Commission’s Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission’s copy contractors, International  
Transmission Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036,  
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this proceeding.  
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filling procedures for comments, see 47  
CFR 1.415 and 1.420.  
Federal Communications Commission.  
John A. Karousos,  
Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules  
Division, Mass Media Bureau.  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
47 CFR Part 73  
[DA 00–1958, MM Docket No. 00–150, RM– 
9944]  
Radio Broadcasting Services;  
Lewistown, MT  
AGENCY: Federal Communications  
Commission.  
ACTION: Proposed rule.  
SUMMARY: This document requests  
comments on a petition filed by  
Lewistown Radio proposing the  
allotment of Channel 300C1 to  
Lewistown, Montana, as that  
community’s second FM broadcast  
service. The channel can be allotted to  
Lewistown without a site restriction at  
coordinates 47±03±45 and 109±25±39.  
Canadian concurrence will be requested  
for this allotment.  
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:  
Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media  
Bureau, (202) 418–2180.  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission’s Notice of  
00–150, adopted August 16, 2000, and  
of this Commission decision is available  
for inspection and copying during  
normal business hours in the  
Commission’s Reference Center (Room  
239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington,  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
50 CFR Part 17  
RIN 1018–AF45  
Endangered and Threatened Wildlife  
and Plants; Reopening of Comment  
Period and Notice of Public Hearing on  
the Clarification of Take Prohibitions  
for Coastal Cutthroat Trout Related to  
the Proposed Rule To List the  
Southwestern Washington/Columbia  
River Coastal Cutthroat Trout in  
Washington and Oregon as Threatened  
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Washington and Oregon as Threatened  

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,  
Interior.  
ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period and notice of public hearing.  
SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) gives notice of a public hearing on the clarification of take  
prohibitions for the coastal cutthroat  
tout related to the proposed rule to list  
the southwestern Washington/Columbia  
River coastal cutthroat trout in  
Washington and Oregon. In addition,  
the comment period which originally  
closed on August 14, 2000 (65 FR  
43730), will be reopened. The new  
comment period and hearing will allow  
all interested parties to submit oral  
or written comments on the proposal.  
DATES: The comment period for this  
proposal now closes on September 29,  
2000. Any comments received by the  
closing date will be considered in the  
final decision on this proposal. The  
public hearing will be held from 1 p.m.  
until 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.  
September 21, 2000, in Aberdeen,  
Washington.  
ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be  
held in Building 800 at Grays Harbor  
College, 1620 Edward P. Smith Drive,  
Aberdeen, Washington.  
Written comments and materials can  
be sent to Kemper McMaster, State  
Supervisor, Oregon Fish and Wildlife  
Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,  
2600 SE 98th Avenue, Suite 100,  
Portland, Oregon 97266.  
You may also send comments by e-
mail to: coastal_cutthroat@fws.gov.  
Please submit e-mail comments as an  
ASCII file and avoid the use of special  
characters and any form of encryption.  
Please also include “Attn: [RIN  
number]” and your name and return  
address in your e-mail message. If you  
do not receive a confirmation from the  
system that we have received your e-
mail message, contact us directly by  
calling our Oregon Office at phone  
number 503–231–6179.  
All 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:  
Kemper McMaster, at the above  
Portland, Oregon address, phone 503– 
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:  
Background  
On April 5, 1999, the National Marine  
Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the  
Service published a notice in the  
Federal Register (64 FR 16397)  
proposing to list the coastal cutthroat  
tout (Oncorhynchus clarki clarki)  
population in southwestern Washington  

and the Columbia River, excluding the Willamette River above Willamette Falls, as threatened pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Service published a notice in the Federal Register (65 FR 20123) on April 14, 2000, to extend the deadline from April 5, 2000, to October 5, 2000 for the final action on the proposed rule to list this population in Washington and Oregon, and to provide a 30-day comment period. The 6-month extension was necessary to obtain and review new information needed to resolve substantial scientific disagreement about the status of this population. On July 14, 2000, the Service published a notice in the Federal Register (65 FR 43730) to clarify the take prohibitions for coastal cutthroat trout and provided for a 30-day public comment period. This notice was necessary to answer questions we had received regarding the application of the take prohibitions of section 9 of the Act to the potential listing of the coastal cutthroat trout as threatened.

In response to a request for a public hearing during the public comment period for the clarification of the take prohibitions for coastal cutthroat trout, we will hold a public hearing on the date and at the address described in the DATES and ADDRESSES sections above. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement for the record is encouraged to provide a written copy of their statement and present it to the Service at the hearing. In the event there is a large attendance, the time allotted for oral statements may be limited. Oral and written statements receive equal consideration. There are no limits to the length of written comments presented at the hearing or mailed to the Service. Legal notices announcing the date, time, and location of the hearing will be published in newspapers concurrently with the Federal Register notice.

Comments from the public are sought regarding the list of activities in the clarification of the take prohibitions for coastal cutthroat trout (65 FR 43730). We are also interested in comments regarding the accuracy of the listing proposal, especially regarding: (1) Biological or other relevant data concerning any threat to cutthroat trout; (2) The range, distribution, and population size of coastal cutthroat trout in southwestern Washington and the Columbia River; (3) Current or planned activities in the subject area and their possible impacts on the species; (4) Cutthroat trout escapement, particularly escapement data partitioned into natural and hatchery components; (5) The proportion of naturally reproducing fish that were reared as juveniles in a hatchery; (6) Homing and straying of natural and hatchery fish; (7) The reproductive success of naturally reproducing hatchery fish and their relationship to southwestern Washington and the Columbia River coastal cutthroat trout populations; and (8) Efforts being made to protect native, naturally reproducing populations of coastal cutthroat trout. Reopening of the comment period will enable us to respond to the request for a public hearing on the proposed action.

The comment period on this proposal closes on September 29, 2000. Written comments should be submitted to the Service office listed in the ADDRESSES section.

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