

authoritative source, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Geological Survey, Natural Resources Conservation Service, State and local water resource departments, or technical data prepared and certified by a registered professional engineer may be submitted. If base flood elevations have not previously been established, hydraulic calculations may also be requested.

(6) A revision of flood plain delineations based on fill must demonstrate that any such fill does not result in a floodway encroachment.

(b) *New topographic data.* The procedures described in paragraphs (a) (1) through (5) of this section may be also followed to request a map revision when no physical changes have occurred in the area of special flood hazard, when no fill has been placed, and when the natural ground elevations, as evidenced by new topographic maps, more detailed or more accurate than those used to prepare the map to be revised, are shown to be above the elevation of the base flood.

(c) *Certification requirements.* A registered professional engineer or licensed land surveyor must certify the items required in paragraphs (a)(3) and (b) of this section. Such certifications are subject to the provisions of § 65.2.

(d) *Submission procedures.* Submit all requests to the appropriate FEMA Regional Office servicing the community's geographic area or to the FEMA Headquarters Office in Washington, DC, and submit the appropriate payment with the requests, in accordance with 44 CFR part 72.

4. Paragraph 65.6 is amended by adding paragraph (a)(14) to read as follows:

§ 65.6 Revision of base flood elevation determinations.

(a) * * *

(14) Written assurance by the participating community that they have complied with the appropriate minimum floodplain management requirements outlined in § 60.3 of this chapter. This includes the requirements that:

(i) Residential structures built in the SFHA have their lowest floor elevated to or above the base flood;

(ii) The community has determined through best engineering practices that the land or structures to be removed from the SFHA are "reasonably safe from flooding", and that the community maintains on file all supporting engineering analyses that it used to make that determination; and

(iii) The community has issued all necessary permits for development within the SFHA.

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Dated: October 3, 2000.

Michael Armstrong,
Associate Director for Mitigation.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00-2244, MM Docket No. 00-188, RM-9969]

Digital Television Broadcast Service; New Orleans, LA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by WWL-TV, Inc., licensee of station WWL-TV, NTSC channel 4, New Orleans, Louisiana, requesting the substitution of DTV channel 36 for station WWL-TV's assigned DTV channel 30. DTV Channel 36 can be allotted to New Orleans, Louisiana, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (29-54-23 N. and 90-02-23 W.). As requested, we propose to allot DTV Channel 36 to New Orleans with a power of 1000 and a height above average terrain (HAAT) of 305 meters.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before November 27, 2000, and reply comments on or before December 12, 2000.

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: John M. Burgett, Wiley, Rein & Fielding, 1776 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 (Counsel for WWL-TV, Inc.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 00-188, adopted September 29, 2000, and released December 12, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center 445 12th Street,

SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, 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.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,

Chief, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[I.D. 092200A]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Public hearings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public hearings on draft Amendment 7 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Stone Crab Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico. Amendment 7 proposes to create a Federal trap certificate program for the commercial stone crab fishery in Federal waters (exclusive economic zone (EEZ)) off Florida. This program would be similar to the trap certificate program adopted by the State of Florida. In addition, public testimony on Amendment 7 will be accepted at the Gulf Council meeting in November 2000. A separate **Federal Register** notice will give details about that meeting.

DATES: The Council will accept written comments through November 3, 2000.

The public hearings will be held in October 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times of the public hearings.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Mr. Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301, North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619. Copies of draft Amendment 7 are available from Mr. Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301, North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815; fax: 813-769-4520. The public hearings will be held in Marathon and Crystal River, FL (For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301, North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public hearings will be convened to take public comment on draft Amendment 7. Draft Amendment 7 would create a Federal trap certificate program for the commercial stone crab fishery in the EEZ off Florida. This program would be similar to the trap certificate program adopted by the State of Florida.

A summary of the proposed Amendment 7 Federal stone crab trap certificate program follows:

1. The Federal program would recognize the Florida stone crab license and tags for use in the EEZ but would not require them.
2. Persons who could not obtain or chose not to obtain the state license/tags could apply for a Federal vessel permit, trap certificate, and trap tags.
3. The same qualifying criteria would apply for obtaining the Federal vessel permit/trap certificate/trap tags as apply for obtaining the state license/tags (i.e., 300 lb (136.1 kg) of claws landed in one of the six fishing seasons 1993/1994 through 1998/1999). The end of the draft Amendment 7 qualifying period would be May 15, 1999.
4. Persons would have 90 days to apply for a Federal vessel permit/trap certificate/trap tags after the effective date of implementation of the final rule.
5. Persons qualifying would be issued a Federal vessel permit/trap certificate/trap tags based on their landings divided by 5 lb (2.3 kg), which is the annual harvest level that would occur when the number of traps is reduced to the optimum level of 600,000 traps.
6. Federal vessel permits, trap certificates, and tags would be non-transferrable.
7. It is anticipated that the cost of the Federal trap tags would be higher than

the cost of the state trap tags (i.e., \$1.10 vs \$0.50).

8. Draft Amendment 7 includes a Federal appeals process allowing fishermen to appeal denied applications for a Federal vessel permit/trap certificate/trap tags.

Time and Location for Public Hearings

Public hearings for draft Amendment 7 will be held at the following locations, dates, and times:

1. October 16, 2000, 7 p.m., Marathon Government Center, BOCC Room, 2798 Overseas Highway MM 47.5, Marathon, FL 33050; telephone: 305-295-4385.
2. October 18, 2000, 7 p.m., Plantation Inn & Gulf Resort, 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429; telephone: 352-795-4211.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by November 3, 2000.

Dated: October 3, 2000.

Clarence Pautzke,

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

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