FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 1

Updating Competitive Bidding Rules

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; announcement of effective date.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved on May 23, 2016, an information collection for FCC Form 611–T, FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Annual Report Related to Eligibility for Designated Entity Benefits and 47 CFR 1.2110(n) contained in the Report and Order, FCC 15–80. This document is consistent with the Report and Order, which stated that the Commission would publish a document in the Federal Register announcing OMB approval and the effective date of the requirements.

DATES: 47 CFR 1.2110(n), published at 80 FR 56764 on September 18, 2015 and revised FCC Form 611–T, are effective on July 8, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information contact Cathy Williams, Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov, (202) 418–2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document announces that, on May 23, 2016, OMB approved the information collection requirements for FCC Form 611–T, FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Annual Report Related to Eligibility for Designated Entity Benefits and 47 CFR 1.2110(n) contained in the Report and Order, FCC 15–80. The OMB Control Number is 3060–1092. The foregoing document is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, October 1, 1995, and 44 U.S.C. 3507. The total annual reporting burdens and costs for the respondents are as follows:

OMB Control Number: 3060–1092.
OMB Approval Date: May 23, 2016.
OMB Expiration Date: January 31, 2017.
Title: Interim Procedures for Filing Applicants Seeking Approval for Designated Entity Reportable Eligibility Events and Annual Reports.
Form Number: FCC Form 611–T and FCC Form 609–T (only Form 611–T was revised with this submission to OMB).
Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Not for Profit Institutions; and State, Local or Tribal Government.
Number of Respondents and Responses: 1,100 respondents and 2,750 responses.
Estimated Hours per Response: 0.50 to 6 hours.
Frequency of Response: On occasion and annual reporting requirements.
Total Annual Burden: 7,288 hours.
Total Annual Costs: 2,223,375.
Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 4(i), 308(b), 309(j)(3) and 309(j)(4).
Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality required with this collection of information.
Privacy Impact Assessment: No impact(s).
Needs and Uses: On July 20, 2015, the Commission released the Part 1 RéO in which it updated many of its Part 1 competitive bidding rules (See Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules: Expanding the Economic and

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Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions; Petition of DIRECTV Group, Inc. and EchoStar LLC for Expedited Rulemaking to Amend Section 1.2105(a)(2)(xi) and 1.2106(a) of the Commission’s Rules and/or for Interim Conditional Waiver; Implementation of the Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act and Modernization of the Commission’s Competitive Bidding Rules and Procedures, Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration of the First Report and Order, Third Order on Reconsideration of the Second Report and Order, and Third Report and Order, FCC 15–60, 30 FCC Rcd 7493 (2015), modified by Erratum, 30 FCC Rcd 8518 (2015) (Part 1 R&O). Of relevance to the information collection at issue here, the Commission amended 47 CFR 1.2110(n), which requires designated entity licensees to file with the Commission an annual report for each license it holds that was acquired using designated entity benefits and that, as of August 31 of the year in which the report is due, remains subject to designated entity unjust enrichment requirements. Because the Commission amended 47 CFR 1.2110(n), the Commission is also amending FCC Form 611–T, which is the form that is used to collect this information.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Tribal Usual and Accustomed Fishing Areas

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule implements the decision in United States v. Washington, 2:09–sp–00001–RSM, (W.D. Wash. Sept. 3, 2015) (Amended Order Regarding Boundaries of Quinault & Quileute U&As), which set forth certain boundaries of the usual and accustomed (U&A) fishing areas in the Pacific Ocean of the Quileute Nation (Quileute) and Quinault Indian Nation (Quinault). This action also includes related changes to NMFS regulations to provide consistency for tribal U&A fishing area boundaries across all fisheries managed by NMFS under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act).

DATES: This final rule is effective June 8, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Information relevant to this final rule are available from William W. Stele, Jr., Regional Administrator, West Coast Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115–0070. Electronic copies of this final rule are also available at the NMFS West Coast Region Web site: http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

This rule is accessible via the Internet at the Office of the Federal Register Web site at https://www.federalregister.gov. Background information and documents are available at the NMFS West Coast Region Web site at http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov.

Background

The Magnuson Act requires that any fishery management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce and any implementing regulations be consistent with all provisions of the Act and “any other applicable law.” 16 U.S.C. 1854(b)(1). “Other applicable law” includes treaties with northwest Indian tribes reserving “the right of taking fish, at all usual and accustomed grounds and stations.” Washington State Charterboat Association v. Baldrige, 702 F.2d 820, 823 (9th Cir. 1983). For many years, NMFS has recognized that it must accommodate these treaty fishing rights regardless of whether the details of those rights have been judicially determined. In 1986, NMFS’s regulations first described “treaty fishing areas” of the Pacific Coast treaty Indian tribes. 51 FR 16471 (May 2, 1986). For purposes of this rule, Pacific Coast treaty Indian tribes means the Hoh, Makah, and Quileute Indian tribes and the Quinault Indian Nation. The boundary descriptions of treaty fishing areas first applied only to the Pacific halibut fishery, but in 1987 the same descriptions were adopted for the Pacific salmon fishery. 52 FR 17264 (May 6, 1987). NMFS has consistently stated that these boundaries were not intended to represent a formal determination of the boundaries of treaty fishing areas, and that they are subject to change as necessary to comport with future court orders.

In 1996, NMFS issued a final rule amending its regulations managing West Coast groundfish fisheries and describing the physical boundaries of Pacific Coast treaty Indian tribes’ usual and accustomed (U&A) fishing areas. This rule described the same areas that had previously been set forth in NMFS regulations. In promulgating the rule, NMFS explained that:

Under this rule, NMFS recognizes the same U&A areas that have been implemented in Federal salmon and halibut regulations for a number of years. The States and the Quileute tribe point out that the western boundary has only been adjudicated for the Makah tribe. NMFS agrees. NMFS, however, in establishing ocean management areas, has taken the adjudicated western boundary for the Makah tribe, and extended it south as the western boundary for the other three ocean tribes. NMFS believes this is a reasonable accommodation of the tribal fishing rights, absent more specific guidance from a court. NMFS regulations, including this regulation, contain the notation that the boundaries of the U&A may be revised by order of the court.

61 FR 28786, 28789 (June 6, 1996).

Subsequently, NMFS promulgated regulations to describe the same U&A fishing area boundaries in its regulations for coastal pelagic species and highly migratory species. 66 FR 44986 (August 27, 2001) (coastal pelagic species); 68 FR 68834 (December 10, 2003) (highly migratory species). The same boundaries are also codified in the regulations governing Pacific halibut fisheries. 50 CFR 300.64. Regulations governing Pacific salmon fisheries are not codified, but also use the same boundaries when issued on a yearly basis. See, e.g., 81 FR 26157 (May 2, 2016).

Newly Adjudicated Boundaries of Pacific Coast Treaty Tribes’ U&A Fishing Areas