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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 Kansas, is amended by adding Valley Falls, Channel 245C2.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Nebraska, is amended by removing Humboldt, Channel 244A, and by adding Pawnee City, Channel 256A.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AT31

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 12-Month Petition Finding and Proposed Rule To Delist the Mexican Bobcat (*Lynx rufus escuinapae*)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), give notice that we are reopening the comment period for the proposed rule to delist the Mexican bobcat (*Lynx rufus escuinapae*) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. The proposed rule was published and the public comment period initially opened on May 19, 2005 and the comment period closed on August 17, 2005. We are now reopening the comment period so that we may obtain comments from additional peer reviewers and other interested persons. Comments previously submitted do not need to be resubmitted because they will be incorporated into the public record as part of this comment period and will be fully considered in the final determination.

DATES: Comments must be submitted directly to the Service (see **ADDRESSES** section) on or before December 23, 2005. Any comments received after the closing date may not be considered in the final determination on the proposal.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments, information, and questions to the Chief, Division of Scientific Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 750, Arlington, VA 22203, USA; or by fax (703-358-2276); or by e-mail (scientificauthority@fws.gov). Comments and supporting information will be available for public inspection, by appointment, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the above address. To obtain a copy of the May 19, 2005 proposed rule, you can download or print it from <http://www.fws.gov/international/>, or you can request a copy from the Division of Scientific Authority by writing to the above address or calling 703-358-1708. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Javier Alvarez at the above address; or by telephone (703-358-1708), fax (703-358-2276), or e-mail (scientificauthority@fws.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 8, 1996, the Service received a petition dated June 30, 1996, from the National Trappers Association, Inc., Bloomington, Illinois. The petition requested that we delist the Mexican bobcat under the Act. On July 2, 2003, we published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 39590) a positive 90-day finding on the National Trappers Association petition, thereby initiating a public comment period and status review for the species. Based on the comments received and status review, on May 19, 2005, we published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 28895) a rule proposing to delist the Mexican bobcat under the Act. The public comment period on that proposed rule closed on August 17, 2005. In our final rule, we will address the comments received during that 90-day comment period as well as the comments received during the reopening of the comment period initiated by this document.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service intends that any final action resulting from the proposed rule will be based on the most accurate and up-to-date information possible. Therefore, comments or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party concerning the proposed rule are hereby solicited. Comments particularly are sought concerning the taxonomic validity and population status of the Mexican bobcat, specifically the putative subspecies *Lynx rufus escuinapae* and not other subspecies or populations of bobcat in Mexico. We request that you do not resubmit comments sent to us during the previous comment period. Comments previously submitted will be incorporated into the public record as part of this comment period and will be fully considered in the final determination. Final action on the proposed rule will take into consideration the comments and any additional information received by the Service, and such communications may lead to a final action that differs from the proposed rule.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Commenters may request that we withhold their home addresses, and we will honor these requests to the extent allowable by law. In some circumstances, we may also withhold a commenter's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your

name or address, you must state this request prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. To the extent consistent with applicable law, we will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public comment in their entirety. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

Peer Review

In accordance with our policy published on July 1, 1994 (59 FR 34270), we are seeking expert opinions of at least three appropriate independent specialists regarding the proposed rule. The purpose of such review is to ensure that listing decisions are based on scientifically sound data, assumptions, and analysis. Two of the three invited peer reviewers submitted comments during the previous comment period, while the third submitted comments following the close of the comment period. Therefore, we are reopening the comment period to allow consideration of the existing peer reviews as well as the submission of comments by additional peer reviewers.

Author

The primary author of this notice is Dr. Javier Alvarez (*see ADDRESSES* section).

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

Dated: October 27, 2005.

Marshall Jones,

Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

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RIN 0648-AS15

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 13

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

ACTION: Availability of Fishery Management Plan amendment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted Amendment 13 to the FMP for review, approval, and implementation by NMFS. Amendment 13 would revise Federal permitting requirements for the shrimp fishery of the Gulf of Mexico exclusive economic zone (EEZ), including the establishment of a moratorium on the issuance of Federal commercial shrimp vessel permits; revision of existing regulations regarding reporting and recordkeeping in the shrimp fishery; and establishment of stock status criteria for the various shrimp stocks. The intended effects of Amendment 13 are to stabilize participation in the shrimp fishery of the Gulf of Mexico EEZ and provide better information by which to manage the fishery.

DATES: Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern time, on January 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: 0648-AS15.NOAA@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line the following document identifier: 0648-AS15-NOA.
- Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: Steve Branstetter, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

- Fax: 727-824-5308, Attention: Steve Branstetter.

Copies of Amendment 13, which includes an Environmental Assessment, a Regulatory Impact Review, and an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, are available from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; phone: 813-348-1630; fax: 813-348-1711; e-mail: gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Steve Branstetter, 727-824-5305; fax: 727-824-5308; e-mail: steve.branstetter@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) requires each Regional Fishery Management Council to submit any fishery management plan or amendment to NMFS for review and approval, disapproval, or partial approval. The Magnuson-Stevens Act also requires that NMFS, upon receiving a plan or amendment, publish an announcement in the **Federal Register**

notifying the public that the plan or amendment is available for review and comment.

Amendment 13, if implemented, would establish a requirement for royal red shrimp vessels fishing in the Gulf of Mexico EEZ to possess a royal red shrimp endorsement to their Gulf of Mexico Federal shrimp vessel permit. The royal red shrimp fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is a very small component of the overall shrimp fishery, and there are very limited data on this fishery on which to make management decisions. Specifically identifying royal red shrimp harvesters through a permit endorsement would provide the opportunity to gather needed biological, social, and economic data to appropriately manage this fishery.

Amendment 13 proposes the establishment of a 10-year moratorium on the issuance of new Federal shrimp vessel permits. If implemented, permits under the moratorium would be fully transferable, allowing permittees the flexibility to enter or exit the fishery as they choose. To be eligible for a commercial shrimp vessel permit under the moratorium, vessels must have been issued a valid commercial shrimp vessel permit by NMFS prior to and including December 6, 2003. Additionally, an owner who sold his qualified vessel, had his qualified vessel reposessed, or otherwise lost use of his qualified vessel (i.e., damage, sinking, unaffordable repairs), but who obtained a valid commercial shrimp vessel permit for the same vessel or another vessel equipped for offshore shrimp fishing (at least 5 net tons) prior to the date of publication of the final rule implementing this amendment would be eligible to renew such permit under the moratorium.

Amendment 13, if implemented, would establish a standardized method to regularly monitor, report, and estimate the bycatch in the shrimp fishery of the Gulf of Mexico, in compliance with § 303(a)(11) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Amendment 13 proposes to establish a program whereby a sample of Federally permitted shrimp vessels would be equipped with electronic logbooks (ELBs) provided by NMFS, and a sample of Federally permitted shrimp vessels would carry observers. The ELB program would provide better information regarding effort, and the observer program would provide information on catch, effort, and bycatch. Amendment 13 also proposes to revise data collection requirements to include mandatory reporting of landings and vessel and gear characteristics.

Finally, to better comply with the Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements,