

**List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73**

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73**

[MM Docket No. 96-103, RM-8794; RM-8839]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; Smith and Reno, NV, Susanville and Truckee, CA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; Order to Show Cause.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, in response to a counterproposal filed by Chris Kidd d/b/a Kidd Communications, proposes the allotment of Channel 268A to Truckee, CA, as the community's first local aural transmission service. To accommodate the allotment at Truckee, the Commission also proposes that Channel 271C3 be substituted for Channel 269C3 at Reno, NV, the license of Station KRNK-FM be modified to specify the alternate Class C3 channel, and that Channel 222C2 be substituted for Channel 271C2 at Susanville, CA, and the license of Station KHJQ be modified to specify the alternate Class C2 channel. An Order to Show Cause is directed to Sunbelt Broadcasting Company, licensee of Station KRNK-FM, and to Olympic Broadcasters, Inc., licensee of Station KHJQ, as to why their licenses should not be modified to specify the alternate Class C3 and Class C2 channels, respectively. In addition, to resolve the conflict between the proposed allotment of Channel 271C3 at Smith, NV, and Channel 268A at Truckee, CA, alternate Channel 222C3 can be allotted to Smith, NV. Channel 268A can be allotted to Truckee, CA, with a site restriction of 9.3 kilometers (5.8 miles) west, to avoid a short-spacing to KRNG, Channel 267C2, Fallon, NV, at coordinates 39-17-45; 120-16-57. Channel 271C3 can be allotted to Reno at Station KRNK-FM's presently licensed transmitter site, at coordinates 39-35-03; 119-47-52. Channel 222C2 can be allotted to Susanville at the transmitter site specified in Station KHJQ's outstanding construction permit (BPH-961017IB), at

coordinates 40-27-13; 120-34-14. Channel 222C3 can be allotted to Smith, with a site restriction of 0.7 kilometers (0.4 miles) south, at coordinates 38-47-39; 119-19-31, to avoid a short-spacing to Station KZSR, Channel 225C, Reno, NV.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before May 27, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Order to Show Cause, MM Docket No. 96-103, adopted March 26, 1997, and released April 4, 1997. 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, NW., 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, 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 216**

[Docket No. 970326068-7068-01; I.D. 031197A]

RIN 0648-AJ86

**Marine Mammals; Subsistence Taking of Northern Fur Seals; Harvest Estimates**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the regulations governing the subsistence taking of northern fur seals, this action proposes annual estimates of fur seal subsistence need for 1997 through 1999 on the Pribilof Islands, Alaska (AK) and summarizes the annual fur seal subsistence harvests on St. George and St. Paul Islands (the Pribilof Islands) for 1994 through 1996.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by May 12, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Hilda Diaz-Soltero, Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources, (F/PR), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Zimmerman, (907) 586-7235, or Margot Bohan, (301) 713-2322.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subsistence harvest of northern fur seals, *Callorhinus ursinus*, on the Pribilof Islands, AK, is governed by regulations found in 50 CFR part 216, subpart F, Taking for Subsistence Purposes. The purpose of these regulations, published under the authority of the Fur Seal Act (FSA), 16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*, is to limit the take of fur seals to a level providing for the subsistence needs of the Pribilof residents, while restricting taking by sex, age, and season for herd management purposes. To further minimize negative effects on the Pribilof Islands' fur seal population, the harvest has been limited to a 47-day season (June 23-August 8).

Pursuant to the regulations governing the taking of fur seals for subsistence purposes, NMFS publishes this summary of the fur seal harvest for the previous 3-year period and a projection of the number of seals expected to be taken in the subsequent 3-year period to