

service providers. The Commission believes that the mobility feature will enhance the marketability and usefulness of IVDS and ensure that the IVDS spectrum will be fully utilized, without impairing the purpose of the service.

2. The Commission proposes to amend Section 95.803(b) of the rules to permit IVDS licensees to provide ancillary mobile services to fixed service subscribers within their service area. This change in the rule would allow transmissions from a cell transmitter station (CTS) to a fixed or mobile response transmitter unit (RTU) and vice versa at any location within the service area. The primary use of the IVDS system, however, must be to provide subscribers at fixed locations with the capability to interact with video, data, or other service providers. The offering to subscribers of mobile service only, such as paging or dispatch services, would not be permitted. As suggested by EON, we propose to limit the ERP of RTUs designed to operate as portables to 100 milliwatts.

3. The Commission seeks specific comments concerning the proposed rule amendments, power limitations, and whether restrictions should be placed on the types of ancillary mobile services that IVDS licensees would be permitted to offer.

4. Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Reason for Action

The Commission proposes to amend Part 95 of its rules to allow ancillary portable operation in the Interactive Video and Data Service (IVDS). This change will allow IVDS licensees to provide new and innovative communication services and promote more efficient and flexible use of IVDS spectrum.

Objectives

The proposed rules will encourage rapid deployment and growth of IVDS systems and enhance telecommunications offerings for consumers, producers and new entrants.

Legal Basis

The proposed action is authorized under Sections 4(i), 303(r) and 307(c) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 303(r) and 307(c).

Report, Recordkeeping and Other Compliance Requirements

None.

Federal Rules Which Overlap, Duplicate or Conflict With These Rules

None.

Description, Potential Impact, and Small Entities Involved

The proposed rule change would benefit IVDS licensees by allowing them to provide new services. Most IVDS licensees are expected to be small entities.

Any Significant Alternatives Minimizing the Impact on Small Entities Consistent with the Stated Objectives

None.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 95

Interactive video and data service (IVDS), Radio.

Federal Communications Commission.

LaVera F. Marshall,

Acting Secretary.

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47 CFR Part 97

[PR Docket No. 93-267; FCC 95-165]

Temporary Operating Authority for New Amateur Operators

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: This action withdraws the proposal published at 58 FR 59701, November 10, 1993 to amend the Commission's Rules to provide temporary operating authority to a person who passes the examination for a new amateur operator license and terminates the proceeding. The implementation of the electronic filing of applications in the amateur service has made the proposed temporary operating authority unnecessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maurice J. DePont, Federal Communications Commission, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Washington DC 20554, (202) 418-0690. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's *Memorandum Opinion and Order* adopted April 19, 1995, and released May 2, 1995. The complete text of this Commission action is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 230), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this *Memorandum Opinion and Order* may also be ordered from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037, telephone (202) 857-3800.

Summary of Memorandum Opinion and Order

1. The commenters generally opposed the concept of a temporary operating authority for new amateur operators because they feared that it would be abused by persons who would fabricate false call signs and operate without any license.

2. Subsequent to the issuance of the proposal in this proceeding, the amateur service rules were amended to permit electronic filing of applications by the volunteer-examiner coordinators. This recent development has made the proposed temporary operating authority unnecessary. Hence, the proposal is withdrawn and the proceeding is terminated.

3. This *Memorandum Opinion and Order* is issued pursuant to the authority contained in 47 U.S.C. 154(i).

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 97

Radio, Temporary operating authority.

Federal Communications Commission.

LaVera F. Marshall,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 649, 650, and 651

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New England Fishery Management Council; 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 public meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone.

DATES: The meeting will begin on Wednesday, May 17, 1995, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, May 18, 1995, at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Inn, Route 6, Eastham, MA 02642; telephone: (508) 255-5000 or (800) 533-3986. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1097; telephone: (617) 231-0422.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas G. Marshall, (617) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The May 17, 1995, session will begin with a Monkfish Committee report on the status of development of the fishery management plan (FMP) for Atlantic Monkfish. This will include a discussion of limited entry criteria and bycatch trip limits. The Gear Conflict Committee report will follow with a review of their work on management of gear conflicts, possibly through FMP amendments.

During the afternoon session, the Groundfish Committee will report on their progress to develop management alternatives for Amendment 7 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. The Council hopes to finalize several proposals to address severely overfished stocks in the Northeast. Additionally, the Council will finalize proposed framework adjustment 11 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP and framework adjustment 6 to the Sea Scallop FMP to correct the baseline used by Vessel Tracking Systems (VTS) to calculate days at sea (see below).

On May 18, 1995, the Council will hear reports from the Chairman, Council Executive Director, NMFS Acting Regional Director, Northeast Fisheries Science Center liaison, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaison, and representatives from the Coast Guard and the Atlantic States Marine

Fisheries Commission. The Lobster Committee will ask the Council to approve a stock rebuilding/effort reduction program for review at public hearings.

Following reports, the Council will review the current structure and role of its advisory committees. The Sea Scallop Committee will review public comments compiled after coastwide scoping hearings on the consolidation of fishing days now allocated to individual vessels. The Herring Committee chairman will report on a May 11, 1995, meeting held with U.S. and Canadian herring industry representatives and management officials. The meeting will conclude after other relevant business has been addressed.

**Abbreviated Rulemaking Action—
Northeast Multispecies and Atlantic
Sea Scallops**

The Council may take final action on proposed framework adjustment 11 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP and framework adjustment 6 to the Sea Scallop FMP under the provisions for abbreviated rulemaking contained in 50 CFR 651.40 and 50 CFR 650.40 to correct the baseline used by VTS to monitor and count individual vessel days at sea. Copies of proposed framework adjustments 11 and 6 are available at the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**). The current regulations

indicate the COLREGS demarcation line as the baseline which the VTS uses to determine when a vessel is at sea for the purpose of counting that day against the vessel's total allocation of fishing days. In the process of implementing this system, the NMFS Enforcement Division determined that the COLREGS line is inappropriate and has drafted an alternative line. This issue was discussed previously at the March 29 and 30, 1995, meeting.

The Council will consider public comments in making its recommendations to the Acting Director, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Director), under the provisions for abbreviated rulemaking cited above. If the Regional Director concurs with the measures proposed by the Council, he will publish them as a final rule in the **Federal Register**.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Douglas G. Marshall (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 5, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries
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Marine Fisheries Service.*

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