SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed on behalf of Faircom Flint Inc. requesting the reallocation of Channel 268A from Tuscola, Michigan, to Clio, Michigan, and modification of the license for Station WWBN to specify Clio, Michigan, as the community of license. The coordinates for Channel 268A at Clio are 43°15′47″ and 83°45′40″.

Canadian concurrence will be requested for the allotment of Channel 268A at Clio. In accordance with Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, we shall not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of Channel 268A at Clio.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before June 1, 1999, and reply comments on or before June 16, 1999.


In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Lee W. Shubert, Haley Bader & Potts P.L.C., 4350 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA. 22203-1633.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-115, adopted March 31, 1999, and released April 9, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission’s Reference Center, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased for both critical habitat proposals closed on March 1, 1999. The comment period was reopened and we will accept comments until May 15, 1999.

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 contact.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Periods and Notice of Availability of Draft Economic Analyses on Proposed Critical Habitat Determinations for the Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl and the Huachuca Water Umbel, a Plant

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment periods and notice of availability of draft economic analyses.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability of draft economic analyses of the proposed designation of critical habitat for the plant Lilaeopsis schaffneriana ssp. recurva (Huachuca water umbel) and the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum). We also provide notice of the reopening of the comment periods for the two proposals to allow all interested parties to submit written comments on the proposals and on the draft economic analyses. We have received some comments on the proposals after the close of the original comment periods. Those comments will be incorporated into the public record as a part of these reopenings and do not need to be resubmitted.

DATES: The original comment periods for both critical habitat proposals closed on March 1, 1999. The comment period was reopened and we will accept comments until May 15, 1999. Comments must be received by the closing date. Any comments that are received after the closing date may not be considered in the final decisions on these proposals.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft economic analyses are available on the Internet at http://ifw2irm2.irm1.r2.fws.gov/ or by writing to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2321 W. Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, Arizona 85021. Written comments should be sent to the Field Supervisor. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above Service address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Gatz, Endangered Species Coordinator, at the above address (telephone 602-640-2720 ext. 240; facsimile 602-640-2730).
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl is one of four subspecies of the ferruginous pygmy-owl. It occurs from lowland central Arizona south through western Mexico to the States of Colima and Michoacan, and from southern Texas south through the Mexican States of Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon. Only the Arizona population of the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl is listed as an endangered species. We proposed designation of approximately 730,565 acres of riverine riparian and upland habitat as critical habitat for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Proposed critical habitat is in Pima, Cochise, Pinal, and Maricopa counties, Arizona as described in the proposed rule (63 FR 71820; December 30, 1999).

The Huachuca water umbel is a plant found in cienegas (desert marshes), streams and springs in southern Arizona and northern Sonora, Mexico, typically in mid-elevation wetland communities often surrounded by relatively arid environments. These communities are usually associated with perennial springs and stream headwaters, have permanently or seasonally saturated highly organic soils, and have a low probability of flooding or scouring. We proposed critical habitat including a total of 83.9 km (52.1 mi) of streams or rivers in Cochise and Santa Cruz counties, Arizona (63 FR 71838; December 30, 1999).

Section 4(b)(2) of the Act requires that the Secretary shall designate or revise critical habitat based upon the best scientific data available and after taking into consideration the economic impact of specifying any particular area as critical habitat. Based upon the previously published proposals to designate critical habitat for the Huachuca water umbel and the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl and comments received during previous comment periods, we have conducted a draft economic analysis of each proposed critical habitat designation. The draft economic analyses are available at the above Internet and mailing addresses. In order to accept the best and most current scientific data regarding the critical habitat proposals and the draft economic analyses of the proposals, we reopen the comment periods at this time.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has previously conducted and recorded three public hearings on these critical habitat designation proposals as required under Section 4(b)(5)(E) of the Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Due to the expeditious treatment of these proposed critical habitat determinations under Federal District Court order as described in the proposed rules, we will not conduct additional hearings and will accept only written comments during these reopened comment periods. Previously submitted oral or written comments on either of these critical habitat proposals need not be resubmitted.

The current comment period on this proposal closes on May 15, 1999. Written comments may be submitted to the Service office in the ADDRESSES section.

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Authority


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