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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.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Research and Special Programs Administration

##### 49 CFR Part 192

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4868, Notice 1]

RIN 2137-AB15

##### Gas Gathering Line Definition

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Internet Public Discussion Forum and Public Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an extension of the Research and Special Programs Administration's Internet discussion forum and the public comment period for regulations concerning gas gathering lines.

**DATES:** The Internet public discussion forum will be open until May 17, 1999. Submit comments to the docket on or before July 7, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The Internet address for the electronic discussion forum is <http://ops.dot.gov/forum>. Address written comments to the Dockets Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments should identify the Docket No. RSPA-98-4868. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. Comments may be submitted

by e-mail to [rules@rspa.dot.gov](mailto:rules@rspa.dot.gov). The Dockets Management System is located on the Plaza Level of the Department of Transportation's Nassif Building at 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. Public dockets may be reviewed in person between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. In addition, the public may also review comments by accessing the Docket Management System's home page at <http://dms.dot.gov>. An electronic copy of any document may be downloaded from the Government Printing Office Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** L.E. Herrick, (202) 366-5523, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 11, 1999, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing an Internet public discussion forum on gas gathering for the purposes of pipeline safety regulation (64 FR 12147, March 11, 1999). This Internet discussion forum was scheduled from April 13, 1999 through May 3, 1999. In addition to the Internet discussion forum, RSPA provided the opportunity for interested persons to submit comment to a rulemaking docket. This rulemaking docket was scheduled to close on April 28, 1999.

In 1991, we proposed a definition of gas gathering. A change to the pipeline safety laws in 1992 requires us to revisit that proposal and to consider whether and to what extent we should regulate gathering lines in rural areas. This opportunity for public input will allow us to decide whether and how to modify the regulations. The comments may also inform the process when we consider developing a separate proposal on regulating gas gathering lines in rural areas.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

##### 50 CFR Part 648

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##### Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Fishery Management Plan for the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Recreational Measures for the 1999 Fisheries

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; proposed interim measures to implement conservation equivalency in the summer flounder fishery; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS proposes recreational measures for the 1999 summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries. The implementing regulations for these fisheries require NMFS to publish recreational measures for the upcoming fishing year and to provide an opportunity for public comment. The intent of these measures is to prevent overfishing of the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass resources. In addition, NMFS proposes interim measures to allow states to implement conservation equivalent measures for the summer flounder recreational fishery.

**DATES:** Public comments must be received on or before June 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of supporting documents used by the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committees and of the Environmental Assessment, Regulatory Impact Review, including the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, are available from: Dan Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, Federal Building, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19904-6790.

Comments on the proposed specifications should be sent to: Jon Rittgers, Acting Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298. Mark on the outside of the envelope, "Comments - 1999 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Recreational Measures."

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**