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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00-1963, MM Docket No. 00-153, RM-9936; MM Docket No. 00-154, RM-9935]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Marceline, MO, Fair Haven, VT

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests comments on two petitions for rule making requesting FM channel allotments at Marceline, MO, and Fair Haven, VT. Channel 256A can be allotted to Marceline in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 7.2 kilometers (4.5 miles) northeast, at coordinates 39-44-42 NL; 92-52-33 WL, to avoid a short-spacing to Station KQRC-FM, Channel 255C, Leavenworth, Kansas. Channel 223A can be allotted to Fair Haven in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements, with respect to all domestic allotments, without the imposition of a site restriction at coordinates 43-35-41 NL; 73-15-58

WL. Fair Haven is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border and the allotment, at the proposed coordinates, will result in a 29.1 kilometer short-spacing to Station CFQR-FM, Channel 223C1, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Therefore, concurrence by the Canadian Government in the allotment, as a specially negotiated short-spaced allotment, must be obtained.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before October 16, 2000, and reply comments on or before October 31, 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: RC Broadcasting Company, 9118 NE 198th Street, Trimble, MO 64492 (Petitioner in RM-9936); Vermont Community Radio c/o Peter Morton, Vice President, Research, P.O. Box 8260, Essex, VT 05451-8260 (Petitioner in RM-9935).

**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 Nos. 00-153, 00-154, adopted August 16, 2000, and released August 25, 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 600

[I.D. 090600B]

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

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

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

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has made a preliminary determination to issue EFPs to conduct experimental fishing operations otherwise restricted by the regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United States. The Northeast Region has received a request to allow several purse seine vessels to fish in Closed Area I. Therefore, this document invites comments on the issuance of EFPs to conduct experimental fishing with a maximum of 5 commercial fishing vessels. The EFPs would allow tuna purse seine vessels to fish for giant bluefin tuna in Northeast Multispecies Closed Area I, where purse seine gear is normally prohibited. This exempted fishery would allow NMFS and the New England Fishery Management Council to evaluate the feasibility of allowing this type of gear in the closed area as an exempted gear on a permanent basis.

**DATES:** Comments on this document must be received by September 12, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on Proposed EFP Proposal." Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9135. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.