(3) Hold an earned doctoral degree in a chemical, physical, biological, or
clinical laboratory science from an
accredited institution and—
(i) On or after January 1, 2003, be
certified and continue to be certified by
a board approved by HHS;
(ii) Before January 1, 2003, must have
severed or be serving as director of a
laboratory performing high complexity
testing and must have at least—
(A) Two years of laboratory training or
experience, or both; and
(B) Two years of experience directing
or supervising high complexity testing;
or
(iii) Have at least 6 years of laboratory
training or experience, or both;
including 2 years experience directing
or supervising high complexity testing.
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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
Program No. 93.778, Medical Assistance Program)
(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital
Insurance and Program No. 93.774,
Medicare—Supplementary Medical
Insurance Program)
Jeffrey P. Kaplan,
Director, Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention.
Thomas A. Scully,
Administrator, Centers for Medicare &
Medicaid Services.
Tommy G. Thompson,
Secretary.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 54 and 69
[CC Docket Nos. 00–256, 96–45; DA 01–
2916]
Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan
for Regulation of Interstate Services of
Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local
Exchange Carriers and Interexchange
Carriers; Limited Extension of Time for
Filing Comments and Replies in Rate-
of-Return Access Charge Reform
Proceeding
AGENCY: Federal Communications
Commission.
ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of
time.
SUMMARY: In this document, the
Commission extends the time by 45
days for filing comments and reply
comments in the Rate-of-Return Access
Charge Reform proceeding. Certain
members of the Multi-Association
Group (MAG) requested an extension of
time for filing comments. This
proceeding seeks additional comment
on proposals for incentive regulation,
proposed changes to the “all-or-
nothing” rule, pricing flexibility for
rate-of-return carriers, and merging the
Long Term Support mechanism into the
new Interstate Common Line Support
mechanism.
DATES: Comments are due on or before
February 14, 2002, and reply comments
are due on or before March 18, 2002.
ADDRESSES: Parties who choose to file
comments by paper should send
comments to Magalie Roman Salas,
Office of the Secretary, Federal
Communications Commission, 445 12th
St., SW; TW–A325, Washington, DC
20554. Comments filed through the
Commission’s Electronic Comment
Filing System (ECFS) can be sent as an
electronic file via the Internet to
http://
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Marvin F. Sacks at (202) 418–2073
(Common Carrier Bureau).
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On
November, 8, 2001, the Commission
released the Second Report and Order
and Further Notice of Proposed
Rulemaking ("FNPRM") in CC Docket
Nos. 00–256 and 96–45, FCC 01–304,
published at 66 FR 59761, November 30,
2001. Certain members of the Multi-
Association Group (MAG) requested an
extension of time for filing comments in
the FNPRM. This proceeding seeks
additional comment on proposals for
incentive regulation, proposed changes
to the “all-or-nothing” rule, pricing
flexibility for rate-of-return carriers,
and merging the Long Term Support
mechanism into the new Interstate
Common Line Support mechanism.
When filing comments and reply
comments, parties should reference CC
Docket Nos. 00–256 and 96–45, and
conform to the filing procedures
contained in this FNPRM. The complete
text is available for inspection and
copying during normal business hours
in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th
Street, SW, Washington, DC, and also
may be purchased from the
Commission’s copy contractor, Qualex
International, 445 12th Street, SW, CY–
B402, Washington, DC 20554. The
FNPRM is also available via the Internet
at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/
edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC–01–
Federal Communications Commission.
Jack Zinman,
Deputy Division Chief, Competitive Pricing
Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018–AH96

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife
and Plants; Proposed Designation of
Critical Habitat for the Northern Great
Plains Breeding Population of the
Piping Plover; Reopening of Public
Comment Period and Notice of
Availability of Draft Economic Analysis

