

exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222–226).

The applicant proposes three projects along the northwestern Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. The first is to perform turtle relocation trawling for U.S. Army Corps of Engineer dredging projects. The purpose of this action is risk assessment or relocation of the turtles in the channels being dredged. All turtles captured will be handled, flipper and PIT tagged, and released away from the dredging hopper. The applicant requests to take 180 loggerhead, 25 Kemp's ridley, 2 Hawksbill, 20 green, and 2 leatherback turtles per year.

The second project is to perform relative abundance and habitat use surveys of near shore areas for green turtles. The turtles will be captured in tangle nets, measured, flipper and PIT tagged, and released. These turtles will also be tagged with both radio and sonic transmitters or time-depth recorders and radio transmitters. The applicant requests to take 75 green turtles per year.

The third project is to investigate large-scale movements and diving behavior. Turtles will be captured by trawling measured, flipper and PIT tagged, and released. A satellite transmitter will be attached. The applicant requests to take 20 loggerhead, 5 Kemp's ridley, and 5 green turtles per year.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713–0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

Dated: July 16, 2002.

**Eugene T. Nitta,**

*Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. 2002–C–002]

#### Notice of Change in Publication Format for the Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office—Patents

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will discontinue the publication of the paper version of the *Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office—Patents*. Electronic publication via CD-ROM and Internet versions (the *eOG:P*) will replace the printed copy.

**DATES:** The last publication of the paper version will be September 24, 2002. The electronic publication of the CD-ROM will commence October 1, 2002.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The USPTO has published the *Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office—Patents* since 1872 and it has historically served as the official notification of patent issuance. The *Official Gazette—Patents* is published weekly in conjunction with the issuance of patents. Entries in the *Official Gazette—Patents* contain patent bibliographic information such as inventor name(s), assignee name (if applicable), patent number, patent title, and classification. The entry also contains a representative claim and drawing (if applicable). Each weekly issue also includes an alphabetical index of patentees.

##### Explanation and Advantages of Change

In view of the widespread access to computers and the Internet and in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the USPTO will discontinue the printed copy distribution of the *Official Gazette—Patents*, effective October 1, 2002. Weekly electronic publication via CD-ROM and Internet versions (the *eOG:P*) will replace the paper. Beginning with the July 2, 2002, issue, the *eOG:P* and

printed copy will be published on a concurrent basis until the paper version is discontinued.

The information provided by the electronic products will be unchanged from the traditional printed copy. Users will continue to browse patents by classification or patent type. However, the advantages offered by an electronic format will enable easier access to the information. Some of these advantages include: A cumulative patentee and assignee index regardless of patent type, in addition to the standard separate patentee indexes by patent type; direct links from the patentee index entry to the image of the patent; the addition of patentees by country to the geographical index by state; direct links to the patents by state or country; direct links to the patent from classification; and the addition of plant patent images. The electronic information can be easily printed or saved for future use.

The *eOG:P* on CD-ROM will be published and distributed close to issue date. The CD-ROM product will be available from the Information Products Division, Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, as an annual subscription for \$300 per year and as single copies for \$15 per issue.

The *eOG:P* will also be available on the USPTO Web site at [www.uspto.gov/web/patents/patog/](http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/patog/) each Tuesday, beginning July 2, 2002.

The USPTO will continue paper publication of the *Official Gazette—Trademarks*, the *Official Gazette Notices* and the *Consolidated Listing of Official Gazette Notices*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information Products Division at 703–306–2600.

Dated: July 16, 2002.

**James E. Rogan,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Technology Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; National Medal of Technology Nomination Applications

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 September 23, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6608, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet ([mcclayton@doc.gov](mailto:mcclayton@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Mildred Porter, Director, National Medal of Technology Program, Technology Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230. In addition, written comments may be sent via fax, (202) 501-8153, and e-mail to [mporter@ta.doc.gov](mailto:mporter@ta.doc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

##### I. Abstract

This information collection is critical for the Nomination Evaluation Committee to determine nomination eligibility and merit for selection of the Nation's leading technological innovators honored by the President of the United States. The National Medal of Technology Nomination Application solicits nominations that recognize an individual's or company's extraordinary leadership and innovation in technological achievement. The information is needed in order to comply with Public Law 96-480 and Public Law 105-309. Comparable information is not available on a standardized basis.

##### II. Method of Collection

Nomination applications and instructions are electronically posted on the National Medal of Technology web site. The forms are being revised for electronic submission beginning with the 2003 applications.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0692-0001.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 102.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 25 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 2,550.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* None.

#### IV. Requests 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 will 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, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: July 17, 2002.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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#### COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

##### Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This meeting is the fourth in a series of planned public meetings being held by the Commission to carry out its statutory charge with respect to the U.S. civil and military, air and space industry. The focus of this meeting is to receive testimony from and conduct discussions with representatives of the following areas: Aviation (airline and business aircraft operations, air traffic control and pilots), aerospace suppliers, the investment community, space and planetary organizations, and RDT&E infrastructure. In addition, General Ronald R. Fogelman will present the results of the National Academy of Science's Aeronautics and Space Engineering Board's Vision 2050 Report. The meeting will close with a discussion about the next meeting.

Section 1092 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Pub. L. 106-398)

established the Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry to study the issues associated with the future of the United States national security; and assess the future importance of the domestic aerospace industry for the economic and national security of the United States. The Commission is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation of advisory committees and implementing regulations (41 CFR Subpart 101-6.10). All interested parties are welcome to submit written comments at any time.

*Time and Date:* Thursday, August 22, 2002; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Herbert C. Hoover Building Auditorium, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cindy Waters, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 940; Arlington, Virginia, 22202; phone 703-602-1515; e-mail [waters@osd.pentagon.mil](mailto:waters@osd.pentagon.mil). Reasonable accommodations will be provided for any individual with a disability. Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend the public meeting of the Aerospace Commission may request assistance by contacting Ms. Cindy Waters at least five (5) working days in advance.

Dated: July 17, 2002.

**Charles H. Huettner,**

*Executive Director, Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry.*

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#### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

##### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notification of Pending Legal Proceedings Pursuant 10 17 CFR 1.60

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies are required to publish