

47 CFR Part 73**[MM Docket No. 96-88; RM-8760]****Radio Broadcasting Services; Two Rivers and Manitowoc, Wisconsin****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document allots Channel 255A to Two Rivers, Wisconsin, as that community's first local service in response to a petition filed by Lyle Robert Evans d/b/a High Mark Radio Company. See 61 FR 18539, April 26, 1996. The coordinates for Channel 255A are 44-03-00 and 87-39-42. There is a site restriction 13.5 kilometers (8.4 miles) southwest of the community. We shall also take this opportunity to make an editorial amendment to the FM Table by deleting Channel 272A at Two Rivers, Wisconsin, and adding Channel 272A at Manitowoc, Wisconsin. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

DATES: Effective December 30, 1996. The window period for filing applications for Channel 255A at Two Rivers, Wisconsin, will open on December 30, 1996, and close on January 30, 1997.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 96-88, adopted November 8, 1996, and released November 15, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 857-3800.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: Secs. 303, 48 Stat., as amended, 1082; 47 U.S.C. 154, as amended.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Wisconsin, is amended by adding Channel 255A at

Two Rivers, and by removing Channel 272A at Two Rivers and adding Channel 272A at Manitowoc.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 679****[Docket No. 950815208-6299-02; I.D. 080295B]****Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Electronic Reporting**

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS is implementing regulations that will require all catcher/processor vessels, mothership processor vessels, and shoreside processors subject to observer coverage to have electronic communication equipment, hardware, and software necessary for electronic transmission of observer data. These requirements do not apply to processors that do not process groundfish. The equipment is intended for use by observers. Electronic submission of observer data is necessary to reduce both the time and expense of collecting fishery information by providing real-time data and to improve the overall efficiency of fisheries management. The action is intended to further the objectives of the fishery management plans for the groundfish fisheries off Alaska.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Individual copies of the environmental assessment/regulatory impact review (EA/RIR) prepared for this action may be obtained from Fisheries Management Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, Attn: Lori Gravel. Send comments regarding burden estimates or any other aspect of the data requirements, including suggestions for reducing the burdens to NMFS and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503, Attn: NOAA Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue Salvesson, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The domestic groundfish fisheries in the exclusive economic zone of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI) are managed by NMFS in accordance with the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMPs). The FMPs were prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The FMPs are implemented by regulations that appear at 50 CFR part 679.

Timely communication between the fishing industry and NMFS is a critical element of successful fisheries management. Observers submit reports of catch to the NMFS Observer Program Office. These reports are crucial to effective inseason management of the groundfish quotas and prohibited species bycatch allowances. At present, most observer reports are submitted by fax and often must be resubmitted to obtain a readable copy. Catch data from these reports must then be verified and keypunched into an inseason management database. As a result, transmission and processing of faxed reports is costly, time-consuming, and can be inefficient for both NMFS and the industry. Because of the method by which reports are currently submitted and the burden of data entry, information available for management is often not current with the real-time status of the fishery. Electronic communication of observer reports would greatly improve management efficiency and reduce the costs associated with report submission and processing. Implementation of requirements for hardware and software that would support electronic transmission of inseason data in a more timely and efficient way would benefit both NMFS and the industry.

This rule requires each processor vessel subject to observer coverage under regulations at § 679.32(c) and § 679.50 to have the following equipment: A personal computer (PC) in working condition that contains a full 486DX 66Mhz or greater capacity processing chip, at least 16 megabytes of RAM, at least 75 megabytes of free hard disk storage, DOS version 6.0 or a successor version of the DOS operating system, Windows 3.1, 3.11, or Windows95 (or equivalent and