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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00-1839, MM Docket No. 00-144, RM-9925]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Groveton, NH

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Linda Davidson seeking the allotment of Channel 268A to Groveton, NH, as the community's second local FM service. Channel 268A can be allotted to Groveton in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 7.2 kilometers (4.4 miles) northeast, at coordinates 44-37-43 NL; 71-25-55 WL, to avoid a short-spacing to Station WYKR-FM, Channel 267A, Haverhill, NH, and Station WBHG, Channel 268A, Meredith, NH. Canadian concurrence in the allotment must be obtained since Groveton is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 2, 2000, and reply comments on or before October 17, 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: Linda A. Davidson, 2134 Oak St., Unit C, Santa Monica, CA 90405 (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. 00-144, adopted August 2, 2000, and released August 11, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AF92; RIN 1018-AF95

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Extension of Comment Periods and Notice of Availability of Draft Economic Analyses on Proposed Critical Habitat Determinations for the Spectacled Eider and Steller's Eider

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of extension of comment period and notice of availability of draft economic analyses.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of draft economic analyses of the proposed designation of critical habitat for the spectacled eider (*Somateria fischeri*) and the Alaska-breeding population of the Steller's eider (*Polysticta stelleri*). We also provide notice that we are extending the comment periods on the proposals to allow all interested parties to submit written comments on the proposals and on the draft economic analyses. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted as they will be incorporated into the public records and will be fully considered in the final rule. **DATES:** The comment periods for the proposed rules concerning spectacled

eiders and Steller's eiders, which previously closed on August 31, 2000, now close on September 25, 2000. Comments from all interested parties must be received by the closing date. Any comments that are received after the closing date may not be considered in the final decision on these proposals.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft economic analyses are available on the Internet at "www.r7.fws.gov/es/te.html" or by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the appropriate field office listed below. Submit written data or comments on the spectacled eider to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Anchorage, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 605 W. 4th Ave. Rm G-62, Anchorage, AK 99501; fax: 907/271-2786. Submit written data or comments on the Steller's eider to Ted Swem, Northern Alaska Ecological Services, 101 12th Ave., Rm 110, Fairbanks, AK 99701; fax 907/456-0208.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the proposed rule and economic analysis concerning spectacled eiders, contact Ann G. Rappoport, Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Anchorage at the above address, phone: 907/271-2787 or toll-free 800/272-4174; fax: 907/271-2786. For the proposed rule and economic analysis concerning Steller's eiders, contact Ted Swem, Endangered Species Branch, at Northern Alaska Ecological Services at the above address, phone: 907/456-0441; fax: 907/456-0208.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The spectacled eider is a large seaduck found in marine waters and coastal areas from the Nushagak Peninsula of southwestern Alaska north to Barrow and east nearly to the Canadian Border. The species is threatened by habitat degradation, lead poisoning, increased predation rates, and hunting and other human disturbance. The Steller's eider is a seaduck found in coastal and marine waters from the eastern Aleutian Islands around the western and northern coasts of Alaska to the Canada border. The Alaska-breeding population of this species is thought to have decreased significantly, but the causes of the suspected decline are unknown. On February 8, 2000, the Service published a proposed rule (65 FR 6114) to designate critical habitat for the spectacled eider, and on March 13, 2000, the Service published a proposed rule (65 FR 13262) to designate critical habitat for the Alaska-breeding population of the Steller's eider.