

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

[MA-19-01-5892b; A-1-FRL-6421-7]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Volatile Organic Compound Regulations**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This revision establishes reasonably available control technology (RACT) emission limits for certain industrial categories. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is fully approving the majority of the Commonwealth's SIP revision. With regard to Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR 7.18(17), however, EPA is granting approval to this regulation only as it is applicable to the Springfield Massachusetts ozone nonattainment area (Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties). EPA is approving these regulations as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to the direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will not take effect and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this proposal. Any parties interested in commenting on this proposal should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Susan Studlien, Deputy Director, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, Suite 1100, One Congress Street, Boston, MA 02214-2023. Copies of the State submittal and EPA's technical support document are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA and at the Division of Air Quality Control, Department of

Environmental Protection, One Winter Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanne Cosgrove, (617) 918-1669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 23, 1999.

John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator, Region I.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 3**

[IB Docket No. 98-96, DA 99-1653]

Maritime Radio Accounting Authorities

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document extends the time to file comments concerning the Commission's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("Further Notice") adopted on June 21, 1999. Comments on the Further Notice were due on or before August 23, 1999, and Reply Comments were due on or before September 8, 1999. In response to a request for an extension of time, on August 18, 1999, the Commission extended the time to file comments.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 25, 1999; reply comments must be submitted on or before November 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All supplemental comments and supplemental reply comments should be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. All comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257) at 445 12th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Copes, Attorney-Advisor, Multilateral and Development Branch, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau, (202) 418-1478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. On August 16, 1999, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) filed a motion to extend the date for filing comments in the captioned proceeding from August

23, 1999, to October 25, 1999; and to extend the date for filing reply comments from September 8, 1999, to November 29, 1999. NTIA asserts that it needs more time to prepare cost information. The Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking required it to submit.

2. Although we do not routinely grant extensions of time, See 47 CFR 1.46(a), we believe that extending the comment date in this case will serve the public interest by allowing NTIA to prepare its cost information. We believe that an extension to October 25, 1999, will provide sufficient time for NTIA to prepare its comments. Interested parties may view the comments filed in this proceeding from the Commission's Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257) at 445 12th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies of the comments filed in this proceeding are also available for purchase from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. ("ITS"), 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

3. Accordingly, *it is ordered*, pursuant to 47 CFR 0.261, that the date for filing comments in this proceeding is extended until October 25, 1999, and that the date for filing reply comments is extended until November 29, 1999.

Federal Communications Commission.

Roderick Kelvin Porter,

Deputy Chief, International Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Parts 600 and 648**

[I.D. 082099A]

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

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

ACTION: Notification of experimental fishing proposal; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), is considering approval of two EFPs to conduct experimental fishing activities. EFPs would allow vessels to conduct operations otherwise restricted by

regulations governing the black sea bass fishery, and would exempt vessels from possession and size restrictions. Two EFPs would be required to conduct experimental fishing activities involving the possession and retention of 2,500 sublegal wild stock black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) in areas of the Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays with industry-standard black sea bass fish pots. The collection of these specimens will augment a cultured black sea bass collection obtained from the University of Rhode Island. This study is being conducted to support the applied portion of a customized aquaculture training program designed to educate fishers on the basics of fish and shellfish culture. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act provisions require publication of this document to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on the proposed EFPs.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on Proposed Experimental Fisheries."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bonnie VanPelt, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9244.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County (RCE) has submitted a proposal

to enlist two federally permitted vessels to collect 2,500 sublegal (3 to 6 in (7.6 to 15.2 cm)) black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) using approximately 150 black sea bass pots from the Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays, New Jersey. Specifically, the study will encompass the area bound by the following coordinates: 40° 26'N. latitude on the South to 40° 30'N. latitude on the north, and 73°52'W. longitude on the east to 74°04'W. longitude on the west.

This applied segment of an industry-based aquaculture training program intends to address two main objectives: (1) Broaden the participant's knowledge of the growth and survival rates of cultured and wildstock black sea bass in a recirculating system; and (2) evaluate the economic efficacy of juvenile black sea bass grow out in a recirculating system operating under full capacity, and the associated cost-benefit ratio. The black sea bass will be harvested in industry standard vinyl coated wire pots with mesh sizes of 1 in x 1-1/4 in (2.54 cm x 3.2 cm). The black sea bass pots will not be modified in any way, except that the escape vents will be closed to retain the undersized black sea bass. Once caught, the sublegal black sea bass will be transported to the Port of Belford, New Jersey, and placed in 4, 15-gallon (56.77 liter) recirculating tanks for grow out and eventual sale to the market.

The RCE had previously requested that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) agree to exempt the black sea bass taken under this exempted fishing permit

from the state's landing quota. However, the NJDEP decided that once the black sea bass is sold to market at legal size (10 in (25.4 cm)), it would count against the state's landing quota.

The students (commercial vessel operators) participating in the training program will be under the supervision of RCE personnel during all phases of at-sea operations.

The NJDEP has granted the RCE a harvesting permit to collect fish in the marine, fresh, and estuarine waters of the State. The two federally permitted vessels participating in this program will commence collection of sublegal-size black sea bass in Federal waters as soon as the RCE receives the necessary authorizations from NMFS. It is anticipated that the collection of sublegal-size black sea bass will take approximately one month. No other species besides black sea bass will be harvested. Any regulated species caught incidental to black sea bass will be returned immediately to the sea.

EFPs would be issued to participating vessels to exempt them from the possession and size restrictions (see 50 CFR § 648.143) of the Fishery Management Plan for Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: August 30, 1999.

Bruce Morehead,

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