

Broadcasting Company, Inc. requesting the allotment of TV channel 56 to Marshfield, Missouri, as the community first local commercial television service. Channel 56 can be allotted to Marshfield consistent with Section 73.623(d) of the Commission's Rules with a minus offset at coordinates 37-11-40 N. and 92-56-04 W. We will not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of television channel 56- at Marshfield or counterproposals in the same or nearby communities. See Public Notice released on November 22, 1999, DA 99-2605.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 16, 2001, and reply comments on or before May 1, 2001.

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: Bruce A. Eisen, Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler, LLP, 901 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-2327 (Counsel for Pelican Broadcasting Company, Inc.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 01-52, adopted February 20, 2001, and released February 21, 2001. 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.

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

Television broadcasting.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—TELEVISION BROADCAST SERVICES

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, and 336.

§ 73.606 [Amended]

2. § 73.606(b), the Table of Television Allotments under Missouri is amended by adding Marshfield, Channel 56-

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AG34

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Period and Notice of Availability of Draft Economic Analysis for Proposed Critical Habitat Determination for the Riverside Fairy Shrimp

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of the draft economic analysis for the proposed designation of critical habitat for the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*). We also provide notice of the reopening of the comment period for the proposal to designate critical habitat for the Riverside fairy shrimp to allow all interested parties to submit written comments on the proposal and on the draft economic analysis. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted as they will be incorporated into the public record as a part of this reopened comment period and will be fully considered in the final rule.

DATES: The original comment period on the critical habitat proposal closed on November 6, 2000. The comment period is reopened and we will accept comments until March 30, 2001. Comments must be received by the

closing date. Any comments that are received after the closing date may not be considered in the final decision on this proposal.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft economic analysis are available on the Internet at <http://carlsbad.fws.gov> or by writing to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008.

Written comments should be sent to the Field Supervisor. You may also send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to fws1rvfs@fws.gov. Please submit comments in ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and encryption. Please include "Attn: Riverside fairy shrimp" and your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly by calling our Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office at phone number 760-431-9440.

Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above Service address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Krofta, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, at the above address (telephone 760-431-9440; facsimile 760-431-9624).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Riverside fairy shrimp is a small aquatic crustacean that occurs in vernal pools, ephemeral ponds, and human-modified depressions. Basins, ponds, and depressions that support Riverside fairy shrimp are located on coastal terraces and plateaus ranging from coastal southern California to northwestern Baja California, Mexico. Typically, this species is found in vernal pools that are deeper and cooler than those basins which support the related species, the endangered San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*).

Basins that support Riverside fairy shrimp are typically dry a portion of the year, but usually are filled by late fall, winter, or spring rains, and may persist into April or May. Critical to the formation of vernal pool basins is the presence of nearly impermeable surface or subsurface soil layers and flat or gently sloping topography. Historically, vernal pool soils and habitats covered extensive areas on the coastal plains and mesas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Ventura Counties. Significant losses of vernal

pools supporting the Riverside fairy shrimp have occurred throughout these areas due to urban and water development, flood control, highway and utility projects, as well as the conversion of wildlands to agricultural and other human uses.

The species was Federally listed as endangered throughout its range on August 3, 1993 (58 FR 41384), and its continued survival is reduced by habitat loss and degradation. On September 21, 2000, the Fish and Wildlife Service published a rule proposing critical habitat for the Riverside fairy shrimp in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 57136). We proposed designation of approximately 4,880 hectares (12,060 acres) as critical habitat for the Riverside fairy shrimp pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Proposed critical habitat is in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Ventura Counties, California, as described in the proposed rule.

Section 4(b)(2) of the Act requires that the Secretary shall designate or revise critical habitat based upon the best scientific and commercial data available and after taking into consideration the economic impact of specifying any particular area as critical habitat. Based upon the previously published proposal to designate critical habitat for the Riverside fairy shrimp and comments received during previous comment period, we have prepared a draft economic analysis of the proposed critical habitat designation, which is available at the above Internet and mailing address.

Public Comment Solicited

We have reopened the comment period at this time in order to accept the best and most current scientific and

commercial data available regarding the proposed critical habitat and the draft economic analysis. Previously submitted written comments on this critical habitat proposal need not be resubmitted. The current comment period on this proposal closes on March 30, 2001. Written comments may be submitted to the Service office in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Author

The primary author of this notice is Douglas Krofta (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Authority

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

Dated: February 20, 2001.

David Patte,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will

hold a 2-day Council meeting, on March 14 and 15, 2001, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 14 and 15, at 9 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., respectively.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Radisson Hotel New London, 35 Governor Winthrop Boulevard, New London, CT, 06320; telephone (860) 443-7000. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465-0492.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Wednesday, March 14, 2001

After introductions, the meeting will begin with a report from the Council's Groundfish Committee on alternatives for draft Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Prior to that discussion, the Council will receive two reports. The first will summarize fishing industry comments on the social impacts of groundfish management measures since 1994. The second will present information on changes in groundfish vessel gross revenues since 1994. A discussion of the biological objectives for the amendment is also scheduled. The alternatives discussion will be based on the broad concepts of refinements to the status quo measures, area-based management and sector allocation by gear type.