

- Is not subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997) because it approves a State program;
- Is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001);
- Is not subject to requirements of section 12(d) of the National

Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because application of those requirements would be inconsistent with the CAA; and

In addition, this action is not approved to apply on any Indian reservation land or in any other area where the EPA or an Indian tribe has demonstrated that a tribe has jurisdiction. In those areas of Indian country, the rule does not have Tribal implications and will not impose substantial direct costs on Tribal governments or preempt Tribal law as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000).

Executive Order 12898 (Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, 59 FR 7629, Feb. 16, 1994) directs Federal agencies to identify and address “disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects” of their actions on minority populations and low-income populations to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law. The EPA defines environmental justice (EJ) as “the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.” The EPA further defines the term fair treatment to mean that “no group of people should bear a disproportionate burden of environmental harms and risks, including those resulting from the negative environmental consequences of industrial, governmental, and commercial operations or programs and policies.”

The State did not evaluate EJ considerations as part of its SIP submittal; the CAA and applicable implementing regulations neither prohibit nor require such an evaluation. The EPA did not perform an EJ analysis and did not consider EJ in this action. Consideration of EJ is not required as part of this action, and there is no information in the record inconsistent with the stated goal of E.O. 12898 of achieving EJ for people of color, low-income populations, and Indigenous peoples.

This action is subject to the Congressional Review Act, and the EPA will submit a rule report to each House

of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. This action is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by September 17, 2024. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this direct final rule does not affect the finality of this action for the purposes of judicial review, nor does it extend the time within which a petition for judicial review may be filed, and shall not postpone the effectiveness of such rule or action. This action may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements (CAA section 307(b)(2)).

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 70

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: July 2, 2024.

**Martha Guzman Aceves,**  
*Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the EPA amends chapter I, title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

#### PART 70—STATE OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAMS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 70 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401, *et seq.*

■ 2. Amend appendix A, under “California”, by adding paragraph (dd)(6) to read as follows:

#### Appendix A to Part 70—Approval Status of State and Local Operating Permits Programs

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##### California

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(6) The District adopted revisions on December 4, 2020. The California Air Resources Board submitted revisions to the EPA on February 25, 2021. Approval is effective on September 17, 2024.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 36

[CC Docket No. 80–286, FCC No. 24–71; FRS ID 231218]

#### Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notification of renewed referral.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commission renews the existing referrals to the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations, including both the 1997 and 2009 comprehensive reform referrals and the 2018 interim reform measures referral. The Commission renews these referrals in light of the substantial changes that have unfolded within the telecommunications market alongside extensive changes in federal and state regulatory frameworks since these referrals were first made. The Commission is committed to working with the Joint Board to develop an efficient, modern ratemaking system for all carriers for the longer term, as well as any interim adjustments that may be necessary while comprehensive reform remains pending.

**DATES:** July 19, 2024.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action arises from a Commission Order that is part of an accompanying Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in FCC 24–71, released July 1, 2024. This renewed referral is not a rule adopted through notice and comment rulemaking under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) and is presently effective. The full text may be obtained from the following internet address: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-proposes-extending-separations-freeze>. A proposed rule that relates to the accompanying Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

#### I. Synopsis

1. Consistent with Commission precedent, the Commission is not

seeking an additional referral to, or expecting an additional recommended decision from, the Joint Board to extend the separations rules freeze. At the same time, the Commission finds it appropriate to renew the Commission's prior reform referrals to the Joint Board in this Order, which accompanies the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. In previously extending the freeze, the Commission has found such extensions to fall within the scope of the Joint Board's recommended decision granting the first freeze. In the *2001 Separations Freeze Order* (66 FR 33202; June 21, 2001) following the Joint Board recommendation, in adopting the first separations freeze, the Commission recognized that it might need to extend the freeze if comprehensive reform was not completed before the freeze expired. Since then, the Commission has extended the freeze eight times without an additional referral of the freeze to the Joint Board. The Commission nevertheless values the Joint Board's input, and commits to engage in consultations with the Joint Board regarding the Commission's proposed extension and any interim separations reform measures that may be needed during the freeze.

2. In this document, the Commission renews the existing referrals to the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations, including both the 1997 and 2009 comprehensive reform referrals and the 2018 interim reform measures referral. The Commission renews these referrals in light of the substantial changes that have unfolded within the telecommunications market alongside extensive changes in federal and state regulatory frameworks since these referrals were first made.

## II. Procedural Matters

3. *Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.* Although in previous orders that included comprehensive and interim reform referrals to the Joint Board, the Commission incorporated a Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA), such analysis is not required here because the renewed referral is not a rule adopted through notice and comment rulemaking under 5 U.S.C. 553(b).

4. *Paperwork Reduction Act.* This document does not contain proposed information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any new or modified information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107-198.

## III. Ordering Clauses

5. Accordingly, *it is ordered*, pursuant to sections 1, 4(i) and (j), 205, 220, 221(c), 254, 303(r), 403, and 410 of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i) and (j), 205, 220, 221(c), 254, 303(r), 403, 410, and section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 1302, that this Order *is adopted*.

6. *It is further ordered* that, pursuant to section 410(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 410(c), this Order renews the prior referrals to the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations for preparation of a recommended decision.

7. *It is further ordered*, pursuant to section 220(i) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. 220(i), that notice be given to each state commission of the above rulemaking proceeding, and that the Secretary *shall serve* a copy of this Order on each state commission.

8. *It is further ordered* that the Commission's Office of the Secretary *shall send* a copy of this Order to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Katura Jackson,**

*Federal Register Liaison, Office of the Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 679

[RTID 0648-XD632]

#### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Essential Fish Habitat Amendments

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

**ACTION:** Notice of agency decision.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the approval of amendment 127 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI), amendment 115 to the FMP for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA), amendment 56 to the FMP for BSAI King and Tanner Crabs, amendment 17 to the FMP for the Salmon Fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off Alaska, and amendment 3 to the FMP

for Fish Resources of the Arctic Management Area (amendments). These amendments revise the FMPs by updating the description and identification of essential fish habitat (EFH) and updating information on adverse effects on EFH from fishing and non-fishing activities based on the best scientific information available. These amendments are intended to promote the goals and objectives of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the FMPs, and other applicable laws.

**DATES:** The amendments were approved on July 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic copies of the amendments, maps of the EFH areas, and the Environmental Assessment (the analysis) prepared for this action may be obtained from <https://www.regulations.gov>

under the docket number NOAA-NMFS-2023-0160.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Molly Zaleski, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that each regional fishery management council submit any FMP amendment it prepares to NMFS for review and approval, disapproval, or partial approval by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary). The Magnuson-Stevens Act also requires that NMFS, upon receiving an FMP amendment, immediately publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing that the amendment is available for public review and comment. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC or Council) submitted these amendments to the Secretary for review. The notice of availability (NOA) for the amendments was published in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 2024 (89 FR 30318) with a 60-day comment period that ended on June 24, 2024. NMFS received five comment letters during the public comment period on the NOA. NMFS summarized and responded to these comments under Comments and Responses, below.

This notice of decision announces NMFS's approval of amendment 127 to the FMP for Groundfish of the BSAI (BSAI Groundfish FMP); amendment 115 to the FMP for Groundfish of the GOA (GOA Groundfish FMP); amendment 56 to the FMP for BSAI King and Tanner Crabs (Crab FMP); amendment 17 to the FMP for the Salmon Fisheries in the EEZ Off Alaska (Salmon FMP); and amendment 3 to the FMP for Fish Resources of the Arctic Management Area (Arctic FMP).

The Council prepared the FMPs under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens