

suggested in question 1.B. above? Would such a requirement assist in creating a clearer public record? How burdensome would such a requirement be?

3. Should the Office accept deposits in formats other than those mentioned in item 1? If so, what other formats should be accepted? Each format must be capable of providing a complete image of each photograph in the group.

4. For photographs submitted on CD-ROMs or in other electronic formats, what file formats (e.g., JPEG, GIF, etc.) should be accepted, and why?

5. As an alternative to requiring a claimant to provide the date of publication of each photograph in the group, should the Office consider offering the alternative of providing a range of dates over a three-month period (e.g., January 1–March 31, 2001)? What would be the advantages and disadvantages—to claimants and to the public record—of such an approach?

List of Subjects in 37 CFR Part 202

Claims, Copyright.

Proposed Rule

In consideration of the foregoing, the Copyright Office proposes to amend 37 CFR part 202 in the manner set forth below:

PART 202—REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS TO COPYRIGHT

1. The authority citation for part 202 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 17 U.S.C. 408, 702.

2. In section 202.3, paragraph (b)(9) is redesignated as paragraph (b)(10), and a new paragraph (b)(9) is added to read as follows:

§ 202.3 Registration of copyright.

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(b) * * *

(9) Group registration of published photographs. Pursuant to the authority granted by 17 U.S.C. 408(c)(1), the Register of Copyrights will accept a single application (on Form VA), deposit and filing fee for registration of a group of at least two and no more than 500 photographic works if the following conditions are met:

(i) The author of all the photographic works submitted for registration as part of the group must be the same person.

(ii) The copyright claimant in all of the photographic works must be the same.

(iii) The photographs in the group must have been published within the same calendar year.

(iv) The date of publication of each work within the group must be

identified either on the deposited image, on the application form, or on a continuation sheet, in such a manner that one may specifically identify the date of publication of any photograph in the group. If the photographs in a group were not all published on the same date, the range of dates of publication (e.g., January 1–March 31, 2001) should be provided in space 3b of the application.

(v) The deposit(s) and application must be accompanied by the fee set forth in § 201.3(c) of this chapter for a basic registration using Form VA.

(vi) The applicant must note on the application Form VA the approximate number of photographs included in the group.

(vii) As an alternative to the best edition of the work, one copy of each photographic work shall be submitted in one of the formats set forth in § 202.20(c)(2)(xx).

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3. Section 202.20 is amended by adding a new paragraph (c)(2)(xx) to read as follows:

§ 202.20 Deposit of copies and phonorecords for copyright registration.

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(xx) Photographs: group registration. For groups of photographs registered with one application under § 202.3(b)(3) or § 202.3(b)(9), photographs must be deposited in one of the following formats (listed in the Library's order of preference):

(A) Digital form on one or more CD-ROMs (including C-RW's) or DVD-ROMs;

(B) Unmounted prints measuring at least 3 inches by 3 inches (not to exceed 20 inches by 24 inches) submitted on fiber-based paper;

(B) Contact sheets on fiber-based paper;

(C) Slides, each with a single image;

(E) The form in which each photograph was originally published (e.g., clippings from newspapers or magazines);

(F) Slides, each containing up to 36 images; or

(G) A videotape clearly depicting each photograph.

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Dated: April 25, 2000.

Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights

Approved By:

James H. Billington, The Librarian of Congress.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

49 CFR Parts 350, 390, 394, 395, and 398

[Docket No. FMCSA-97-2350]

RIN 2126-AA23

Public Hearing on Hours of Service of Drivers; Driver Rest and Sleep for Safe Operations

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of hearings.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA is announcing the first of seven public hearings for interested persons to present comments and views on the FMCSA's proposed revisions to its hours-of-service regulations (65 FR 25540, May 2, 2000). This action is necessary to inform the public about the date, time, and structure of the first hearing. The FMCSA hopes to hear from the public about how the proposed hours-of-service regulations would improve highway safety, affect the personal, professional, and family life of commercial vehicle drivers, and the impact on the various segments of the motor carrier industry. All oral comments will be transcribed and placed in the rulemaking docket for the FMCSA's consideration.

DATES: The first of seven sessions will be held on Wednesday May 31 and Thursday June 1, 2000, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. The dates and times for sessions 2 through 7 will be announced in the near future.

