

## 1. Reports

- a. Executive Director's Report
  - b. NMFS Management Report (including report on total allowable catch (TAC) setting EIGH alternatives and potential comment)
  - c. NMFS Enforcement Report
  - d. U.S. Coast Guard Report
  - e. NMFS Enforcement Report
  - f. Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report
  - g. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report
  - h. Protected Species Report (seabird report, Steller Sea Lion (SSL) compendium, SSL recovery plan, Right whale Critical Habitat, Fishery Management Plan Biological Opinion.
2. Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU): Final action on Amendment 80; Review proposed data collection programs, and take action as necessary. Initial review of Maximum Retainable Amount (MRA) adjustments.
3. Community Development Communities: Status report on legislation and implication for Amendment 71.
4. Trawl Catcher Vessel (CV) eligibility: Progress report on analysis.
5. Halibut Charter: Review and refine moratorium alternatives, Receive stakeholder, committee report and determine direction: NMFS report on enforcement of Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) preferred alternative (5-fish annual limit).
6. Observer Program: Final action on Observer Program analysis; Review discussion paper on video monitoring.
7. Halibut/Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program: Final action on IFQ Omnibus 5 amendments.
8. Groundfish Management: Review Experimental Fishery Permit to test halibut excluder for Gulf of Alaska cod trawl fishery; Receive progress report on trawl excluder research.
9. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH): Review discussion paper on Bering Sea habitat conservation alternatives, and take action as necessary; Receive discussion paper on Bering Sea crab habitat and fishery interactions, and take action as necessary.
10. Crab Management: Preliminary review of Crab Overfishing definition (SSC only): Receive report from Crab Plan Team; Receive State/Federal Action Plan.
11. Ecosystem Based Management: Receive Committee report and take action as necessary.
12. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking and take action as necessary.
13. Other Business The SSC agenda will include the following issues:
1. Protected Species Report
  2. IR/IU MRA data

## 3. AI CV Eligibility

4. Observer Program
5. Groundfish Management
6. EFH
7. Crab Management
8. Ecosystem Management

The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 17, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

[FR Doc. E6-7767 Filed 5-19-06; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3510-22-S**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Patent And Trademark Office****Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program**

**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 new 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 July 21, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

*E-mail:* [Susan.Brown@uspto.gov](mailto:Susan.Brown@uspto.gov).

Include "0651-00XX PPH Pilot Program comment" in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.

*Mail:* Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

*Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to Robert J. Spar, Director, Office of Patent Legal

Administration, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-7700; or by e-mail at [Bob.Spar@uspto.gov](mailto:Bob.Spar@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program is being established between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO). This program will allow applicants whose claims are determined to be patentable in the office of first filing to have the corresponding application that is filed in the office of second filing be advanced out of turn for examination. At the same time, this program will allow the office of second filing to exploit the search and examination results of the office of first filing. The one-year pilot program will begin on July 3, 2006.

In order to participate in this program, applicants must meet certain requirements. Some of the requirements are: (1) The U.S. application must validly claim foreign priority to the JPO application; (2) the JPO application must have at least one claim that was determined to be patentable; (3) all the claims in the U.S. application must be amended to sufficiently correspond to the patentable claims in the JPO application; (4) examination of the U.S. application has not begun; (5) applicant must submit copies of the JPO office actions and English translations thereof; and (6) applicant must file a petition to make special along with the required petition fee.

This information collection includes one proposed form, Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the JPO and the USPTO (PTO/SB/20), which may be used by applicants to request participation in the pilot program and to ensure that they meet the program requirements.

**II. Method of Collection**

Requests to participate in the PPH pilot program must be submitted by fax to the Office of the Commissioner for Patents (571-273-0125) to ensure that the request is processed in a timely manner. The USPTO will consider alternative methods of submission under this program after the one-year pilot period is concluded.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0651-00XX.

*Form Number(s):* PTO/SB/20.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for-

profits; not-for-profit institutions; farms; the Federal Government; and state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500 responses per year.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately two hours (2.0

hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare the form, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 1,000 hours per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$304,000 per year. The

USPTO expects that the information in this collection will be prepared by attorneys. Using the professional rate of \$304 per hour for associate attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for this collection will be approximately \$304,000 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the JPO and the USPTO.	2.0 hours .....	500	1,000
Total .....	.....	500	1,000

*Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden:* \$65,000 per year. There are no capital start-up, maintenance, postage, or recordkeeping costs associated with this collection. However, this collection does have annual (non-hour) costs in the form of filing fees. The filing fee for a request to participate in the PPH pilot program is \$130 under 37 CFR 1.17(h), and up to 500 filings are expected per year. Therefore, the total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection is estimated to be \$65,000 per year.

**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, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: May 16, 2006.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division.*

[FR Doc. E6-7737 Filed 5-19-06; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3510-16-P**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[No. DoD-2006-OS-0084]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 21, 2006.

*Title and OMB Number:* Commercial Solicitation on DoD Installation; OMB Control Number 0704-TBD.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 15.

*Average Burden per Response:* 2.27 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 34.

*Needs and Uses:* No person has authority to enter upon a DoD installation to transact personal commercial solicitation without meeting specific requirements. This information collection is necessary to ensure established annual procedures for DoD registration for the sale of insurance on U.S. military overseas installations are met. Insurers are required to submit a letter of application certifying that they meet all criteria. The letter received from the applicant's provides information relative to the areas they intend to do business in and attest to agreement to satisfy application prerequisites.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Hillary Jaffe.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Jaffe at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209-2133.

Dated: May 10, 2006.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

[FR Doc. 06-4717 Filed 5-19-06; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 5001-06-M**