

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 02-2601; MB Docket No. 02-321, RM-10583; MB Docket No. 02-322, RM-10584]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Oak Grove and Opelousas, LA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Audio Division requests comment on a petition filed Charles Crawford proposing the allotment of Channel 289A at Oak Grove, Louisiana, as the community's second local aural transmission service. Channel 289A can be allotted to Oak Grove in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 11.3 kilometers (7 miles) east to avoid a short-spacing to the license site of Station KVVP, Channel 289C3, Leesville, Louisiana. The coordinates for Channel 289A at Oak Grove are 29-43-41 North Latitude and 93-00-05 West Longitude. The Audio Division also requests comment on a petition filed by Opelousas Radio Broadcasters proposing the allotment of Channel 297A at Opelousas, Louisiana, as the community's third local aural transmission service. Channel 297A can be allotted to Opelousas in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 7.3 kilometers (4.6 miles) south of the community. The coordinates for Channel 297A at Opelousas are 30-28-18 North Latitude and 92-03-14 West Longitude.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before December 9, 2002, and reply comments on or before December 24, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, his counsel, or consultant, as follows: Charles Crawford, 4553 Bordeaux Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75205 and Opelousas Radio Broadcasters, c/o John M. Pelkey, Garvey, Schubert & Barer, 5th Floor, 1000 Potomac Street, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rolanda F. Smith, Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket Nos. 02-321, 02-322, adopted October 2, 2002, and released October 18, 2002.

The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC's Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

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 and 336.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Louisiana, is amended by adding Channel 289A at Oak Grove and Channel 297A at Opelousas.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Assistant Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau.

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

RIN 1018-AH40

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; reopening of the comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the reopening of the comment period 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 reopening the comment period to allow interested parties additional time to submit information to us for our consideration in making the final determination for this species. Comments already submitted on the proposed rule need not be resubmitted as they will be fully considered in the final determination.

DATES: Comments and information from all interested parties will be accepted until 5 p.m. on December 16, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments and materials concerning the proposed rule to Wayne S. White, Field Supervisor, ATTN: SCCTS, 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 fw1sonoma_tiger_salamander@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:

Susan Moore 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 website at <http://sacramento.fws.gov/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of the California tiger salamander is restricted to a portion of the Santa Rosa Plain in Sonoma County, California, 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. Because of its small numbers, this DPS also is highly vulnerable to chance environmental or demographic events such as drought, disease, or fluctuations in mating success.

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 47726–47740). The emergency rule provides immediate Federal protection to this DPS for a period of 240 days. We also published a proposed rule on July 22, 2002, to list the Sonoma County DPS of the California tiger salamander as endangered under our normal listing procedures (67 FR 47758–47760). A public hearing on the proposed rule was held on October 1, 2002, in Santa Rosa, California.

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

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 DPS 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 are reopening the comment period to solicit 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 DPS of the California tiger salamander;

(2) The location of any additional breeding sites of this DPS, 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 DPS; and

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

The comment period, which originally closed on September 20, 2002, and was then extended to October 21, 2002 (67 FR 54761, August 26, 2002), will now close on the date specified above in the **DATES** section. 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: SCCTS" 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, at the above address.

Author

The primary author of this notice is Chris Nagano, Deputy Chief, Endangered Species Division (see **ADDRESSES** section).

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

Dated: October 16, 2002.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018–AG93

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Sidalcea keckii* (Keck's checkermallow)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of availability of draft economic analysis; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announce the availability of the draft economic analysis for the proposed designation of critical habitat for *Sidalcea keckii* (Keck's checkermallow) located in Fresno and Tulare Counties, California. We are reopening the comment period for the proposal to designate critical habitat for this species to allow all interested parties to comment simultaneously on the proposed rule and the associated draft economic analysis. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted as they will be incorporated into the public record as part of this extended comment period, and will be fully considered in the final rule.

DATES: We will accept comments on both the draft economic analysis and the proposed critical habitat designation until December 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and information should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W–2605, Sacramento, CA 95825. For the electronic mail address, and further instructions on commenting, refer to Public Comments Solicited section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Moore, at the address above (telephone 916/414–6600; facsimile 916/414–6710).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sidalcea keckii (Keck's checkermallow) is an annual herb of the mallow family (Malvaceae) endemic (native and restricted to) the western foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains in California. It produces bright pink flowers in April and early May, and likely forms a persistent soil seed bank consisting of viable seeds from numerous years. *S. keckii* was first