

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 5 hours per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 5.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* No capital expenditures are required.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 7, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meeting

A meeting of the Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) will be held May 13, 1999, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The ISTAC advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to information systems equipment and technology.

The Committee will meet only in Executive Session to discuss matters

properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on October 3, 1997, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. For further information, contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: April 8, 1999.

**Lee Ann Carpenter,**

*Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031799C]

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings; amendment.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) has modified a meeting of its Groundfish Advisory Panel for April 21, 1999. The meeting will now be a joint meeting with the Groundfish Oversight Committee, and the agenda is unchanged from the initial announcement of the meeting. As announced previously, the Groundfish Committee will also meet on April 22, 1999.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on April 21 and 22, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Meetings will be held in Danvers, MA. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** as previously published in the original notice (64 FR 14215, March 24, 1999) for specific locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, Massachusetts 01906-1097; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The original notice (64 FR 14215, March 24, 1999) stated that only the Groundfish Advisory Panel would meet on Wednesday, April 21, 1999. The meeting has been rescheduled as a joint meeting between the Groundfish Advisory Panel and Groundfish Committee. All other information, as previously published in the original notice, remains unchanged.

Dated: April 8, 1999.

**Valerie L. Chambers,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 14, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet (LEngelme@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Robert J. Spar, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, by telephone at (703) 305-9285.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

Maintenance fees are required to maintain a patent in force under Title 35 of the U.S. Code. Payments of maintenance fees are required at 3½, 7½ and 11½ years after the grant of the patent. The maintenance fee provisions appear in 35 U.S.C. 41(b) and (c). A patent number and serial number of the patent on which maintenance fees are paid are required in order to insure proper crediting of such payments.

There are forms associated with collecting maintenance fees. These forms are Form PTO/SB/45 (Maintenance Fee Transmittal Form), Form PTO/SB/47 ("Fee Address" Indication Form), Form PTO/SB/65 (Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(b)), and Form PTO/SB/66 (Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(c)). The patentee uses Form PTO/SB/45 for payment of the maintenance fee(s) for

listed patent(s), and PTO/SB/47 to indicate a "fee address." Form PTO/SB/65 is used by the applicant to petition the PTO to accept unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee for an expired patent, and Form PTO/SB/66 to petition the PTO to accept unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for an expired patent. Form PTO/SB/46 (Request for Payor Number) was eliminated in favor of Form PTO/SB/125 (already taken into account in 0651-0035) due to the fact that the "payor number" practice was replaced with a more comprehensive "customer number" practice.

**II. Method of Collection**

By mail, facsimile, and hand carry when the individual desires to participate in the information collection.

**III. Data**

OMB Number: 0651-0016.

Form Number(s): Forms PTO/SB/45, PTO/SB/47, PTO/SB/65, and PTO/SB/66.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms, state, local or tribal governments; and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 326,101 responses per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: It is estimated to take approximately 48 minutes each to complete the maintenance fee transmittal form and the "fee address" indication form. It is estimated to take 1 hour each to complete the unavoidable and unintentional petitions.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 26,965 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$0 (no capital start-up or maintenance expenditures are required). \$947,135 per year is estimated for salary costs associated with respondents.

Title of form	PTO form No.	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Maintenance Fee Transmittal Form .....	Form PTO/SB/45	48 mins .....	312,150	10,405
"Fee Address" Indication Form .....	Form PTO/SB/47	48 mins .....	468,210	15,607
Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(b)).	Form PTO/SB/65	1 hour .....	31,325	179
Petition to Except Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(c)).	Form PTO/SB/66	1 hour .....	135,450	774
Totals .....	.....	.....	947,135	26,965

**IV. Request for Comments**

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Dated: April 7, 1999.  
**Linda Engelmeier,**  
*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*  
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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of

AmeriCorps Recruitment, Susie Zimmerman, 606-5000, Extension 104. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-5256 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Mr. Danny Werfel, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC, 20503, (202) 395-7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;