in Sonoma County include habitat destruction, degradation, and fragmentation, collection, invasive exotic species, and inadequate regulatory mechanisms. This Distinct Population Segment also is vulnerable to chance environmental or demographic events, to which small populations are particularly vulnerable.

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), we published an emergency rule to list the Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment of the California tiger salamander as endangered on July 22, 2002 (67 FR 47726). The emergency rule provides immediate Federal protection to this Distinct Population Segment for a period of 240 days. This immediate Federal protection expires on March 19, 2003. We also published a proposed rule on July 22, 2002, to list the Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment of the California tiger salamander as endangered under our normal listing procedures (67 FR 47758).

For further information regarding background biological information, previous Federal actions, factors affecting the subspecies, and conservation measures available to the Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment of the California tiger salamander, please refer to our emergency and proposed rules published in the **Federal Register** on July 22, 2002.

The original comment period was due to close on September 20, 2002. In order to accommodate the hearing, we are extending the comment period. Written comments may now be submitted until October 21, 2002, at 5 p.m.

Anyone wishing to make an oral statement for the record is encouraged to provide a written copy of their statement and present it to us at the hearing. In the event there is a large attendance, the time allotted for oral statements may be limited. Oral and written statements receive equal consideration. There are no limits to the length of written comments presented at the hearing or mailed to us. Legal notices announcing the date, time, and location of the public hearing will be published in newspapers concurrently with this **Federal Register** notice.

Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and

participate in the public hearing should contact Patti Carroll at 503/231-2080 as soon as possible. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than one week before the hearing date.

Public Comments Solicited

We solicit additional information and comments that may assist us in making a final decision on the proposed rule to list the Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment of the California tiger salamander as endangered. We intend that any final listing action resulting from our proposal will be as accurate and effective as possible. Therefore, we request comments and additional information from the general public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party concerning this proposed rule. Comments are particularly sought concerning:

(1) Biological, commercial trade, or other relevant data concerning any threat (or lack thereof) to the Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment of the California tiger salamander;

(2) The location of any additional breeding sites of this Distinct Population Segment, and the reasons why any habitat should or should not be determined to be critical habitat pursuant to section 4 of the Act;

(3) Additional information concerning the range, biology, ecology, or population size of this Distinct Population Segment, and

(4) Current or planned activities or land use practices in the subject area and their possible impacts on this species in Sonoma County.

Previously submitted written comments on this proposal need not be resubmitted. If you submit comments by e-mail, please submit them in ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and encryption. Please include "Attn: CTS" and your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from our system that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly by calling our Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office at telephone number 916/414-6600. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Author

The primary author of this notice is Chris Nagano, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: August 13, 2002.

Steve Williams,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 17**

RIN 1018-AH94

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Blackburn's Sphinx Moth

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) gives notice of a public hearing on the proposed critical habitat designation for Blackburn's sphinx moth. In addition, the comment period which originally closed on August 12, 2002, has been extended. The new comment period and hearing will allow all interested parties to submit oral or written comments on the proposal. We are seeking comments or suggestions from the public, other concerned agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested parties concerning the proposed rule. Comments already submitted on the proposed rule need not be resubmitted as they will be fully considered in the final determination.

DATES: The comment period for this proposal now closes on December 30, 2002. Any comments received by the closing date will be considered in the final decision on this proposal. The public hearing will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2002, on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Prior to the public hearing, the Service will be available from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to provide information and to answer questions. The Service will also be available for questions after the hearing.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center Meeting Room, One Cameron Way, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii. Comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific

Islands Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122, P.O. Box 50088, Honolulu, HI 96850. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Henson, at the above address, (telephone 808/541-3441, facsimile 808/541-3470).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public hearing for the proposed rule to designate critical habitat for Blackburn's sphinx moth announced in this **Federal Register** notice and the public hearing for the proposed designation of critical habitat for 61 plants from the islands of Maui and Kahoolawe announced in a separate **Federal Register** notice are scheduled for the same date, time, and location on Maui as a matter of convenience to the public. We will accept comments at this public hearing on the proposed designation of critical habitat for Blackburn's sphinx moth, as well as the proposed designation of critical habitat for 61 plants from the islands of Maui and Kahoolawe.

Background

On June 13, 2002, we published a proposed critical habitat rule for the Blackburn's sphinx moth listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), known historically from the islands of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Oahu, and known currently from the islands of Hawaii, Kahoolawe, and Maui (67 FR 40633). The original comment period closed on August 12, 2002. The comment period now closes on December 30, 2002. Written comments should be submitted to us (*see ADDRESSES* section).

A final listing rule, listing the Blackburn's sphinx moth as endangered, was published in the **Federal Register** on February 1, 2000 (65 FR 4770). In that final rule, we determined that critical habitat designation for the moth would be prudent, and we also indicated that we were not able to develop a proposed critical habitat designation for the species at that time due to budgetary and workload constraints.

On June 2, 2000, we were ordered by the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii (in *Center for Biological Diversity v. Babbitt and Clark*, Civ. No. 99-00603 (D. Haw.)) to publish the final critical habitat designation for Blackburn's sphinx moth by February 1, 2002. This was extended on October 2, 2001 to August 10, 2002. The plaintiffs and the Service have agreed on an

extension. On August 21, 2002, the parties to the litigation anticipate filing a joint stipulation that, if approved would extend the final critical habitat deadline for this species to May 30, 2003. It would also extend another deadline and require other actions. This notice is being issued in anticipation of the court's approval. Should the court disapprove the stipulation, we may have to issue a further notice modifying the schedule and process for completing the final critical habitat determinations for these species. This proposed rule is in response to these requirements. Within eight separate units, a total of approximately 40,240 hectares (99,433 acres) on the Hawaiian Islands of Maui, Hawaii, Molokai, and Kahoolawe are proposed for designation as critical habitat for Blackburn's sphinx moth. For locations of these proposed units, please consult the proposed rule (67 FR 40633).

Section 4(b)(5)(E) of the Act requires that a public hearing be held if it is requested within 45 days of the publication of a proposed rule. In response to requests from various parties, we will hold a public hearing on the date and at the address described in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections above. An additional **Federal Register** notice will be published when a public hearing can be scheduled for the Island of Hawaii.

Anyone wishing to make an oral statement for the record is encouraged to provide a written copy of their statement and present it to us at the hearing. In the event there is a large attendance, the time allotted for oral statements may be limited. Oral and written statements receive equal consideration. There are no limits to the length of written comments presented at the hearing or mailed to us. Legal notices announcing the date, time, and location of the public hearing will be published in newspapers concurrently with the **Federal Register** notice.

Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the public hearing should contact Patti Carroll at 503/231-2080 as soon as possible. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than one week before the hearing date.

Information regarding this proposal is available in alternative formats upon request.

Comments from the public regarding this proposed rule are sought, especially regarding:

(1) The reasons why any particular area should or should not be designated as critical habitat for the Blackburn's