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Robert Brenner,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 03-1684, MB Docket No. 03-121, RM-10707]

Television Broadcast Service; Longview, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Estes Broadcasting, Inc., permittee of channel 54+, proposing the substitution of channel 38 – for channel 54+ at Longview, Texas. TV Channel 38 – can be allotted to Longview, Texas, with a minus offset at reference coordinates 32-35-23 N. and 95-23-27 W.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before July 14, 2003, and reply comments on or before July 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Lee G. Petro, Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, PLC, 11th Floor, 1300 North 17th Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209-3801 (Counsel for Estes Broadcasting, Inc.).
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 03-121, adopted May 14, 2003, and released May 21, 2003. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-

863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via-e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

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

Television 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.

§ 73.606 [Amended]

2. Section 73.606(b), the Table of Television Allotments under Texas, is amended by removing Channel 54+ and adding Channel 38 – at Longview.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,

Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 16

RIN 1018-AG70

Injurious Wildlife Species; Black Carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the reopening of the public comment period on the proposed rule to add black carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*) to the list of injurious fish, mollusks, and crustaceans under the Lacey Act. We are reopening the comment period at this time in order to collect the best and most current scientific and economic

data available on the proposed rule. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted as they will be incorporated into the public record and will be fully considered in the preparation of the next action.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be hand-delivered, mailed, or sent by fax to the Chief, Division of Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 322, Arlington, VA 22203; FAX (703) 358-1800. You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: BlackCarp@fws.gov. See the Public Comments Solicited section below for file format and other information about electronic filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kari Duncan, Division of Environmental Quality, Branch of Invasive Species, at (703) 358-2464 or kari_duncan@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a proposed rule to add black carp to the list of injurious fish, mollusks, and crustaceans under the Lacey Act on July 30, 2002 (67 FR 49280). This listing would have the effect of prohibiting the importation of any live animal or viable egg of the black carp into the United States and prohibiting the movement of black carp or viable eggs between States without a permit issued by the Director of the Service. The best available information indicates that this action is necessary to protect the interests of human beings, and wildlife and wildlife resources from the purposeful or accidental introduction and subsequent establishment of black carp populations into ecosystems of the United States. As proposed, live black carp or viable eggs could be imported only by permit for scientific, medical, educational, or zoological purposes, or without a permit by Federal agencies solely for their own use; permits would also be required for the interstate transportation of live black carp or viable eggs currently held in the United States for scientific, medical, educational, or zoological purposes. The proposal would prohibit interstate transportation of live black carp or viable eggs currently held in the United States for any other purpose.

The 60-day comment period on the proposed rule to add black carp to the list of injurious wildlife closed on

September 30, 2002. During that comment period, we received information indicating that we had identified only one of the two parasites affecting the catfish, baitfish, sportfish, largemouth bass, and hybrid striped bass aquaculture facilities and that we had underestimated the economic impact that the proposed rulemaking may have on those facilities. However, we did not receive sufficient information on the magnitude of the effects of these parasites on those facilities to complete the economic analysis. We are reopening the comment period to gather more economic and scientific data on black carp. In addition to seeking general scientific and economic information on black carp, we are seeking specific information relative to the magnitude of impact that yellow grubs (*Clinostomum complanatum*) and flatworms (*Bolbophorus confusus*) have had on catfish, baitfish, sportfish, largemouth bass, and hybrid striped bass aquaculture facilities; alternative chemical and/or biological methods used to control the parasites affecting these aquaculture facilities; potential or known distribution of black carp; and potential or known impact of black carp on native species.

Public Comments Solicited

We are reopening the comment period at this time in order to collect the best and most current scientific and economic data available regarding the proposal to add black carp to the list of injurious wildlife under the Lacey Act. Previously submitted comments on the proposed rule need not be resubmitted. We will accept new and/or additional written comments and information during this reopened comment period.

Submit comments as identified in **ADDRESSES**. If you submit comments by e-mail, please submit comments as an ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and encryption. Please include "Attn: [RIN 1018-AG70]" in your e-mail subject line and your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly by calling our office at telephone number 703-358-2148 during normal business hours. Please note that this e-mail address will be closed at the termination of this public comment period.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will

honor to the extent allowable by law. In some circumstances, we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

The authority citation continues to read as follows:

Authority: 18 U.S.C. 42.

Dated: May 22, 2003.

Craig Manson,

Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

[Docket No. 030519127-3127-01; I.D. 042403A]

RIN 0648-AO10

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Skate Complex (Skate) Fisheries; Skate Fishery Management Plan

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes regulations to implement the Northeast (NE) Skate Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This proposed rule would establish: A possession limit for skate wings; a bait-only exemption to the wing possession limit restrictions; a procedure for the development, revision, and/or review of management measures on an annual, biennial, and interannual basis, including a framework adjustment process; open access permitting requirements for fishing vessels, operators, and dealers; new species-level reporting requirements for skate

vessels and dealers; new discard reporting requirements for Federal vessels; and prohibitions on possessing smooth skates in the Gulf of Maine (GOM) Regulated Mesh Area (RMA), and thorny skates and barndoor skates throughout the management unit. This proposed rule would also implement other measures for administration and enforcement. The purpose of this proposed action is to manage the NE skate complex pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and the FMP and to prevent overfishing of skate resources.

DATES: Comments must be received at the appropriate address or fax number, (See **ADDRESSES**), on or before 5:00 p.m., local time, on July 7, 2003.

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

Comments regarding the collection-of-information requirements contained in this proposed rule should be sent to the Regional Administrator and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 (Attn: NOAA Desk Officer).

Copies of the FMP, its Regulatory Impact Review (RIR), the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA), and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) are available from Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, The Tannery-Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Pentony, Senior Policy Analyst, 978-281-9283, fax 978-281-9135.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FMP was developed by the New England Fishery Management Council (Council) in response to concerns that the continued harvest and increased landings in the skate fisheries required implementation of management measures to prevent overfishing and to allow for the collection of catch information on the status of the stocks. A notice of availability for the FMP was published in the **Federal Register** on May 1, 2003 (68 FR 23275). The comment period on the FMP ends on June 30, 2003.