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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 01–35; adopted January 31, 2001 and released February 9, 2001. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (Room CY–A257), 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857–3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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* contacts.

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

**List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73**

Radio broadcasting.

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

**PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES**

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

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334 and 336.

**§ 73.202 [Amended]**

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Georgia, is amended by adding Young Harris, Channel 236A.

Federal Communications Commission.

**John A. Karousos,**

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 01–334; MM Docket No. 00–210; RM–9979]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; Sonoita, AZ**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; dismissal.

**SUMMARY:** This document dismisses a petition filed on behalf of Santa Cruz Broadcasting proposing the allotment of FM Channel 263A to Sonoita, Arizona, as that locality's first local aural transmission service. Petitioner withdrew its interest in pursuing the proposal. See 65 FR 67690, November 13, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order*, MM Docket No. 00–210, adopted January 31, 2001, and released February 9, 2001. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center (Room CY–A257), 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857–3800.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**50 CFR Part 17**

RIN 1018–AG38

**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Public Comment Period and Notice of Availability of Draft Economic Analysis for Proposed Critical Habitat Determination for the Spruce-Fir Moss Spider; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of reopening of public comment period and availability of draft economic analysis; correction.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announced on February 12, 2001, the availability of the draft economic analysis for the proposed designation of critical habitat for the spruce-fir moss spider (*Microhexura montivaga*). We also provided notice that the public comment period for the proposal is reopened to allow all interested parties to submit written comments on the proposal and the draft economic analysis. However, the proposed rule incorrectly stated that comments would be accepted until April 13, 2001. The close of comment period should be March 14, 2001.

**DATES:** We will accept comments on the proposal and the draft economic analysis until March 14, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft economic analysis are available on the Internet at [http://southeast.fws.gov/hotissues/hot\\_index.html](http://southeast.fws.gov/hotissues/hot_index.html) or by writing to or calling the State Supervisor, Asheville Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 160 Zillicoa Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801; telephone 828/258–3939.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods:

1. You may submit written comments and information to the State Supervisor, Asheville Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 160 Zillicoa Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801.

2. You may hand-deliver written comments to our Asheville Field Office, at the above address or fax your comments to 828/258–5330.

3. You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to [john\\_fridell@fws.gov](mailto:john_fridell@fws.gov). For directions on how to submit electronic filing of comments, see the "Public Comments Solicited" section.

Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in preparation of this proposed rule, will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John A. Fridell, Fish and Wildlife Biologist (see **ADDRESSES** section).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 12, 2001, we published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** announcing the reopening of the public comment period and notice of availability of draft economic analysis for the proposed critical habitat determination for the spruce-fir moss spider. The **DATES** caption stated that comments should be submitted on or before April 13, 2001. The correct date for accepting comments from all interested parties is on or before March 14, 2001.

Accordingly, make the following correction to FR Doc. 01-2270 published at 66 FR 9806, on February 12, 2001:

On page 9807, in column one, correct the **DATES** caption to read as follows:

**DATES:** Interested parties must submit comments on or before March 14, 2001.

Dated: February 14, 2001.

**Sam D. Hamilton,**

*Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 600

[I.D. 021501A]

#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

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

**ACTION:** Notification of a proposal for EFPs to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has made a preliminary determination to issue an EFP that would allow one vessel to conduct fishing operations otherwise restricted by the regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United

States. The Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory submitted a complete application for the issuance of an EFP to one commercial fishing vessel. The EFP would allow one federally permitted vessel to conduct side-by-side tows with the R/V *Albatross* using a 6-cm codend mesh. No species will be targeted by the study, since the vessel will be following the random survey protocol used by the R/V *Albatross*. However, the nets will be fished to maximize the catch of summer flounder, scup and black sea bass on Leg I, and silver hake on Leg II. The purpose of this study is to provide information on the relative catchability of the two platforms and gears fished during the NMFS Spring Trawl Survey.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before March 14, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on EFP Proposal." Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9135. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Ferreira, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9103.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory submitted an industry cooperative proposal on February 2, 2001, for one EFP to conduct side-by-side tows between the R/V ALBATROSS and a fishing vessel during the NMFS Spring Trawl Survey. The study addresses the concern that the spring survey may not adequately assess the proportion of large fish in the population.

The study will occur on Legs I and II of the NMFS Spring Trawl Survey. Leg I of the spring survey is scheduled to begin on February 26, 2001. The study will take place during the first 4 to 5 days of the cruise when the R/V *Albatross* will occupy about 34 stations on the outer shelf and the shelf edge from Hudson Canyon to just north of Cape Hatteras. Some of these stations may occur inside the Southern Gear Restricted Area (GRA). Leg II is scheduled to begin on March 15, 2001. On this Leg, the study will take place when the R/V *Albatross* occupies

stations south of Long Island and Massachusetts, on the outer half of the shelf. This part of the study will occupy 19 stations and last about 3 days. Because the spring survey is conducted 24 hours a day, the industry vessel will have a minimum of four science personnel working two 12-hour shifts of two individuals each.

This study involves Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory, with funding provided by the NFI Scientific Monitoring Committee. The objective of the study is to conduct side-by-side tows between an industry vessel and the R/V *Albatross* to provide information on the relative catchability of the two platforms and gears fished during the spring survey. The potential outcomes of the study include: (1) An improved assessment of the population size frequency for many commercial species, (2) a boundary condition on the value used as an estimation of catchability in fisheries models, (3) improved estimates of the size-dependency of catchability for the survey gear, (4) improved estimates of spawning stock biomass (SSB) from understanding the bias in catchability in the survey, (5) an increased number of samples for length-weight and length-at-age studies for key species, and (6) potential groundwork for using industry vessels to increase the number of stations occupied in the survey for those species presently sampled with inadequate intensity.

In order to accomplish the objectives of this study, a trawl with a 6-cm codend mesh will be towed in unison and parallel to the survey trawls being conducted by the R/V *Albatross*. In areas where there is a large depth gradient, the industry vessel will tow aft of the R/V *Albatross*. To keep the survey program on schedule, tow times, not tow distances, will remain the same between the two vessels, since it is likely that the towing speed for the R/V *Albatross* will exceed that of the industry vessel.

Since the primary objective of the study is to improve size frequency information, the project aims to take length measurements of all fish caught using standard observer protocols. However, species will be measured in order of importance (i.e., summer flounder, scup, squid, black sea bass, and whiting), or subsampled by size, if the limited number of crews are unable to measure all fish. Individual weight measurements and samples for aging will not be taken, but NMFS may establish certain target species for which weight measurements and aging samples should be taken. These fish will be segregated and transferred to the R/V *Albatross*, when appropriate.