FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Kieschnick ((202) 739–0764).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Order Granting Extension of Time

Adopted: September 13, 1995. Released: September 14, 1995.

By the Chief, Mass Media Bureau: 1. On June 15, 1995, the Commission initiated a rulemaking proceeding reexamining the Commission's rules governing programming practices of networks and their affiliatesspecifically the right to reject rule, the time option rule, the exclusive affiliation rule, the dual network rule and the network territorial exclusivity rule. Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket No. 95-92, FCC 95-254 (released June 15, 1995), 60 FR 35369 (July 7, 1995). Comments were due August 28, 1995, and reply comments were due September 27, 1995.

- 2. On August 3, 1995, the Mass Media Bureau granted a 30-day extension of the comment period; as a result, comments were due September 28, 1995, and reply comments were due October 27, 1995. Order Granting Extension of Time in MM Docket No. 95-92, DA 95-1711 (released Aug. 3, 1995), 60 FR 40814 (Aug. 10, 1995). The Bureau did so in response to a request by the Network Affiliated Stations Alliance (NASA) for a 60-day extension. While the Bureau did not agree that a 60-day extension was appropriate, it stated its belief that a 30-day extension was warranted to enable parties to carefully compile a complete record regarding the complex issues raised in MM Docket No. 95-92
- 3. On August 30, 1995, CBS, Inc., National Broadcasting Company, Inc., and Capital Cities/ABC, Inc., filed a motion to extend the comment date in this proceeding by an additional 30 days, to October 28, 1995. The networks note that ABC and CBS have recently entered into major merger agreements, and that CBS and NBC are involved in a number of station transactions. Further, they submit, all three networks are involved in proceedings involving the network/affiliate advertising rules, children's television and advanced television (ATV). The networks contend that these various undertakings have been occupying the time of their management and legal personnel and that a 30-day extension of time in this proceeding is necessary to provide them a full opportunity to present their views.
- 4. As set forth in Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 1.46, it is our policy that extensions of time for filing comments in rulemaking proceedings shall not be routinely

granted. In response to NASA's request, we stated our belief that an extension until October 28 was excessive. Upon further reflection, however, and in light of recent events, we believe that it would be in the public interest to extend the comment and reply comment dates for this proceeding an additional 30 days. This proceeding has the potential to significantly affect the way the broadcast networks and their affiliates do business, and the fact that both the major networks and the affiliates feel they need additional time to prepare comments is persuasive.

- 5. Accordingly, *it is ordered* That the Motion for Extension of Time filed in MM Docket No. 95–92 by CBS, Inc., National Broadcasting Company, Inc., and Capital Cities/ABC, Inc., is granted.
- 5. It is further ordered That the time for filing comments in the above-captioned proceeding is extended to October 28, 1995, and the time for filing reply comments is extended to November 26, 1995.
- 6. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 303(r), and Sections 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.45 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.45.

Federal Communications Commission. Roy J. Stewart,

Chief, Mass Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AC91

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposal To Determine the Least Chub (lotichthys phlegethontis) an Endangered Species With Critical Habitat

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes to determine the least chub (Iotichthys phlegethontis) to be an endangered species and to designate critical habitat pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. This small monotypic minnow is endemic to the Bonneville Basin in Utah where it was once common and widely distributed. Populations of least chub have declined,

and it now only exists within Snake Valley in western Utah. The continuing decline in range and abundance of the least club has been attributed to competition and predation from nonnative species and habitat loss and alteration.

DATES: Comments from all interested parties must be received by November 28, 1995. Public hearing requests must be received by November 13, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lincoln Plaza, Suite 404, 145 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, at the above address during normal business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert D. Williams at the above address, telephone 801/524–5001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The least chub, *Iotichthys* phlegethontis, is an endemic minnow (Family Cyprinidae) of the Bonneville Basin of Utah, which is located in the Great Basin of southwestern North America. E.D. Cope described the least chub (Clinostomus phlegethontis) from specimens collected in the Beaver River in 1872 by Dr. H.C. Yarrow and H.W. Henshaw (Cope 1874, cited in Cope and Yarrow 1875). However, the scientific name has been revised several times: from the genus Clinostomus to Gila (Cope and Yarrow 1875), to Phoxinus (Jordan and Gilbert 1883, cited in Jordan and Evermann 1896), to Hemitremia (Jordan 1891), to Leuciscus subgenus Iotichthys (Jordan and Evermann 1896), and finally to the monotypic genus Iotichthys (Jordan et al. 1930, cited in Hickman 1989; Robins 1991).

As suggested by its common and scientific names, the least chub is a small fish (<45 mm, 2.5 in.) that is identified by an upturned or oblique mouth (clinostomus), large scales, and absence of a lateral line (rarely with one or two pored scales). It was a deeply compressed body, the dorsal origin lies behind the insertion of the pelvic fin, and the caudle peduncle is slender. Dorsal fin rays number eight (rarely nine), and it has eight anal fin rays. The pharyngeal teeth (2,5–4,2) are in two rows (Jordan and Evermann 1896; Page and Burr 1991).

The colorful least chub has a gold stripe along its blue sides with white-toyellow fins. Males are olive-green above, steel-blue on the sides, and have a golden stripe behind the upper end of