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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 73**

[MM Docket No. 99-69, RM-9478]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Giddings and Buda, TX**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed on behalf of LBJS Broadcasting company, L.P. requesting the reallocation of Channel 268C1 from Giddings, Texas, to Buda, Texas, and modification of the license for Station KROX to specify Buda, Texas, as the community of license. The coordinates for Channel 268C1 at Buda are 29-57-00 and 97-22-13. In accordance with Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, we shall not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of Channel 268C1 at Buda.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 26, 1999, and reply comments on or before May 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Howard M. Weiss, Anne Goodwin Crump, Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C., 1300 North 17th Street, Eleventh Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-69, adopted February 24, 1999 and released March 5, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800, facsimile (202) 857-3805.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contact.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 17**

RIN 1018-AF30

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Period on Proposed Special Regulations for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides notice that the comment period on the Service's proposal to establish special regulations for the conservation of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) (63 FR 66777, December 3, 1998) is reopened as of March 16, 1999 and will remain open for 45 days through April 30, 1999. The Service notes that revisions of Mouse Protection Areas and Potential Mouse Protection Areas referenced in the December 3, 1998, proposed rule are available for review.

DATES: The public comment period is reopened for a period of 45 days and will close April 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and materials should be sent to the Colorado Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

Comments and materials received will be available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LeRoy W. Carlson, Colorado Field Supervisor, telephone 303/275-2370, facsimile 303/275-2371 (see ADDRESSES section).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Preble's meadow jumping mouse, a small rodent in the family Zapodidae, is known to occur only in eastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming. It lives primarily in heavily vegetated riparian habitats and immediately adjacent upland habitats. Habitat loss and degradation caused by agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial development have resulted in concern over its continued existence.

On May 13, 1998, the Service published a final rule (3 FR 26517) to list the Preble's meadow jumping mouse as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973 (16 U.S.C. sections 1531 to 1544) without critical habitat. At the time the Preble's was listed, a special rule for the conservation of the Preble's was not promulgated and therefore virtually all of the restrictions of the Act became applicable to the species. On December 3, 1998, the Service proposed a special rule under 4(d) of the Act to establish standards for the conservation of the Preble's for 18 months.

Some revisions have been made to the geographic locations of Mouse Protection Areas and Potential Mouse Protection Areas described in the December 3, 1998 proposed rule. These revisions, based on the best scientific information that is currently available, are maintained by the Service at addresses provided below. These geographic locations can be viewed at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado, telephone 303/275-2370 or at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wyoming Field Office, 4000 Morrie Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001, telephone 307/772-2374. Depictions of these geographic locations are also available on our internet home page (www.r6.fws.gov/preble).

A news release announcing the extension of the comment period is being published in newspapers concurrently with this **Federal Register** notice.

Written statements concerning the proposed special rule should be mailed to the Service office identified in the ADDRESSES section above on or before April 30, 1999.

Author

The author of this notice is Peter Plage, Colorado Field Office (see ADDRESSES above), telephone 303/275-2370.

Authority

Authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Dated: March 10, 1999.

Ralph O. Morgenweck,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 600

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Central Registry System for Limited Access Permits (Registry); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) requires the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to establish an exclusive central registry system for limited access permits (LAPs). The registry will be the exclusive means of perfecting title to LAPs. It will also be the exclusive means of perfecting security interests in, assignments of, and liens and other encumbrances against LAPs. There will be a meeting to receive public comments to be used in developing proposed implementing rules.

DATES: The public meeting will be held April 13-14, 1999. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at NMFS Headquarters, 1315 East-West Highway, Building 3, 4th Floor, Room 4527, Silver Spring, MD, telephone (301) 713-2334.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Reisenweber, 1315 East-West Highway, Building 3, 13th Floor, Room 13321, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephone (301) 713-2334; fax: (301) 713-0596; email: john.reisenweber@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Conservation and management sometimes requires limiting access to federally-managed fisheries. Only parties with LAPs can fish in these limited access fisheries. Some LAPs are transferable independently of fishing vessels, while others are not.

The Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (P.L.104-297) amended the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) and included a provision requiring NMFS to establish the Registry:

...the Secretary [of Commerce] shall establish an exclusive central registry system (which may be administered on a regional basis) for limited access system permits established under section 303(b)(6) or other Federal law, including individual fishing quotas, which shall provide for the registration of title to, and interests in, such permits...

Section 305(h) of the MSA makes the Registry the legally exclusive means of perfecting LAP titles and liens, with the exception of Federal tax liens.

Before establishing the registry, NMFS wanted the public's guidance. On March 6, 1997, NMFS published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) in the Federal Register. The ANPR was published to allow the public an opportunity to offer comments and guidance before Registry regulations were proposed. Although comments were welcomed from the general public, NMFS particularly requested comments from:

1. Fisheries parties who buy and sell LAPs,
2. Creditors and other parties who will file liens for registration against LAPs, and
3. The Regional Fishery Management Councils.

Following the publication of the ANPR, NMFS conducted a Registry workshop in Kodiak, Alaska on March 20, 1997. The purpose of the workshop was to bring together all parties with an interest in the implementation of the Registry. Participants in the workshop included: NMFS personnel, fishing industry representatives, attorneys, and members of the marine banking community. Several workshop

participants and other interested parties submitted written comments to NMFS regarding issues raised in the ANPR and discussed at the workshop in Kodiak. These issues include: Registry location, role of the IRS, registration of non-transferable permits, fee imposition, use of standard forms, and title/lien validation. Comments from the public about these issues will be considered when implementing the registry.

All those interested in the public meeting to be held in Silver Spring in April are encouraged to participate, either by attending or submitting written comments. Written comments should be forwarded via mail or fax to the information contact above.

Meeting Dates

The public meeting will begin at 2:00 PM on April 13, 1999 and continue until 6:00 PM that evening. The meeting will reconvene at 9:00 AM on April 14, 1999 and conclude at 5:00 PM later that afternoon. A summary document about issues related to the Registry is under development and is scheduled to be mailed to meeting registrants approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please RSVP with your mailing address and telephone number at least 15 days prior to the meeting. If anyone is interested in making presentations at the meeting, please contact John Reisenweber at least 10 business days prior to the meeting in order to be included on the agenda. Also, please identify any special audio/visual needs for your presentation. Due to time constraints and the number of presenters, it may be necessary to limit each presentation.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to those with disabilities. Requests for sign language or other auxiliary aids should be directed to John Reisenweber (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 9, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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