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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-140, RM-8824]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Hemphill, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Phillip Burr proposing the allotment of Channel 280A at Hemphill, Texas, as the community first local FM service. Channel 280A can be allotted to Hemphill in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 2.2 kilometers (1.4 miles) north in order to avoid a short-spacing conflict with the licensed site of Station KBIU(FM), Channel 279C1, Lake Charles, Louisiana. The coordinates for Channel 280A at Hemphill are 31-21-30 and 93-51-24.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before August 19, 1996, and reply comments on or before September 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Cary S. Tepper, Booth, Freret & Imlay, P.C., 1233 20th Street, NW., Suite 204, Washington, DC 20554 (Counsel for petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 96-140, adopted June 21, 1996, and released June 28, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 642

[Docket No. 950725189-6182-03; I.D. 060696A]

RIN 0648-A192

Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Changes in Catch Limits

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the framework procedure for adjusting management measures of the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (FMP), NMFS proposes commercial vessel trip limits for the Atlantic migratory group of king mackerel. The intended effects of this rule are to preclude an early closure of the commercial fishery, protect king mackerel from overfishing, and maintain healthy stocks while still allowing catches by important commercial fisheries.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be mailed to Mark F. Godcharles, Southeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

Send requests for copies of the regulatory amendment document (dated June 1995) and its supplement (dated February 1996), which include the

environmental assessment and regulatory impact review for this action, to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Southpark Building, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark F. Godcharles, 813-570-5305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fisheries for coastal migratory pelagic resources are regulated under the FMP. The FMP was prepared jointly by the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils and is implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 642.

In accordance with the framework procedures of the FMP, the South Atlantic Council (Council) recommended to the Director, Southeast Region, NMFS (Regional Director), a regulatory amendment, which, among other changes, included establishment of commercial vessel trip limits for the Atlantic migratory group of king mackerel. These vessel trip limits were included in a proposed rule published on August 3, 1995 (60 FR 39698). A final decision by NMFS on whether the trip limits were consistent with the National Standards of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act) was deferred, and the reasons for the deferral were published in the final rule implementing the approved measures of the regulatory amendment (60 FR 5768, November 17, 1995). The Council revised the proposed trip limits to address cited deficiencies, took additional public comment, and resubmitted a supplemented regulatory amendment for NMFS' review and approval.

The Council proposes daily trip limits for vessels harvesting under the commercial allocation for Atlantic group king mackerel. This segment of the fishery has not been subject to trip limits. As revised, the daily possession/landing limit for a vessel using non-prohibited gear and having a Federal commercial mackerel permit would be 3,500 lb (1,588 kg) of king mackerel in or from the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) year-round in the northern area (i.e., between the New York/Connecticut and Flagler/Volusia County, FL boundaries). Off Volusia County, FL, the daily trip limit would be 3,500 lb (1,588 kg) of king mackerel in or from the EEZ from April 1 through October 31. South of there, between the Volusia/Brevard and Dade/Monroe County boundaries, the daily trip limit would be 500 lb (227