

subject of formal action during the meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the ad hoc committees intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 9, 2002.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040902D]

#### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Pelagics Plan Team (PPT) members will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held April 30, 2002 through May 2, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PPT meeting will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. 2001 annual report modules for American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
2. The economic impacts of swordfish longline fishery closure in Hawaii;

3. First quarter 2002 Hawaii and American Samoa longline fishery reports;

4. Hawaii Marine Recreational Fisheries Survey;

5. American Samoa longline limited entry program;

6. Maximum sustainable yield (MSY)-overfishing control rule;

7. Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary and pelagic fisheries;

8. Sea turtle conservation and management;

- i. Cooperative sea turtle research and conservation workshop;

- ii. Status of field experiments to reduce longline turtle bycatch;

- iii. Longline setting chute trials;

9. NMFS Honolulu Laboratory pelagic fish stock assessments;

10. NMFS Honolulu Laboratory moonfish (opah) and pomfret (monchong) study;

11. Ecosystem-based pelagic fisheries management;

12. Bigeye and yellowfin longline fishery performance models;

13. Hawaii longline fishery logbook and observer data evaluation;

14. Western Pacific pelagic fishery regulatory issues;

15. Preparatory Conference for Western Pacific Tuna Commission, and other international fishery meetings; and

16. Other business as required.

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Dated: April 9, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Electronic Publication of the Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) announces

its intention to disseminate all future editions of the Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure (TMEP) solely in electronic format.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 15, 2002, to ensure consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail comments to the Commissioner for Trademarks, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3513, attention: Sharon Marsh; fax comments to (703) 872-9282, attention Sharon Marsh; or e-mail comments to [eTMEP@uspto.gov](mailto:eTMEP@uspto.gov).

Copies of all comments will be available for public inspection in Suite 10B10, South Tower Building, 10th floor, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3513, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will be posted on the [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Marsh, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, (703) 308-8910, extension 145; or e-mail to [sharon.marsh@uspto.gov](mailto:sharon.marsh@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure (TMEP) is a reference work that sets forth the practices and procedures that are followed in connection with the prosecution of applications to register marks at the USPTO. In the past, the USPTO has provided the text of the TMEP to the Government Printing Office (GPO) for paper publication, distribution and sale. The USPTO, as well as private practitioners and others, bought copies of the TMEP from the GPO. The GPO also provided deposit copies to libraries through its Federal Depository Library Program.

Currently, the TMEP is available on the Internet at the USPTO Web site (<http://www.uspto.gov>), and is also provided in paper and DVD-ROM formats. The USPTO hereby announces its intention to disseminate all future editions of the TMEP solely in electronic form. Electronic distribution of the TMEP will enable the USPTO to provide more frequent updates of the TMEP, thereby benefiting external and internal customers. Additionally, electronic dissemination will result in substantial cost savings.

A Federal agency that disseminates information electronically must do so in a manner consistent with guidelines set forth in OMB Circular A-130. Dissemination of the TMEP solely in electronic format is consistent with those guidelines.

The guidelines require that "[a] change to electronic dissemination, as

the sole means of disseminating the product, will not impose substantial acquisition or training costs on users, especially State and local governments and small business entities.” OMB Circular A-130, paragraph 8a(8)(e). Elimination of the paper version of the TMEP will not result in any significant acquisition costs. The Internet version of the TMEP can be accessed without any special equipment or software. Free access to the TMEP will continue to be provided on DVD-ROM and via the Internet at all eighty-seven Patent and Trademark Depository Library (PTDL) locations throughout the United States. Elimination of the paper version of the TMEP is unlikely to significantly increase the demand for computer capacity at the PTDLs or otherwise impose a burden on them. PTDLs routinely provide reference assistance and training in the access and use of this and other trademark information. However, the electronic version of the TMEP is highly user-friendly, and therefore, its use requires little or no training. In addition, commercial vendors currently provide the TMEP in paper form, and the USPTO anticipates that availability through this channel will continue.

The guidelines also provide that use of electronic media is proper if “[t]he agency develops and maintains the information electronically.” OMB Circular A-130, paragraph 8a(8)(a). The information set forth in the TMEP is both developed and maintained electronically.

A further requirement for use of electronic means to disseminate information is that the “[e]lectronic media or formats are practical and cost effective ways to provide public access to a large, highly detailed volume of information.” OMB Circular A-130, paragraph 8a(8)(b). Electronic dissemination of the TMEP is both cost-effective and practical. Non-electronic dissemination of the TMEP is fairly costly. For example, when the TMEP was last reissued, the USPTO expended over \$20,000.00 in printing and binding costs. Electronic dissemination would eliminate these costs. Additionally, electronic dissemination is highly practical; such dissemination will allow the USPTO to issue updates whenever required by statutory, regulatory or policy changes. Additionally, the electronic format allows users to conduct electronic searches of the nineteen chapters and numerous subsections that comprise the TMEP.

The guidelines also require that “[t]he agency disseminates the product frequently.” OMB Circular A-130, paragraph 8a(8)(c). The TMEP is

disseminated to users on demand. Currently, the product is updated every few years because of the burden involved in printing and disseminating a several-hundred-page paper document. Moving to electronic dissemination only will permit the USPTO to issue much more frequent updates and keep the TMEP current with changes in statute, regulation, and procedure.

The guidelines also provide that information should not be disseminated electronically unless “[t]he agency knows a substantial portion of users have ready access to the necessary information technology and training to use electronic information dissemination products.” OMB Circular A-130, paragraph 8a(8)(d). The USPTO is confident that a substantial proportion of its customers have ready access to the Internet, the forum on which the TMEP is posted, and that its customers have the necessary training to utilize the TMEP.

At this time, at least one publisher offers a paper TMEP in a slightly different format than that offered by the GPO. Thus, the USPTO is confident that, if there is a demand for a paper TMEP, an entrepreneurial publisher exists who will offer a paper publication.

Dated: April 9, 2002.

**James E. Rogan,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0214]

### Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Special Contracting Methods

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through December 31, 2002. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through December 31, 2005.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by June 14, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Respondents may submit comments directly on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. As an alternative, respondents may e-mail comments to: [dfars@acq.osd.mil](mailto:dfars@acq.osd.mil). Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0214 in the subject line of e-mailed comments.

Respondents that cannot submit comments using either of the above methods may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Susan L. Schneider, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0214.

At the end of the comment period, interested parties may view public comments on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Susan L. Schneider, (703) 602-0326. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/dfars.html>. Paper copies are available from Ms. Susan L. Schneider, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 217, Special Contracting Methods, and related provisions and clauses at DFARS 252.217-7012, Liability and Insurance, DFARS 252.217-7018, Change in Plant Location—Bakery and Dairy Products, DFARS 252.217-7026, Identification of Sources of Supply, and 252.217-7028, Over and Above Work; OMB Control Number 0704-0214.