ADDRESSES: The first session will be held at the DOT Headquarters building, Room 2230, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The locations for sessions 2 through 7 will be held at sites convenient for truck and motor coach parking in Atlanta, GA; Denver, CO; Los Angeles, CA; Indianapolis, IN; Kansas City, MO; and the Springfield, MA/Hartford, CT area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: General Information. To request time to be heard at the Washington, D.C. hearing and for other general information about all the sessions contact Mr. Stanley Hamilton, Office of Regulatory Development, (202) 366-0665. Specific Information. For information concerning the rulemaking contact Mr. David Miller, Office of Driver and Carrier Operations, (202) 366-1790, or Mr. Charles Medalen, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Electronic Access**

Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded by using a computer, modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. Internet users may reach the Office of the Federal Register's web page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>. Internet users may also find this document at the FMCSA's Motor Carrier Regulatory Information Service (MCREGIS) web site for notices at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsr/rulemakings.htm>.

Background*Structure of Washington Hearing*

Speakers must limit their oral presentations to no more than 10 minutes duration. Presenters may submit additional written documentation to be placed in the public docket.

The public hearing will be subdivided and the FMCSA will seek comments on specific topics during the prescribed time period, as follows:

Day One

1. Opening remarks—8:30 a.m.
2. Supportive science—8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., with general comments about any subject from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Day Two

3. Daily cycle (18, 24, other) and weekly cycle (7-day, 168-hour, other)—8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
4. Minimum rest period to recover from cumulative multi-day fatigue—10:45 a.m. to noon.
5. Work-rest requirements for various types of operations—1 to 2 p.m.
6. Information collection methods and requirements, including electronic on-board recorders and Department of Labor time records—2 to 3 p.m.
7. General comments—3:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Washington Participants

All persons who would like to present comments must notify Mr. Stan Hamilton by telephone at (202) 366-0665 by 4 p.m. e.t., no later than May 26, 2000. All persons attending will be subject to Federal and DOT workplace security measures. All persons will need

photo identification and must display the identification to DOT security officers. All persons will be required to sign in at the guard's desk, walk through metal detectors, and be subject to random search. All visitors will be required to wear a "Visitor" tag at all times while in the building. Persons failing to satisfy security requirements will be denied entry and forfeit their opportunity to participate in the hearing. Such persons may, however, submit their written comments by the close of business on July 31, 2000, to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20950-0001.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322, 31502, and 31136; and 49 CFR 1.73.

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Brian M. McLaughlin,
Director, Office of Policy Plans and Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 224**

[Docket No 990910253-0118-02; ID No. 041300C]

RIN 0648-AM90

Endangered and Threatened Species; Proposed Endangered Status for White Abalone

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has completed a comprehensive status review of the white abalone (*Haliotis sorenseni*) under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Based on the findings from the status review and a review of the factors affecting the species, NMFS has concluded that white abalone is in danger of extinction throughout a significant portion of its range. Accordingly, NMFS is now issuing a proposed rule to list white abalone as an endangered species. NMFS is not proposing to designate critical habitat for white abalone at this time, but is requesting public comments on the issues pertaining to this proposed rule.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., Pacific daylight time, on July 5, 2000.

Requests for public hearings must be received by June 19, 2000. If NMFS receives a request for public hearings, it will announce the dates and locations of the public hearings in a later **Federal Register** notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this proposed rule and requests for public hearings or reference materials should be sent to the Assistant Regional Administrator, Protected Resources Division, NMFS, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213. Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to 562-980-4027, but they will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irma Lagomarsino, 562-980-4020; or Marta Nammack/Terri Jordan, 301-713-1401, or send a request via electronic mail to whiteab.info@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Based on information indicating a major decline in abundance, NMFS designated the white abalone, a marine invertebrate, as a candidate species under the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), on July 14, 1997 (62 FR 37560). In August 1998, NMFS contracted with Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) to conduct a review of the biological status of white abalone, including the current and historical impacts to the species. NMFS received the draft status review on April 21, 1999, from SIO. In order to obtain an independent peer-review, NMFS requested that three non-federal scientists review and report on the scientific merits of the status review. By August 1999, NMFS received these anonymous reviews; NMFS scientists also reviewed the document. Subsequently, SIO incorporated all of these comments into the status review, and submitted the revised final status review document to NMFS on March 20, 2000.

NMFS received a petition on April 29, 1999, from the Center for Biological Diversity and the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity to list white abalone as an endangered species on an emergency basis and designate critical habitat under the ESA. On May 17, 1999, NMFS received a second petition to list white abalone as an endangered species throughout its range and designate critical habitat under the ESA from the following organizations: the Marine Conservation Biology Institute, Abalone and Marine Resources Council, Sonoma County Abalone Network, Asociacion Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente, Channel Islands