

**DATES:** The Joint Standing and Special Mackerel SSC meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2008 and conclude by 5 pm on Friday, December 12, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 2150 Veterans Memorial Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70062.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Richard Leard, Interim Executive Director; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Joint Standing and Mackerel SSC will meet to receive a presentation of a recent stock assessment for king mackerel and to make recommendations for acceptable biological catch (ABC) levels and annual catch limits (ACL) for Gulf migratory group king mackerel. The Standing SSC will also discuss and potentially develop recommendations for the Council as to its future role and responsibilities based on the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act changes.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the SSCs for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the SSCs will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take 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 Tina O'Hern at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: November 18, 2008.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Notice: Call for Nominations, Online Safety and Technology Working Group

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Nominations of Representatives to Serve on Working Group

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is seeking nominations of individuals to represent the business community, public interest groups, and other appropriate groups interested in serving on the NTIA Online Safety and Technology Working Group (OSTWG) for a single fifteen (15) month term to commence in January 2009. At the conclusion of the working group's term, the OSTWG will provide a report to the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and NTIA Administrator and to Congress on ways to promote and to preserve a safe environment for children using the Internet.

**DATES:** Nominations must be postmarked or electronically transmitted on or before December 12, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** An organization wishing to submit a nomination of an individual to represent that organization's interests relevant to the work of the OSTWG should send the individual's resume or *curriculum vita* and a biographical statement summarizing the individual's interest in serving on the working group and relevant qualifications to the attention of Tim Sloan by mail to Office of the Assistant Secretary, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue N.W., Room 4725, Washington, DC 20230; by facsimile transmission to (202) 482-6173; or by electronic mail to [ostwg@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:ostwg@ntia.doc.gov). Individuals may also self-nominate by submitting the same information listed above, as well as an indication of support from the organization or group that the individual will represent.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Stark at (202) 482-1880 or [estark@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:estark@ntia.doc.gov); or Tim Sloan at (202) 482-1899 or [tsloan@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:tsloan@ntia.doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 10, 2008, the President signed into law the "Broadband Data Improvement Act" (the Act), Pub. L. No. 110-385. Section 214 of that Act directs

NTIA to establish the OSTWG to review and evaluate:

- The status of industry efforts to promote online safety through educational efforts, parental control technology, blocking and filtering software, age-appropriate labels for content or other technologies or initiatives designed to promote a safe online environment for children;

- The status of industry efforts to promote online safety among providers of electronic communications services and remote computing services by reporting apparent child pornography, including any obstacles to such reporting;

- The practices of electronic communications service providers and remote computing service providers related to record retention in connection with crimes against children; and

- The development of technologies to help parents shield their children from inappropriate material on the Internet.

The OSTWG must report its findings and recommendations to the Assistant Secretary and to Congress within one (1) year after its first meeting.

The Act specifies that the OSTWG must be comprised of "representatives of relevant sectors of the business community, public interest groups, and other appropriate groups and Federal agencies." The "business community" includes, at a minimum, Internet service providers, Internet content providers (especially targeted towards children), producers of blocking and filtering software, operators of social networking sites, search engines, Web portals, and domain name service (DNS) providers. Public interest groups may include organizations that work on behalf of children or study children's issues, Internet safety groups, and education and academic entities. NTIA is seeking representatives from a broad spectrum of organizations to obtain the best information available on the state of online safety.

The OSTWG will have up to 30 members. Appointments will be for a single fifteen (15) month term. The Assistant Secretary seeks representatives of organizations with expertise and knowledge concerning the issues the OSTWG will study, and upon which it will report, as described in the Act, especially individuals who can represent the views of an industry sector or a larger public interest group. NTIA will also work with relevant federal agencies to identify appropriate representatives to serve on the working group.

The Act exempts the OSTWG from the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Members will not receive compensation

or reimbursement for travel or for per diem expenses. A meeting schedule will be announced upon formation of the working group. All members selected must agree to attend the scheduled meetings and provide input on the working group's report. NTIA will provide administrative support for the working group.

Nominations of potential members should include the individual's resume or *curriculum vita* and should also include a biographical statement summarizing the individual's interest in serving on the working group and the individual's qualifications relevant to the OSTWG's work. Nominations should also include a discussion of the individual's ability to represent the views of an industry sector or public interest group. Individuals may also self-nominate by submitting the same information listed above, as well as an indication of support from the organization or group that the individual will represent.

Dated: November 17, 2008.

**Kathy D. Smith,**

*Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance of the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

**Title:** Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program.

**Form Number(s):** PTO/SB/10, PTO/SB/12, PTO/SB/20AU, PTO/SB/20CA, PTO/SB/20DK, PTO/SB/20EP, PTO/SB/20JP, PTO/SB/20KR, and PTO/SB/20UK.

**Agency Approval Number:** 0651-0058.

**Type of Request:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Burden:** 2,625 hours annually.

**Number of Respondents:** 1,350 responses per year.

**Average Hours per Response:** The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 1.5 to 2 hours to submit the information in this collection, including the time to gather

the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form, and submit the completed request.

**Needs and Uses:** The Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program was originally established between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO) on July 3, 2006. The PPH program allows 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, the PPH program allows the office of second filing to exploit the search and examination results of the office of first filing, which increases examination efficiency and improves patent quality. Additional PPH pilot programs have recently been established between the USPTO and the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (UKIPO), the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO), the Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO), the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), and the Intellectual Property Office of Australia (IPAU).

The USPTO and the JPO also participate in a work-sharing pilot project called the "New Route." Under the New Route framework, a filing in one member office of this arrangement would be deemed a filing in all member offices. The first office and applicant would be given a 30-month processing time frame in which to make available a first office action and any necessary translations to the second office(s), and the second office(s) would exploit the search and examination results in conducting their own examination.

This information collection previously included two forms, Request for Participation in the New Route Pilot Program Between the JPO and the USPTO (PTO/SB/10) and Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the (1) JPO or (2) UKIPO and the USPTO (PTO/SB/20), which may be used by applicants to request participation in the programs and to ensure that they meet the program requirements. Since the PPH program with the JPO has been fully implemented, Form PTO/SB/20P has been revised as Form PTO/SB/20JP for use with the JPO and a separate Form PTO/SB/20UK has been created for the ongoing pilot program with the UKIPO. Similar forms have been created for the PPH pilot programs with the CIPO, the DKPTO, the EPO, the KIPO, and the IAU. These additional PPH

pilot program forms are being added to this collection.

The USPTO is undertaking another worksharing program with the EPO and the JPO called the "Triway" program. Under the Triway framework, each Office will conduct searches on corresponding applications filed under the Paris Convention in each of the Offices in a sufficiently early time period. The search results will then be shared among the Offices in order to reduce the search and examination workload. To support this program, the USPTO is adding the Request for Participation in Triway Pilot Program Among the USPTO, the EPO and the JPO (PTO/SB/12) to this collection.

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

**Frequency:** On occasion.

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

**OMB Desk Officer:** Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail:

*Nicholas\_A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov.*

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at <http://www.reginfo.gov>.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- **E-mail:** *Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.* Include "0651-0058 PPH Program copy request" in the subject line of the message.

• **Fax:** 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

• **Mail:** Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before December 22, 2008 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail at *Nicholas\_A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: November 14, 2008.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.*

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