

on any governmental entity or the private sector.

#### List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 938

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: February 21, 2001.

**Allen D. Klein,**

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 51

[CC Docket No. 96-98; DA 01-501]

#### Common Carrier Bureau Grants Motion for Limited Extension of Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments on the Use of Unbundled Network Elements To Provide Exchange Access Service

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission issued a public notice granting a limited extension of time for filing comments and reply comments on issues raised in conjunction with the use of unbundled network elements to provide exchange access service.

**DATES:** Comments are due April 5, 2001 and reply comments are due April 30, 2001.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jodie Donovan-May or Tom Navin, Attorney Advisors, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-1580.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Public Notice regarding CC Docket No. 96-98, released on February 23, 2001. The complete text of this document is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Courtyard Level, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC, and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services (ITS, Inc.), CY-B400, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. It is also available on the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

#### Synopsis of Public Notice

1. On January 24, 2001, the Commission released a Public Notice in CC Docket No. 96-98 inviting comment on issues raised in conjunction with the

use of unbundled network elements to provide exchange access service. Based on publication of the Public Notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 8555) parties were required to file comments on March 5, 2001 and reply comments on March 19, 2001. On February 22, 2001, BellSouth, SBC, Qwest and Verizon (Movants) filed a motion to extend the dates for filing comments to April 5, 2001 and reply comments to April 30, 2001 in order to submit joint factual data and economic analysis addressing alternatives to incumbent facilities and the degree to which carriers are using those alternatives. They also state that an extension is necessary to account for substantial market developments over the last year, and that an extension will speed resolution of this proceeding by avoiding piecemeal submissions of data and arguments.

2. Although requests for extension of time are not routinely granted, in this instance, the Commission finds that the Movants have shown good cause for an extension of time in this proceeding. This matter shall continue to be treated as a "permit-but disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's ex parte rules. All other requirements discussed in the January 24, 2001 Public Notice remain in effect.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Parts 600 and 648

[Docket No. 010220043-1043-01; I.D. 120400D]

RIN 0648-AN65

#### Foreign Fishing and Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Proposed 2001 Specifications for the Atlantic Herring Fishery and Foreign Fishing Restrictions

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

**ACTION:** Proposed 2001 specifications for the Atlantic herring fishery; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS proposes specifications for the 2001 Atlantic herring fishery.

The intent of the specifications is to conserve and manage the herring resource and provide for sustainable fisheries, and to comply with the provisions in the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Herring (FMP), which require annual specifications for the fishery.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on April 4, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of supporting documents, including the Environmental Assessment, Regulatory Impact Review, Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (EA/RIR/IRFA), and the Essential Fish Habitat Assessment are available from Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298. The EA/RIR/IRFA is accessible via the Internet at <http://www.nero.gov/ro/doc/nr.htm>.

Written comments on the proposed specifications should be sent to the Regional Administrator at the above address. Mark on the outside of the envelope: "Comments-2001 Herring Specifications." Send comments on any ambiguity or unnecessary complexity arising from the language used in these proposed specifications to the Regional Administrator. Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9371. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations implementing the FMP appear at 50 CFR part 648, subpart K. Regulations governing foreign fishing appear at 50 CFR part 600, subpart F. The FMP requires the New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Atlantic Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) to meet at least annually, no later than July each year, with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (Commission) Atlantic Herring Plan Review Team (PRT) to develop and recommend the following specifications for consideration by the Council's Atlantic Herring Oversight Committee: Allowable biological catch (ABC), optimum yield (OY), domestic annual harvest (DAH), domestic annual processing (DAP), total foreign processing (JVPt), joint venture processing (JVP), internal waters processing (IWP), U.S. at-sea processing (USAP), border transfer (BT), total allowable level of foreign fishing