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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Rosenthal, Air Programs Branch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, (312) 886-6052, at the Chicago address indicated above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule which is published in the rules section of this Federal Register.

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David A. Ullrich,

Acting, Regional Administrator.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 1

[CC Docket No. 92-237; DA 96-678]

Carrier Identification Codes

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On April 30, 1996, the Commission released a public notice seeking further comments to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Administration of the North American Numbering Plan), CC Docket No. 92-237 specifically on the issue of the appropriate length of the transition period for the expansion of carrier identification codes (CICs) from three to four digits. The intended effect of this action is to seek further comments because the record on the NPRM is two years old, and significant events have occurred since the record closed.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 21, 1996, and reply comments must be filed on or before May 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Ward, (202) 418-2336, Elizabeth Nightingale, (202) 418-2352, or Mary DeLuca, (202) 418-2334, all of the Common Carrier Bureau, Network Services Division.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Released: April 30, 1996.

1. On April 4, 1994, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CC Docket No. 92-237)

addressing various issues relating to administration of the North American Numbering Plan and tentatively concluding, regarding carrier identification codes (CICs), that the industry's plan to expand Feature Group D (FGD) CICs from three to four digits, in the event of exhaust of the three digit codes, was reasonable to ensure that the demand for CICs could be met. Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 9 FCC Rcd 2068 (1994) (NPRM) (59 FR 24103 (05/10/94)). The NPRM also tentatively concluded that the transition or permissive dialing period for the expansion, during which both three and four digit CICs would be recognized, should last six years. The pleading cycle in response to the NPRM closed on June 30, 1994.

2. The record on the NPRM is two years old, and significant events have occurred since the record closed: (1) The assignment of exclusively four digit FGD CICs has begun, and in turn the transition period has begun; (2) there has been an unexpected increase in the demand for CICs, due to new uses for the codes recently discovered by the industry; (3) we now expect an even greater demand for CICs, with the anticipated increase in carriers entering the market as a result of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub.L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) (1996 Act); and (4) the local exchange carriers are now obligated to provide dialing parity under Section 251 of the 1996 Act, see 47 U.S.C. 251(b)(3).

3. We seek, therefore, to refresh the record in CC Docket No. 92-237 specifically on the issue of the appropriate length of the transition period. Commenters should limit their comments to updated factual information in light of the recent events described above. We ask that parties neither simply reiterate their previous comments nor raise any new issues, but confine their discussion to how the length of the transition period has been affected, if at all.

4. Comments and reply comments in response to this Notice should be no more than 10 pages, and otherwise in compliance with Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules. Comments must be filed on or before May 21, 1996, and reply comments must be filed on or before May 28, 1996. Comments and reply comments must be sent to the Office of the Secretary, FCC, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Two copies should also be sent to the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 235, 2000 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. One copy should also be

sent to the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication: ITS, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies can also be obtained from ITS at (202) 857-3800.

5. We will continue to treat this proceeding as non-restricted for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 CFR §§ 1.1200-1.1216. For further information contact, David Ward (202/418-2336), Elizabeth Nightingale (202/418-2352), or Mary DeLuca (202/418-2334) of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau.

Federal Communications Commission
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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-100; RM-8789]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Amherst and Lynchburg, VA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition by Greater Lynchburg Stereo Broadcasters proposing the allotment of Channel 294A to Amherst, Virginia, and the allotment Channel 229A to Lynchburg, Virginia. Channels 294A and 229A can be allotted to Amherst and Lynchburg, respectively, in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements. Channel 294A can be allotted to Amherst with a site restriction of 12.8 kilometers (8.0 miles) northeast to avoid short-spacing conflicts with the licensed site of Station WLQE(FM), Channel 295A, Bedford, Virginia, and with Station WPXX(FM)'s construction permit for Channel 294A at Semora, North Carolina. The coordinates for Channel 294A are 37-40-36 and 78-57-19. Channel 229A can be allotted to Lynchburg without a site restriction. The coordinates for Channel 229A at Lynchburg are 37-24-49 and 79-08-33.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before June 24, 1996, and reply comments on or before July 9, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 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 F. Garziglia, Pepper & Corazzini, L.L.P., 1776 K Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006 (Counsel for petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 96-100, adopted April 22, 1996, and released May 1, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

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.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 625

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Summer Flounder and Scup Fishery; Notice of Availability of Amendment 8

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an amendment to a fishery management plan and request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this document to advise that the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Summer Flounder and Scup Fisheries (FMP) for Secretarial review and is requesting comments from the public. Amendment 8 would initiate management measures for the scup fishery.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 24, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Dr. Andrew A. Rosenberg, Regional Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-3799. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on Summer Flounder and Scup Plan."

Copies of proposed Amendment 8, its Regulatory Impact Review (RIR) and the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis contained within the RIR, and the Final Environmental Impact Statement are available from David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115 Federal Building, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904-6790.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regina L. Spallone, Fishery Policy Analyst, 508-281-9221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) (Magnuson Act) requires that each regional fishery management council submit any fishery management plan or amendment it prepares to NMFS for review. The Magnuson Act also requires that NMFS, upon receiving the plan or amendment for review, immediately make a preliminary evaluation of whether the amendment is sufficient to warrant continued review, and publish a document that the plan or amendment is available for public review and comment. NMFS will consider the public comments received during the comment period in determining whether to approve the plan or amendment.

Amendment 8, if approved, would revise the Summer Flounder FMP to institute management measures that would allow the scup (*Stenotomus chrysops*) resource to rebuild over a 7-year period. Scup are currently overexploited and at a low biomass level.

Proposed management measures for scup in Year 1 of management include: Dealer, charter/party (c/p) vessel, and operator permits; moratorium vessel permits for the directed commercial fishery; a requirement that permitted vessels may sell only to permitted dealers; mandatory reporting for permitted vessels and dealers; escape vents on scup pots or traps; degradable hinges and fasteners in scup pots or traps; and maximum size for rollers used in roller rig trawl gear; minimum fish sizes for the commercial and recreational fisheries; and minimum codend mesh requirements when possessing more than a threshold level of scup on board. In Year 2 and beyond, a coastwide quota would also be implemented with Federal commercial permit holders being prohibited from landing after the quota had been attained, as well as a framework to allow time/area closures in order to reduce bycatch and prevent quota overruns. The proposed amendment also includes a framework measure to allow future adjustments to minimum fish sizes, mesh size, and the threshold level of fish on board that triggers the mesh size, and to implement a recreational possession limit and season.

NMFS disapproved six measures in Amendment 8 before publishing this notice of availability as authorized under section 304(a)(1)(A) of the Magnuson Act. These disapproved measures would: (1) Confer moratorium permit eligibility upon vessels that were re-rigging on January 26, 1993, and land scup prior to the implementation of the FMP; (2) require vessels to keep scup catches of less than 4,000 lb (1,814 kg) (the level at which the minimum mesh requirement is triggered) in 100-lb boxes to enhance enforcement; (3) accept state dealer permits in lieu of the required Federal permit; (4) deny access to the exclusive economic zone to vessels from states that do not implement recreational measures equivalent to those specified in the Federal plan; (5) use state regulations to define scup pots for the residents of that state; and (6) establish annual recreational harvest limits and deduct catches in excess of those limits from the limits for the following year.

Day 1 for this amendment is April 26, 1996. Proposed regulations to implement this amendment are scheduled to be published within 15 days of this date.

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