

including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before April 16, 1996. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554, or via Internet to [dconway@fcc.gov](mailto:dconway@fcc.gov); and Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503, or via Internet to [fain\\_t@al.eop.gov](mailto:fain_t@al.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dorothy Conway, (202) 418-0217, or via Internet at [dconway@fcc.gov](mailto:dconway@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Amendment to the Commission's Rules to Facilitate Future Development of SMR Systems in the 800 MHz Frequency Band.

*Type of Review:* Revised collection.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 12,195.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Approximately 1 to 5 hours.

*Total Annual Burden:* Approximately 17,254 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$6,468,260 this includes the costs for filing the information electronically or mailing submissions and hiring consultants that may be necessary to respond the requests.

*Needs and Uses:* The information will be used by the Commission for the following purposes: (a) To determine if the grant or retention of an extended implementation schedule is warranted; (b) to update the Commission's licensing database and thereby facilitate the successful coexistence of EA licensees and incumbents in the upper 10 MHz block of 800 MHz SMR spectrum; (c) to ensure that incumbents are timely notified of possible relocation thus allowing relocation to occur in an orderly, efficient, and expedient manner; and (d) to determine whether an applicant is eligible for special provisions for small businesses

provided for applicants in the 800 MHz SMR service.

*C. Ex Parte Rules—Non-Restricted Proceeding.*

151. This is a non-restricted notice and comment rulemaking proceeding. *Ex parte* presentations are permitted except during the Sunshine Agenda period, provided they are disclosed as provided in the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.1202, 1.1203, 1.1206(a).

*D. Authority.*

152. The legal authority for this proposed information collection includes 47 U.S.C. Sections 154(i), 303(c), 303(f), 303(g), 303(r), 309(j), and 332, as amended. The information collection would not affect any FCC forms. The proposed collection would increase minimally the burden on 800 MHz SMR service applicants.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 90

Radio.

Federal Communications Commission.  
William F. Caton,  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 651

[I.D. 021296E]

#### Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Notice of Availability of Amendment 7

**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 notice that the New England Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted Amendment 7 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Northeast Multispecies Fishery (FMP) for Secretarial review and is requesting comments from the public. This amendment contains a series of management measures designed to rebuild overfished stocks of groundfish, especially cod, haddock and yellowtail flounder. Copies of the amendment may be obtained from the Council (see **ADDRESSES**).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 11, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Dr. Andrew A. Rosenberg, Regional Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-3799. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on Amendment 7 to the Northeast Multispecies Plan."

Copies of proposed Amendment 7, its Regulatory Impact Review (RIR) and the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis contained within the RIR, and the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement are available from Douglas Marshall, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, Suntaug Office Park, 5 Broadway (U.S. Rte. 1), Saugus, MA 01906-1097.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Susan A. Murphy, Fishery Policy Analyst, 508-281-9252.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act) (16 U.S.C 1801 *et seq.*) requires each regional fishery management council to submit any fishery management plan or plan amendment it prepares to the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) for review and approval or disapproval. The Magnuson Act also requires the Secretary, upon receiving the plan or amendment, to immediately publish a notice that the plan or amendment is available for public review and comment. The Secretary will consider the public comments in determining whether to approve the plan or amendment.

Proposed measures in the amendment include: (1) A procedure for setting annual target total allowable catch levels for regulated species; (2) an acceleration of the current days-at-sea effort reduction program; (3) elimination of current exemptions to the effort control program; (4) new closed areas; (5) a restriction on large mesh fisheries with more than a minimal bycatch of regulated species in the Gulf of Maine/ Georges Bank and Southern New England regulated mesh areas; (6) a cod, haddock and yellowtail flounder possession limit restriction for vessels less than 30 ft (9.14 m); (7) establishment of the current experimental Nantucket Shoals dogfish fishery on a permanent basis; (8) modification to permit categories and qualifying criteria; (9) restrictions on charter/party and recreational vessels; and (10) revision and expansion of the existing framework provisions. Many of the current provisions to the FMP will be retained as the basic structure for the regulatory program.

NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, disapproved three measures in

Amendment 7 before publishing the notice of availability as authorized under section 304(a)(1)(A) of the Magnuson Act. These measures include: (1) The additional allowance of days-at-sea (DAS) for trawl vessels enrolled in the Individual DAS category that use 8-inch (20-cm) mesh, (2) the 300-lb (136-kg) possession allowance of regulated species for trawl vessels that use an 8-inch (20-cm) mesh in an exempted fishery, and (3) the establishment of a limited access category for vessels that fished in the Possession Limit Open Access category under Amendment 5.

Day 1 of this amendment is February 12, 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.*

Dated: February 12, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,  
*Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and  
Management, National Marine Fisheries  
Service.*

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