

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 Mississippi, is amended by adding Channel 277A at Greenwood.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Nebraska, is amended by adding Hyannis, Channel 250C1.

4. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under South Dakota, is amended by adding Wall, Channel 288C.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 02-1805; MB Docket No. 02-197; RM-10509]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Bishopville and Lamar, SC

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Miller Communications, Inc., licensee of Station WKHT(FM), Channel 229A, Bishopville, South Carolina, requesting the reallocation of Channel 229A from Bishopville to Lamar, South Carolina, and modification of its authorization accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules. The coordinates for requested Channel 229A at Lamar, South Carolina, are 34-07-10 NL and 80-08-49 WL.

Petitioner's reallocation proposal complies with the provisions of section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, and therefore, the Commission will not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of Channel 229A at Lamar, South Carolina, or require the petitioner to demonstrate the availability of an additional equivalent class channel.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before September 23, 2002, and reply comments on or before October 8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, 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's counsel, as follows: Gary S. Smithwick, Esq., Smithwick & Belendiuk, P.C.; 5028 Wisconsin Avenue, NW., Suite 301; Washington, DC 20016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. Barthen Gorman, Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 02-197, adopted July 17, 2002, and released August 2, 2002. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center at Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractors, 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.

The 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.

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 South Carolina, is amended by adding Lamar, Channel 229A, and removing Bishopville, Channel 229A.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Assistant Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 02-1873; MB Docket No. 02-208; RM-10515]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Buttonwillow, CA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by Dangerous Broadcasting, L.P., II proposing the allotment of Channel 265A at Buttonwillow, California, as that community's first local FM service. The coordinates for Channel 265A at Buttonwillow are 35-23-56 and 119-29-52. There is a site restriction 2.5 kilometers (1.6 miles) west of the community to avoid a short-spacing to a license site of Station KGFM, Channel 268B, Bakersfield, CA.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before September 23, 2002, and reply comments on or before October 8, 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, as follows: Dangerous Broadcasting, L.P., II, c/o John J. McVeigh, Attorney at Law, 12101 Blue Paper Trail, Columbia, Maryland, 21044-2787.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 02-208, adopted July 24, 2002, and released August 2, 2002. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 (CY-A257). 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.

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§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under California, is amended by adding Buttonwillow, Channel 265A.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Assistant Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 600

[I.D. 073002C]

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

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

ACTION: Notification of a proposal for EFPs to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) has made a preliminary determination that the subject exempted fishing permit

(EFP) application contains all the required information and warrants further consideration. The Regional Administrator has also made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue the EFP. Therefore, NMFS announces that the Regional Administrator proposes to issue an EFP that would allow one vessel to conduct fishing operations that are otherwise restricted by the regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United States. The EFP would allow for exemptions from the Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod landing exemption certificate requirement for vessels fishing in the Georges Bank Regulated Mesh Area (GB RMA); the landing and possession limit restriction for GB cod; the requirement to possess on board an exemption certificate to fish for, possess, or land yellowtail flounder, minimum mesh size requirements for the GB RMA and minimum fish size requirements specified for the temporary retention of undersized fish for data collection purposes.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

DATES: Comments on this document must be received on or before August 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope “Comments on URI Large Codend Mesh Size Selectivity EFP Proposal.” Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281–9135.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bonnie L. Van Pelt, Fishery Policy Analyst, 978–281–9244.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An application for an EFP was submitted by URI on June 18, 2002, with a final submission on June 24, 2002. The EFP would facilitate the collection of data on mesh sizes and shapes that are the same or larger than those currently required by regulation to provide mesh size selectivity curves for commercially important groundfish species. These data would be used to conduct YPR and SSBPR analyses to determine optimal yields (overall and per recruit) for each

species targeted by the larger mesh sizes, including 6.5-, 7.0-, and 8.0-inch square and diamond shaped (16.5, 17.8, and 20.3 cm, respectively) mesh codends. The results of the study would be presented to resource managers (New England Fisheries Management Council, NMFS, state agencies, and others) and fishers in various fora, as requested, and allow these groups to evaluate the potential conservation equivalencies resulting from increases in codend mesh size.

The EFP would cover the period September 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002; however, the field sampling portion of the mesh selectivity study would require 15 days at sea on board one commercial fishing vessel. The experiment proposes to conduct mesh selectivity studies with current minimum mesh sizes/shapes, as well as larger mesh size codends to develop selectivity curves for four species of regulated groundfish, including Atlantic cod, haddock, winter flounder, and yellowtail flounder on GB. This information would be integrated into yield per recruit (YPR) and spawning stock biomass per recruit (SSBPR) analyses to determine whether incremental increases in mesh size could reduce growth overfishing and improve percent spawning stock biomass. That is, the study would attempt to determine if increasing mesh size would decrease fishing mortality on younger-aged fish in the stock and increase the number of age classes in the stock for greater overall yields of commercially important Northeast (NE) multispecies. While these yields may not be realized immediately, the experiment proposes to conduct an outreach program to educate fisheries managers and fishers on the benefits and costs associated with increasing mesh size based on the results of industry-cooperative mesh selectivity studies in the region. The EFP would allow these exemptions for one commercial vessel, for not more than 15 days of sea trials. All experimental work would be monitored by University of Rhode Island (URI) scientists/observers.

The experimental tows would be conducted by alternating “experimental” mesh sizes (i.e., mesh size larger than that currently regulated under the FMP and mesh sizes that are currently in use), with small mesh control codends (3-inch (7.62 cm)) within the GB RMA. The experimental protocol would require 9 tows of 2 hour duration per day, thus including the 6 experimental codends and 3 control codends in a randomly selected sequence for 15 days of sea trials (roughly 60 experimental tows