

interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Josh Tapp, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Branch, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Josh Tapp at (913) 551-7606.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the Federal Register.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: November 14, 1996.

Dennis Grams,

Regional Administrator.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-235; RM-8909]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Forest City, PA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Vixon Valley Broadcasting proposing the allotment of Channel 261A at Forest City, Pennsylvania, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 261A can be allotted to Forest City in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 10.1 kilometers (6.2 miles) northeast to avoid short-spacings to the licensed sites of Station WODE-FM, Channel 260B, Easton, Pennsylvania, and Station WDST(FM), Channel 261A, Woodstock, New York, at petitioner's requested site. The coordinates for Channel 261A at Forest City are North Latitude 41-42-55 and West Longitude 75-23-06. Since Forest City is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence of the Canadian government has been requested.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 13, 1997, and reply comments on or before January 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the

petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Victor A. Michael, Jr., President, Vixon Valley Broadcasting, c/o Magic City Media, 1912 Capitol Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001 (Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 96-235, adopted November 15, 1996, and released November 22, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 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.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

[I.D. 112196A]

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 be held on Wednesday, December 11, 1996, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, December 12, 1996, at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Peabody Marriott, 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone (508) 977-9700. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906; telephone (617) 231-0422.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher B. Kellogg, Acting Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, (617) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

December 11, 1996

After introductions, the December 11 session will begin with a discussion of issues related to groundfish management. The Council will review the report of the Multispecies Monitoring Committee (MSMC) on the status of the target total allowable catches (TACs) for stocks specified in the Fishery Management Plan for the Northeast Multispecies Fishery (Multispecies FMP). The MSMC is charged with recommending target TACs for the upcoming fishing year and, if necessary, recommending measures to achieve the catch targets. The Council will discuss effort reduction measures for gillnet vessels and alternatives to the current haddock trip limit. The Council intends to take final action on Framework Adjustment 18 to the Multispecies FMP. The Herring Committee will report at the end of the day on its recommendations for research priorities, joint venture allocation procedures, and discussions on the range of issues to be addressed in a Herring FMP scoping and public hearing document.

Background Information for Abbreviated Rulemaking—Northeast Multispecies

At the recommendation of its Groundfish Committee, the Council will consider taking action on adjustments to the Multispecies FMP under the framework for abbreviated rulemaking procedure contained in 50 CFR 648.90. Initial action may be taken on a framework adjustment to modify the Amendment 7 target TACs for the upcoming fishing year, based on the report of the Council's MSMC. Options