the Petitioner states that the Commission has recognized that VHF channels have certain propagation characteristics which may cause reception issues for some viewers, that the reception of VHF signals require larger antennas relative to UHF channels, and that many of the KFVS viewers experience difficulty receiving its signal. In addition, operation on channel 32 will not result in any predicted loss of service.

This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Report and Order. MB Docket No. 21–56; RM–11875; DA 21–523, adopted May 5, 2021, and released May 5, 2021. The full text of this document is available for download at https://www.fcc.gov/edocs. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202–418–0530 (voice), 202–418–0432 (tty).


The Commission will send a copy of this Report and 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.

Thomas Horan, Chief of Staff, Media Bureau.

Final Rule

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICE

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


2. Amend §73.622, in the table in paragraph (i) (Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments), under Missouri, by revising the entry for “Cape Girardeau” to read as follows:

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 90

[WT Docket No. 02–55; FCC 21–41; FR ID 26200]

Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) brings the Commission’s 800 MHz rebanding program to a conclusion, eliminates rules that are now unnecessary, and terminates this proceeding. The rebanding process is now essentially complete: Over 2,100 800 MHz licensees have successfully relocated to new channels in the band and the few licensing and administrative matters remaining can be completed outside the rebanding program.

DATES: Effective June 14, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberto Mussenden, Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418–1428.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of Commission’s Order, in WT Docket No. 02–55 (Terminated); FCC 21–41, adopted and released on April 22, 2021. The full text of this document is available for public inspection online at https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-21-41A1.pdf.

In 2004, the Commission’s Report and Order (800 MHz Report and Order) (69 FR 67823, November 22, 2004) initiated the 800 MHz rebanding program to alleviate harmful interference to 800 MHz public safety radio systems caused by their proximity in the band to the 800 MHz commercial cellular architecture systems, principally those operated by Sprint. To alleviate the interference, the Commission reconfigured the 800 MHz band to increase the spectral separation between cellular architecture systems and so-called, high site systems occupying the band. The Commission adopted a band plan that required the relocation of the bulk of Sprint’s system (and the other similarly situated cellular-based licenses) to spectrum at the upper end of the band, and the relocation of public safety licensees (and the other similarly situated high site system operators) to spectrum at the lower end of the band. The Commission further required Sprint to pay the accumulated relocation costs incurred by public safety and other high-site licensees in addition to its own relocation costs, in exchange for which the Commission awarded Sprint 10 megahertz of spectrum rights in the 1.9 GHz band. The 800 MHz Report and Order required that “at the conclusion of band reconfiguration, the Transition Administrator shall provide an accounting of the funds spent to reconfigure the systems of incumbent operators in the 800 MHz band. This accounting shall include certifications from each relocated licensee that all necessary reconfiguration work has been completed and that Nextel and said licensee agree on the sum paid for such work.” Those requirements have been either complied with or waived.

Nearly seventeen years after the 800 MHz Report and Order, the 800 MHz band reconfiguration program has achieved its objective—substantially alleviating the interference risk to public safety in the 800 MHz band. The 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC (Transition Administrator) reports that 2,169 licensees have successfully completed physical reconfiguration of their systems, and that only two licensees remain with unresolved administrative matters.

In the 800 MHz Report and Order, the Commission adopted certain rules specifically relating to implementation of the rebanding program. With termination of the rebanding program, there is no continued need for these rules and we therefore delete them. We conclude that this deletion does not require notice and comment. An agency may forego notice and comment rulemaking “when the agency for good cause finds . . . that notice and public procedure thereon are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Here, notice and comment is unnecessary and contrary to the public
interest because the termination of the rebanding program has rendered the rules moot in accordance with the Commission’s rules and the foregoing waivers. As the rules no longer have any practical or legal effect, deleting them from the Code of Federal Regulations will avoid any potential confusion about their continuing applicability.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This document does not contain proposed information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any proposed information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees, pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

Congressional Review Act

The Commission has determined, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, concurs, that this rule is non-major under the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 804(2). The Commission will send a copy of this Order to Congress and the Government Accountability Office, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 601(a)(1). A hearing has not been requested.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 90

Administrative practice and procedure, Common carriers, Radio.

Final Rules

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 90 as follows:

PART 90—PRIVATE LAND MOBILE RADIO SERVICES

§ 90.674 Interference Resolution Procedures.

§§ 90.676 and 90.677 [Removed and Reserved]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

[DOcket No. 180117042–8884–02; RTID 0648–XB082]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries

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

ACTION: Temporary rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS closes the Angling category northern area fishery for large medium and giant Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) (i.e., “trophy” fish measuring 73 inches (185 cm) curved fork length or greater). This action is being taken to prevent further overharvest of the Angling category northern area trophy BFT subquota.

DATES: Effective 11:30 p.m., local time, May 11, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries, including BFT fisheries, are managed under the authority of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA; 16 U.S.C. 971 et seq.) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act; 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.). The 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and its amendments are implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 635. Section 635.27 divides the U.S. BFT quota recommended by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and as implemented by the United States among the various domestic fishing categories, per the allocations established in the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS FMP and its amendments. NMFS is required under the Magnuson-Stevens Act to provide U.S. fishing vessels with a reasonable opportunity to harvest quotas under relevant international fishery agreements such as the ICCAT Convention, which is implemented domestically pursuant to ATCA.

Under § 635.28(a)(1), NMFS publishes a closure notice in the Federal Register when a BFT quota (or subquota) is reached or is projected to be reached. Retaining, possessing, or landing BFT under that quota category is prohibited on or after the effective date and time of a closure notice for that category, for the remainder of the fishing year, until the opening of the relevant subsequent quota period or until a specified date.

Angling Category Large Medium and Giant Northern Area “Trophy” Fishery Closure

The Angling category season opened January 1, 2021, and continues through December 31, 2021. The current Angling category quota is 232.4 metric tons (mt), of which 5.3 mt is allocated for the harvest of large medium and giant (trophy) BFT by vessels fishing under the Angling category quota, with 1.8 mt allocated for each of the following areas: North of 39°18’ N lat. (off Great Egg Inlet, NJ); south of 39°18’ N lat. and outside the Gulf of Mexico (the “southern area’’); and in the Gulf of Mexico. Trophy BFT measure 73 inches (185 cm) curved fork length or greater.

Based on reported landings from the NMFS Automated Catch Reporting System, NMFS has determined that the codified Angling category northern area trophy BFT subquota of 1.8 mt has been reached and exceeded and that a closure of the northern area trophy BFT fishery is warranted. Therefore, retaining, possessing, or landing large medium or giant BFT north of 39°18’ N lat., by persons aboard vessels with HMS Angling category permits and HMS Charter/Headboat-permitted vessels (when fishing recreationally) must cease fishing at 11:30 p.m. local time on May 11, 2021. This closure will remain effective through December 31, 2021. This action is intended to prevent further overharvest of the Angling category northern area trophy BFT subquota and is taken consistent with the regulations at § 635.28(a)[1]. NMFS previously closed the 2021 trophy BFT fishery in the southern area on March 1, 2021 (86 FR 12548, March 4, 2021) and in the Gulf of Mexico area on May 4, 2021 (86 FR 24359, May 6, 2021). Therefore, with this closure of the northern area trophy BFT fishery, the Angling category trophy BFT fishery will be closed in all areas for 2021. If needed, subsequent Angling category adjustments will be published in the Federal Register. Information regarding the Angling category fishery for Atlantic tunas, including daily retention limits for BFT measuring 27 inches (68.5 cm) to less than 73 inches and any further Angling category...