by providing for the introduction of new services and the enhancement of existing services. These new and enhanced services will create new jobs, foster economic growth, and improve access to communications by industry and the American public.

- 3. Legal Basis: The legal basis for these rule changes is found in Section 4(i), 303(g), 303(r), 309(j), 322(a), and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 303(g), 303(r), 309(j) (332)(a), and 403 and Section 115(a) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act, 47 U.S.C. 925(a).
- 4. Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Other Compliance Requirements: The proposals under consideration in this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking may impose certain reporting and recordkeeping requirements on licensees and others utilizing this spectrum.
- 5. Federal Rules Which Overlap, Duplicate or Conflict With these Rules: None.
- 6. Description, Potential Impact, and Number of Small Entities Involved: Many small entities could be positively affected by this proposal because the proposal will provide for the introduction of new, competitive communications and will foster new technologies resulting in new jobs, economic growth, and improved access to communications by industry, including small entities. The full extent of the impact on small entities cannot be predicted until various issues raised in the proceeding have been resolved. After evaluating the comments filed in response to the Notice, the Commission will examine further the impact of all final rules in this proceeding on small entities and set forth its findings in the final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.
- 7. Any Significant Alternatives
  Minimizing the Impact on Small Entities
  Consistent with the Stated Objectives:
  This Second Notice of Proposed Rule
  Making solicits comments on a variety
  of alternatives, including as to how our
  licensing mechanism, service rules, and
  technical rules can be structured to
  serve a variety of needs.
- 8. *IRFA Comments:* The Commission requests written public comment on the foregoing Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis. Comments must have a separate and distinct heading designating them as responses to the IRFA and must be filed by the deadlines specified in the summary above.

Federal Communications Commission. **William F. Caton**,

Acting Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17 RIN 1018-AC22

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Notice of Six-Month Extension and Reopening of Public Comment Period on the Proposed Rule to List the Barton Springs Salamander as an Endangered Species

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension and reopening of comment period on proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) gives notice that the deadline to determine whether the Barton Springs salamander (Eurycea sosorum) is an endangered species is being extended for up to 6 months. The comment period on the proposal is reopened.

**DATES:** The new deadline for final action on the proposed listing of the Barton Springs salamander as an endangered species is August 17, 1995. The reopened comment period closes May 17, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Texas State Administrator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (telephone [512] 490–0057, fax [512] 490–0974).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## **Background**

The proposed rule to list the Barton Springs salamander as an endangered species was published on February 17, 1994 (59 FR 7968). The primary threat to this species is contamination of the waters that supply Barton Springs by potential catastrophic events and chronic degradation resulting from

urban activities. Also of concern are disturbances to the salamander's surface habitat (the waters in Barton Springs, Eliza Pool, and Sunken Garden Springs) and reduced groundwater supplies resulting from increased groundwater withdrawal.

The comment period on the proposed rule originally closed April 18, 1994. It was reopened May 26, 1994, and closed July 1, 1994. During the comment periods and subsequent to the close of comment on this proposal, the Service has received recommendations and information relevant to a final decision on the listing of the salamander. In order to adequately incorporate all available pertinent information in the deliberation leading to a decision and to ensure an opportunity for public comment on as complete an administrative record as possible, the deadline for final action on this proposal is being extended and the comment period reopened.

The Service has received several comments regarding the adequacy of search efforts to determine if the currently known distribution is restricted solely to the Barton Springs complex. Comments received from scientific experts refer to extensive search efforts in springs throughout a several-county area. However, a few caves were identified that may support the salamander, but that had not been adequately surveyed.

On September 19, 1994, the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District submitted a report titled, Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Hydrogeology and Water Quality, to the Service. The report appears to contain significant new information regarding water quality throughout the Barton Springs/Edwards Aguifer system. Water quality data contained in this report may provide important information on the effects of existing and historical land use on water quality, and potential threats to the Barton Springs salamander. The Service considers it important that this report be entered into the record and made available for public comment before a final decision is made on the listing.

In October 1994 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department appointed an Aquatic Biological Advisory Team specifically to consider the conservation and research needs of three species of *Eurycea*, including the Barton Springs salamander. The team will not report its findings and recommendations for several more months; the Service believes that this team's results should be considered in reaching a final listing decision.

In February 1995 the Governor of Texas requested that the Secretary of the