

session will be webcast in its entirety, providing the opportunity for remote participation via the internet. For information on participating in the live webcast, please go to www.fmcsa.dot.gov.

IV. Questions for Discussion During the Listening Session

In preparing their comments, meeting participants should consider the questions posed in the ANPRM about the current HOS requirements. Answers to these questions should be based upon the experience of the participants and any data or information they can share with FMCSA.

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Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 395

[Docket No. FMCSA-2018-0248]

RIN 2126-AC19

Hours of Service of Drivers

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM); Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) extends the comment period for its August 23, 2018, ANPRM concerning hours of service for drivers of property-carrying commercial motor vehicles (CMVs). FMCSA received requests for an extension to the comment period from a number of organizations, including the American Trucking Association, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the National Pork Producers Council, and the National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc. The Agency believes it is appropriate to extend the comment period to provide interested parties additional time to submit their responses to the ANPRM. Therefore, the Agency extends the deadline for the submission of comments from September 24, 2018, to October 10, 2018.

DATES: The comment period for the ANPRM published August 23, 2018 at 83 FR 42631 is extended. Comments on the ANPRM must be received on or before October 10, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA-2018-0248 using any one of the following methods:

Federal Rulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Fax: 202-493-2251.

Hand Delivery or Courier: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Submissions Containing Confidential Business Information (CBI): Mr. Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" heading under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for instructions regarding submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tom Yager, Chief, Driver and Carrier Operations Division, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, at (202) 366-4325, or via email: mcpsd@dot.gov.

If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2018-0284), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can

contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter either docket number, "FMCSA-2018-0284" in the "Keyword" box, and click "Search." When the new screen appears, click on "Comment Now!" button and type your comment into the text box in the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may change this proposed rule based on your comments. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

Confidential Business Information

Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is customarily not made available to the general public by the submitted. Under the Freedom of Information Act, CBI is eligible for protection from public disclosure. If you have CVI that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Accordingly, please mark each page of your submission as "confidential" or "CBI." Submissions designated as CBI and meeting the definition noted above will not be placed in the public docket. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590. Any commentary that FMCSA receives which is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, "FMCSA-2018-0248" in the "Keyword" box and click "Search." Next, click "Open Docket Folder" button and choose the document listed to review. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its potential rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

Background

The August 23, 2018 ANPRM (83 FR 42631) asked for public comment on four subject areas: Short haul operations, adverse conditions, the 30-minute break, and the split-sleeper berth provision. The ANPRM also sought public comment on two petitions for rulemaking from the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) and TruckerNation.

FMCSA held a public listening session on August 24, 2018, at the Great American Truck Show, in Dallas, Texas (83 FR 42630).

Extension of the Public Comment Period

The comment period for the ANPRM was set to expire on September 24, 2018 (83 FR 42631). FMCSA received several requests to extend the comment period, as noted above. Copies of the requests are included in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice.

The organizations requested various lengths of time for the extension ranging from 30 to 60 days, stating that the additional time was needed to enable them to prepare more comprehensive responses based on research and information that has only recently been released or is expected to be released at upcoming industry meetings.

FMCSA has determined that extending the comment period would provide the organizations additional time to prepare more detailed comments that are reflective of the concerns of their members. Accordingly, FMCSA extends the comment period for all comments on the ANPRM to October 10, 2018.

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Cathy F. Gautreaux,
Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 223 and 224

[Docket No. 180503449-8782-01]

RIN 0648-XG232

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; Positive 90-Day Finding on a Petition To List the Cauliflower Coral, *Pocillopora Meandrina*, in Hawaii as Endangered or Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act

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

ACTION: 90-day petition finding, request for information, and initiation of status review.

SUMMARY: We, NMFS, announce a 90-day finding on a petition to list the cauliflower coral (*Pocillopora meandrina*) in Hawaii as an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The petition requested that the Hawaii population of *P. meandrina* be considered a significant portion of the range of the species, and that the species be listed because of its status in Hawaii. Our policy on the interpretation of the phrase “Significant Portion of Its Range” (SPR) under the ESA states that, before undergoing an SPR analysis, we must first find that the species is neither endangered nor threatened throughout all of its range. Therefore, we interpret the petition as a request to consider the status of *P. meandrina* throughout its range first. We find that the petition and other readily available information in our files indicates that *P. meandrina* may warrant listing as a threatened species or an endangered species throughout its range. Thus, we will initiate a global status review of *P. meandrina* to determine whether listing it throughout its range is warranted. If not, we will determine if Hawaii constitutes an SPR, and proceed accordingly. To ensure that the status review is comprehensive, we are soliciting scientific and commercial information pertaining to *P. meandrina* from any interested party.

DATES: Information and comments on the subject action must be received by November 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, information, or data on this document, identified by the code NOAA-NMFS-2018-0060, by either of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2018-0060. Click the “Comment Now” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to Lance Smith, NOAA IRC, NMFS/PIRO/PRD, 1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. 176, Honolulu, HI 96818.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Copies of the petition and related materials are available on our website at <http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/Pocillopora-meandrina>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lance Smith, NMFS, Pacific Islands Regional Office, Protected Resources Division, (808) 725-5131; or Chelsey Young, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, 301-427-8403.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 14, 2018, we received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity to list the cauliflower coral (*Pocillopora meandrina*) in Hawaii as an endangered or threatened species under the ESA. The petition asserts that *P. meandrina* in Hawaii is threatened by at least four of the five ESA section 4(a)(1) factors: (1) Present modification of its habitat; (2) disease and predation; (3) inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; and (4) other natural or manmade factors, specifically ocean warming and ocean acidification resulting from global climate change. Copies of the petition are available upon request (see **ADDRESSES**).

ESA Statutory, Regulatory, and Policy Provisions and Evaluation Framework

Section 4(b)(3)(A) of the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires, to the maximum extent practicable, that within 90 days of receipt of a petition to list a species as threatened or endangered, the Secretary