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Classification: Because notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, for matters relating to agency management or personnel or to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts, a regulatory flexibility analysis (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) is not required and has not been prepared.

Executive Order 12866: This notice has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: June 12, 2002.

Karen H. Brown,
Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seat on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): alternate for Tourism/Recreation. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the conservation and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. The selected alternate will serve a term that expires at the end of the current member's term.

DATES: Applications are due by July 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Andrew Palmer, OCNMS, 138 West First St., Port Angeles, WA 98362 Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Palmer at (360) 457-6622 x30 or andrew.palmer@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sanctuary Advisory Council provides NOAA with advice on the management of the Sanctuary. Members provide advice to the Olympic Coast Sanctuary Superintendent on Sanctuary issues. The Council, through its members, also serves as liaison to the community regarding Sanctuary issues and acts as a conduit, relaying the community's interests, concerns, and management needs to the Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council members represent public interest groups, local industry, commercial and recreational user groups, academia, conservation groups, government agencies, and the general public.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Section 1431 *et seq.*

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Jamison S. Hawkins,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Representative and Address Provisions

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the revision of a continuing 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 August 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division, USPTO, Suite 310, 2231 Crystal Drive, Washington, DC 20231; by telephone at (703) 308-7400; or by electronic mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Robert J. Spar,

Director, Office of Patent Legal Administration, USPTO, Washington, DC 20231; by telephone at (703) 308-5107; or by electronic mail at bob.spar@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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