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.
ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of
public comment period and notice of
availability of economic analysis.
SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service, announce the
availability of the draft economic
analysis for the proposal to designate
critical habitat for the northern Great
Plains breeding population of the piping
plover (Charadrius melodus), under the
Endangered Species Act of 1973, as
amended. We also are providing notice
of the reopening of the public comment
period for the proposal to designate
critical habitat for this species, and the
associated draft environmental
assessment, to allow all interested
parties to comment. Comments
previously submitted need not be
resubmitted as they have already been
incorporated into the public record and
will be fully considered in the final rule.
Comments submitted during this
comment period also will be
incorporated into the public record and
will be fully considered in the final rule.
DATES: The comment period is opened
and will close on January 28, 2002. Any
comments that are received after the
closing date may not be considered in
the final decision on this proposal.
ADDRESSES: You may submit written
comments and information to Piping
Plover Comments, South Dakota
Ecological Services Field Office, U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service, 420 South
Garfield Avenue, Suite 400, Pierre,
South Dakota 57501, or by facsimile to
605–224–9974.
You may hand-deliver written
comments to our South Dakota Field
Office at the address given above.
You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to FW6_PipingPlover@fws.gov. See the Public Comments Solicited section below for file format and other information on electronic filing.

Copies of the draft economic analysis, draft environmental assessment, and proposed rule for designation of critical habitat for the northern Great Plains breeding population of the piping plover are available from the aforementioned address or on the Internet at http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/pipingplover.

You may view comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in the preparation of this proposed rule, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nell McPhillips, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or at 605–224–8693.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

BACKGROUND

We published a proposed rule to designate critical habitat for the northern Great Plains breeding population of the piping plover in the Federal Register (66 FR 31760, June 12, 2001). Section 4(b)(2) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) requires that we designate or revise critical habitat based upon the best scientific and commercial data available and after taking into consideration the economic impacts, and any other relevant impact, of specifying any particular area as critical habitat. We may exclude an area from critical habitat if we determine that the benefits of excluding the area outweigh the benefits of including the area as critical habitat, provided such exclusion will not result in the extinction of the species.

The proposed designation includes 11 areas of prairie alkali wetlands and reservoir lakes in 5 counties in Montana, 18 counties in North Dakota, and 1 county at Lake-of-the-Woods, Minnesota, totaling approximately 196,576.5 acres [79,553.1 hectares]. It also includes five areas of portions of four rivers in the States of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska, totaling approximately 1,338 miles [2,152.9 kilometers] of river. If this proposal is made final, section 7 of the Act would prohibit destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat by any activity funded, authorized, or carried out by any Federal agency.

PUBLIC COMMENTS SOLICITED

We will accept written comments and information during this comment period. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this proposal by any one of several methods (see ADDRESSES). If you would like to submit comments by electronic format, please submit them in ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and encryption. Please include your name and return e-mail address in your e-mail message. Please note that the e-mail address will be closed out at the termination of the public comment period. If you do not receive confirmation from the system that we have received your message, contact us directly by calling our South Dakota Field Office at 605–224–8693.

Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in preparation of the proposal to designate critical habitat, will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address. Copies of the draft Environmental Assessment are available on the Internet at http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/pipingplover or by writing to Pete Gober, Field Supervisor (see ADDRESSES).

AUTHOR

The primary authors of this notice are the South Dakota Field Office staff (see ADDRESSES section).

AUTHORITY

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).


John A. Blankenship, Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

[I.D. 122001A]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 3-day Council meeting on January 15 through 17, 2002, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 15, 16, and 17, 2002. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 1000 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone (603) 436–2121. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465–0492.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, January 15, 2002

Following introductions, the Council will receive a briefing on the status of the U.S./Canada shared resources agreement. The Enforcement Committee will discuss its recommendations concerning the Council’s Enforcement Policy in view of the 9/11 attacks because of United States Coast Guard (USCG) redirection of USCG resources to national security. The Enforcement Committee may possibly discuss Enforcement Committee progress on reviewing Amendment 10 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and Framework Adjustment 1 to the Monkfish FMP. Later in the morning, there will be a Stock Assessment Public Review Workshop during which an advisory report on the status of monkfish, Georges Bank winter flounder, and Loligo squid developed at the 34th Stock Assessment Workshop will be presented. The Council will then begin consideration of monkfish management issues. It intends to approve final action on Framework Adjustment 1 to the Monkfish FMP.

Options under consideration include, but are not limited to: (1) taking no action and allowing the FMP Year 4 default measures to take effect (and eliminating the directed fishery); (2) postponing the Year 4 default measures for one year and adjusting trip limits and days-at-sea allocations to achieve fishing year 2000 landings levels (after accounting for the court-ordered adjustment to the gillnet trip limits) (the preferred alternative); and (3) adjusting management measures to reduce catches to the Years 2 and 3 total allowable catch (TAC) targets. The Council also will consider scoping comments on