

Authority: Section 1848 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: March 8, 2001.

Brian P. Burns,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Information Resources Management.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 01-333; MM Docket No. 98-112, RM-9027, RM-9268, RM-9384]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Anniston and Ashland, AL, and College Park, GA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; denial of petition for reconsideration.

SUMMARY: This document denies a Petition for Reconsideration filed by Preston Small directed to the *Report and Order* in this proceeding which substituted Channel 263C3 for Channel 263C at Anniston, Alabama, allotted Channel 264A to Ashland, Alabama, reallocated Channel 263C3 to College Park, Georgia, and modified the license of Station WHMA to specify operation on Channel 263C3 at College Park. See 65 FR 31498, May 18, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Hayne, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2177.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Memorandum Opinion and Order* in MM Docket No. 98-112, adopted February 7, 2001, and released February 9, 2001. The full text of this decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center at Portals II, CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3805, 1231 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 230

[Docket No. 001120325-1053-02, I.D. 122800B]

RIN 0648-AO77

Whaling Provisions: Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Quotas

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

ACTION: Aboriginal subsistence whaling quota.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the 2001 aboriginal subsistence whaling quota for gray whales. For 2001, the quota is zero gray whales landed, but may be revised later in the year. This quota governs the harvest of gray whales by members of the Makah Indian Tribe (Tribe).

DATES: Effective March 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Campbell, (202) 482-2652.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Aboriginal subsistence whaling in the United States is governed by the Whaling Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 916 *et seq.*) and rules at 50 CFR part 230. The rules requires the Secretary of Commerce to publish, at least annually, aboriginal subsistence whaling quotas and any other limitations on aboriginal subsistence whaling deriving from regulations of the International Whaling Commission (IWC).

At the 1997 Annual Meeting of the IWC, the Commission set quotas for aboriginal subsistence use of gray whales from the Eastern stock in the North Pacific. This action by the IWC thus authorized aboriginal subsistence whaling by the Tribe for gray whales, and is discussed in greater detail in the **Federal Register** notification (64 FR 28413, May 26, 1999).

On June 9, 2000, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the Department of Commerce's environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) should have been completed before agreeing to request a gray whale quota from the IWC. The Court ordered the agency to prepare a new NEPA document under circumstances that would ensure an objective evaluation of the

environmental consequences of the gray whale harvest.

NOAA completed a draft EA on January 12, 2001 and solicited public comments. NMFS is currently preparing a final EA. NOAA set the 2000 quota at zero (65 FR 75186) and is now setting the 2001 quota at zero pending completion of the NEPA analysis.

Dated: March 5, 2001.

William T. Hogarth,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 000913257-0257-01; I.D. 081800D]

RIN 0648-AO52

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Prohibition of Trap Gear in the Royal Red Shrimp Fishery in the Gulf of Mexico

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

ACTION: Emergency interim rule; extension of expiration date.

SUMMARY: An emergency interim rule that prohibits the use of trap gear in the royal red shrimp fishery within the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico is in effect through March 18, 2001. NMFS extends that emergency interim rule for an additional 180 days. The intended effect is to prevent gear conflict and overfishing in the royal red shrimp fishery.

DATES: The expiration date for the emergency interim rule published at 65 FR 56500, September 19, 2000, is extended from March 18, 2001, through September 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of documents supporting this action, such as the economic analysis and environmental assessment, may be obtained from the Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702, telephone: 727-570-5325; fax: 727-570-5583.

Comments on any ambiguity or unnecessary complexity arising from the language used in this emergency interim rule should be directed to Rod Dalton,