

States Census 2000, Joint Petitioners must establish that Midlothian is a community for purposes of the Commission's FM allotment policies. The change of community from Orange to Midlothian would result in a net gain of 2,286.8 square kilometers and a net gain of 729,525 persons. In the loss area, adoption of the proposal would leave 2,470 persons in 135 square kilometers receiving two aural broadcast services, 10,720 persons in 77 square kilometers receiving three services, and 19,189 persons in 541 square kilometers receiving four services. In the gain area, the proposal would add a fifth reception service to 252 persons in 56 square kilometers. Substitution of Channel 270A for Channel 255C3 at South Hill would produce a net loss of 2,285.7 square kilometers and a net loss of 39,412 persons. The existing 70 dBu signal for WJMA-FM at Orange does not cover any Urbanized Area. Joint Petitioners state that Midlothian is not located in an Urbanized Area and that the proposed 70 dBu contour of WJMA-FM will cover less than 50 percent of the Richmond Urbanized Area. Under the circumstances described in the petition, no *Tuck* analysis will be necessary to evaluate this change of community proposal.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 11, 2003, and reply comments on or before April 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve counsel for the petitioner as follows: Mark J. Prak, Brooks Pierce McLendon, Post Office Box 1800, Raleigh, NC 27602; Peter Gutmann, Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, 1401 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005; Mark N. Lipp, J. Thomas Nolan, Shook, Hardy & Bacon, 600 Fourteenth Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005; and Brian M. Madden, Leventhal Senter & Lerman, PLLC, 2000 K Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah A. Dupont, Media Bureau (202) 418-7072.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 03-47; adopted February 12, 2003 and released February 18, 2003. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor,

Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893.

The 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, Radio 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.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under North Carolina, is amended by removing Channel 271C and by adding Channel 271C0 at Reidsville.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Virginia, is amended by removing Orange, Channel 255A, and by adding Midlothian, Channel 255B1.

4. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Virginia, is amended by removing Channel 255C3 and by adding Channel 270A at South Hill.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Proposed 2003 Specifications for the Spiny Dogfish Fishery

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes specifications for the spiny dogfish fishery for the 2003 fishing year, which is May 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004. The implementing regulations for the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) require NMFS to publish specifications for the upcoming fishing year and to provide an opportunity for public comment. The intent is to specify the commercial quota and other management measures, such as trip limits, to address overfishing of the spiny dogfish resource.

DATES: Public comments must be received (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on March 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the proposed specifications should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298. Mark on the outside of the envelope, "Comments—2003 Spiny Dogfish Specifications." Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9135. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

Copies of supporting documents used by the Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee and the Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee; the Environmental Assessment, Regulatory Impact Review, Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (EA/RIR/IRFA); and the Essential Fish Habitat Assessment (EFHA) are available from Daniel Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Federal Building, Room 2115, 300 South Street, Dover, DE 19904. The EA, RIR, IRFA and EFHA are accessible via the Internet at <http://www.nero.nmfs.gov/ro/doc/nero.html>