629(1) of the Appropriations Act amends section 202(c) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Telecommunications Act") to direct the Commission to modify the national television ownership limit, contained in section 73.3555 of the Commission’s rules, to specify 39 percent as the maximum aggregate national audience reach of any single television station owner. The Appropriations Act also adds to the Telecommunications Act a new section 202(c)(3), which states:

(3) When the Commission determines that a commercial television broadcast station shall have not more than 2 years after exceeding such limitation to come into compliance with such limitation. This divestiture requirement shall not apply to persons or entities that exceed the 39 percent national audience reach limitation through population growth.

With this Order, the Commission conforms its rules to these provisions. Section 73.3555(d) will be redesignated as section 73.3555(e), and a new section 73.3555(e)(3) is added to reflect the changes directed by section 202(c)(1) of the Telecommunications Act, as amended by the Appropriations Act, and a new section 73.3555(e)(3) is added to reflect section 202(c)(3). These changes are set forth in the rule changes section of this summary. 2

2 47 CFR 73.3555.

3 47 U.S.C. 202(c)(1). Prior to passage of the Appropriations Act, Section 202(c)(1) of the Telecommunications Act established a national television ownership limit of 35 percent, which was incorporated in Section 73.3555(e) of the Commission’s rules. In the 2002 biennial ownership proceeding, the Commission raised the national television ownership limit from 35 percent to 45 percent.

4 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 303(r), Part 73 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended to read as follows:

4. The Commission is revising its rules without providing prior public notice and an opportunity for comment because the rule modifications are mandated by the applicable provisions of the Appropriations Act and Telecommunications Act. The Commission finds that notice and comment procedures are unnecessary, and that this action therefore falls within the “good cause” exception of the Administrative Procedure Act. The rule changes adopted in this Order do not involve discretionary action on the part of the Commission. Rather, they simply implement provisions of the Appropriations Act, as it amends the Telecommunications Act, which directs the Commission to revise its rules according to specific terms set forth in those laws.

Ordering Clauses

3. Accordingly, it is ordered that pursuant to section 629 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, and section 202(c)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended, and sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 303(r), Part 73 of the Commission’s Rules, 47 CFR part 73, is amended. The rule change will become effective May 4, 2007.

4. The Commission will send a copy of this Order in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, see 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary.

Rule Changes

Part 73 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended to read as follows:

§ 73.3555 Multiple ownership.

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


2. Section 73.3555 is amended by redesignating paragraphs (d) and (e) as paragraphs (e) and (f), add and reserve paragraph (d) and revise paragraph (e)(1) and add paragraph (e)(3) to read as follows:

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§ 73.3555 Multiple ownership.

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(e) * * *

National television multiple ownership rule. (1) No license for a commercial television broadcast station shall be granted, transferred or assigned to any party (including all parties under common control) if the grant, transfer or assignment of such license would result in such party or any of its stockholders, partners, members, officers or directors having a cognizable interest in television stations which have an aggregate national audience reach exceeding thirty-nine (39) percent.

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(3) Divestiture. A person or entity that exceeds the thirty-nine (39) percent national audience reach limitation for television stations in paragraph (e)(1) of this section through grant, transfer, or assignment of an additional license for a commercial television broadcast station shall have not more than 2 years after exceeding such limitation to come into compliance with such limitation. This divestiture requirement shall not apply to persons or entities that exceed the 39 percent national audience reach limitation through population growth.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018–AV16

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Adding Four Marine Taxa to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.
SUMMARY:  We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are adding four marine taxa to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife (List) in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. These amendments are based on previously published determinations by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, which has jurisdiction for these species. These four taxa are the Southern Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of green sturgeon (Acipenser medirostris), staghorn (Acropora cervicornis) and elkhorn (Acropora palmata) corals, and the Southern Resident killer whale DPS (Orcinus orca).

DATES:  This rule is effective April 4, 2007.

Applicability dates: The Southern DPS of the North American green sturgeon (Acipenser medirostris) listing is applicable as of June 6, 2006. The elkhorn coral (Acropora palmata) and staghorn coral (Acropora cervicornis) listing is applicable as of June 8, 2006. The Southern Resident killer whale DPS (Orcinus orca) listing is applicable as of February 16, 2006.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the Act and the Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970, NMFS has jurisdiction over these taxa. Under section 4(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), NMFS must decide whether a species under its jurisdiction should be classified as endangered or threatened. The Service is responsible for the actual amendment of the List in 50 CFR 17.11(h).

On April 6, 2005, NMFS published a proposed rule (70 FR 17386) to list the Southern DPS of the North American green sturgeon (Acipenser medirostris) as threatened. During the public comment period for that proposed rule, NMFS received 32 comments. On April 7, 2006, NMFS published a final rule to list the Southern DPS of the North American green sturgeon as threatened (71 FR 17757). The listing was effective as of June 6, 2006. In that final rule, NMFS addressed all public comments received in response to the proposed rule.

On May 9, 2005, NMFS published a proposed rule (70 FR 24359) to list the elkhorn coral (Acropora palmata) and staghorn coral (Acropora cervicornis) as threatened. During the public comment period for that proposed rule, NMFS received 1,393 comments. On May 9, 2006, NMFS published a final rule to list the elkhorn and staghorn corals as threatened (71 FR 26852). The listing was effective as of June 8, 2006. In that final rule, NMFS addressed all public comments received in response to the proposed rule.

On December 22, 2004, NMFS published a proposed rule (69 FR 76673) to list the Southern Resident killer whale DPS (Orcinus orca) as threatened. During the public comment period for that proposed rule, NMFS received 1,326 comments. On November 18, 2005, NMFS published a final rule to list the Southern Resident killer whale DPS as threatened (70 FR 69903). The listing was effective as of February 16, 2006. In that final rule, NMFS addressed all public comments received in response to the proposed rule.

Because NMFS provided a public comment period on the proposed rules for these taxa, and because this action of the Service to amend the List in accordance with the determination by NMFS is nondiscretionary, the Service finds good cause that the notice and public comment procedures of 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary for this action. We also find good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) to make this rule effective immediately. The NMFS rules extended protection under the Act to these species and listed them in 50 CFR part 224; this rule is an administrative action to add the species to the List of Endangered and Threatened Species in 50 CFR 17.11(b). The public would not be served by delaying the effective date of this rulemaking action.

For more information concerning these two listing determinations, please consult the respective rules published in the Federal Register.

Required Determinations

National Environmental Policy Act

The Service has determined that an Environmental Assessment, as defined under the authority of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, need not be prepared in connection with regulations adopted pursuant to section 4(a) of the Act. A notice outlining the Service’s reasons for this determination was published in the Federal Register on October 25, 1983 (48 FR 49244).

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Service has examined this regulation under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and found it to contain no information collection requirements. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and threatened species, Exports, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

Regulation Promulgation

Accordingly, part 17, subchapter B of chapter I, title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, is amended as set forth below:

PART 17—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 17 continues to read as follows:


2. Amend §17.11(h) by:

(a) Adding the subheading “CORALS” at the end of the table; and

(b) Adding the following entries, in alphabetical order under MAMMALS, FISHES, and CORALS, respectively, to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife:

§17.11 Endangered and threatened wildlife.

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Kenneth Stansell,
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