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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA451

Pacific Whiting; Advisory Panel and Joint Management Committee

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

ACTION: Notice; call for nominations.

SUMMARY: NMFS solicits nominations for the Advisory Panel (AP) and the Joint Management Committee (JMC) on Pacific Whiting called for in the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting. Nominations are being sought for at least 6, but not more than 12 individuals on the AP and 1 individual on the JMC to serve as United States representatives.

DATES: Nominations must be received by June 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:*

whiting.nominations.nwr@noaa.gov

Include 0648-XA451 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 206-526-6736, *Attn:* Frank Lockhart.

- *Mail:* William W. Stelle, Jr., Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Lockhart at 206-526-6142.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title VI of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 (MSRA) entitled "The Pacific Whiting Act of 2006," (Whiting Act) implements the 2006 "Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting." Among other provisions, the Whiting Act provides for the establishment of an AP to advise the JMC on bilateral whiting management issues. An initial solicitation was published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 2007 (72 FR 60317) and

resulted in insufficient nominations to meet the requirements of the Act. Nominations are being sought to fill at least 6, but no more than 12 positions on the Pacific Whiting AP for terms of 4 years. The Whiting Act requires that appointments to the AP be selected from among individuals who are "(A) knowledgeable or experienced in the harvesting, processing, marketing, management, conservation, or research of the offshore whiting resource; and (B) not employees of the United States." Nominations are sought for any persons meeting these requirements.

Nominations are also being sought for a representative from the commercial sector of the offshore whiting fishery to serve on the JMC for a term not to exceed 4 years. The Whiting Act requires that appointments to the JMC be "representatives from among individuals who are knowledgeable or experienced concerning the offshore whiting resource." Nominations are sought for any persons meeting these requirements. Separate from the JMC representative for which nominations are sought through this notice, the JMC will also include one official from NOAA, one member from the Pacific Fishery Management Council, and one member appointed from a list submitted by the treaty Indian tribes with treaty fishing rights to the offshore whiting resource. Nomination packages for appointment to the AP or the JMC should include:

1. The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of his/her interest in Pacific whiting; and,
2. A statement of background and/or description of how the above qualifications are met.

The term of office for the Pacific Whiting AP members is not to exceed 4 years (48 months). The term of office for the Pacific Whiting JMC members is not to exceed 4 years (48 months), except that initial appointments may be 2 years. Members appointed to the AP and JMC will be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations and sections 5701, 5702, 5704 through 5708, and 5731 of Title 5. In the initial year of implementation, NMFS anticipates that up to 3 meetings of the AP and JMC will be required. In subsequent years, 1-2 meetings of the AP and JMC will be held annually. Meetings of the AP and JMC will be held in the United States or Canada. JMC and AP members will need a valid U.S. passport. The Pacific Whiting Act of 2006 also states that while performing their appointed duties as JMC or AP members, members "other than officers or employees of the United States Government, shall not be

considered to be Federal employees while performing such service, except for purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81 of Title 5 and chapter 171 of Title 28."

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States 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 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: Certain Patent Petitions Requiring a Fee (formerly Patent Petitions Corresponding to the Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f)).

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/17P, PTO/SB/23, PTO/SB/24a, PTO/SB/28 (EFS-Web only), and PTO/SB/140 (EFS-Web only).

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0059.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 41,907 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 39,015 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to complete the petition fee transmittals and 12 minutes (0.20 hours) to 12 hours to complete the petitions in this collection, depending on the nature of the information. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the petitions and petition fee transmittals, and submit them to the USPTO. The USPTO estimates that it takes the same amount of time (and possibly less time) to gather the necessary information, prepare the submission, and submit it electronically as it does to submit the information in paper form.

Needs and Uses: The public uses the information in this collection to petition for various actions under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), and (h), such as petitioning for a

suspension of the rules, requesting access to an assignment record, or requesting the withdrawal of an application from issue either before or after paying the issue fee. In addition, the public also uses these petitions to obtain copies of documents that have been submitted in a form other than that provided by the rules of practice, to request accelerated examination, to request abandonment of an application to avoid publication of said application, and to request an extension of time. The public uses the transmittal form to remit the required fees for the various petitions. The USPTO uses the information collected from the petitions to grant the various requests and to ensure that the proper fees have been remitted and are processed accordingly.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

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:*

InformationCollection@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0059 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 June 30, 2011 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: May 25, 2011.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Admittance to Practice and Roster of Registered Patent Attorneys and Agents Admitted to Practice Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (Proposed Addition)

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 currently approved 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 1, 2011.

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

- *E-mail:*

InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0012 comment" in the subject line of the message.

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

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of William Griffin, Staff Attorney, Office of Enrollment and Discipline, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-4097; or by e-mail to William.Griffin@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2)(D), which permits the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to establish regulations governing the recognition and conduct of agents, attorneys or other persons representing applicants or other parties before the USPTO. This statute also permits the USPTO to require information from applicants that shows that they are of good moral character and reputation and have the necessary qualifications to assist applicants with the patent process and to represent them before the USPTO.

The USPTO administers the statute through 37 CFR 1.21, 11.5-11.14 and 11.28. These rules address the requirements to apply for the examination for registration and to demonstrate eligibility to be a registered attorney or agent before the USPTO. The Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) collects information to determine the qualifications of individuals entitled to represent applicants before the USPTO in the preparation and prosecution of applications for a patent. The OED also collects information to administer and maintain the roster of attorneys and agents registered to practice before the USPTO. Information concerning registered attorneys and agents is published by the OED in a public roster that can be accessed through the USPTO Web site.

The USPTO is introducing a new form, Request for Reasonable Accommodation, to facilitate an applicant's request for reasonable accommodation when they apply for the examination for registration to practice before the USPTO. A copy of this new form will be available at http://www.uspto.gov/news/fedreg/fr_2011.jsp. This information is currently collected without a form as part of the approved item, Application for Registration to Practice Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO Form 158). Applicants currently check Box 1a and then provide the necessary supporting documentation as an attachment (see the form with instructions and details on page 18 at <http://www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/ord/grb.pdf>). This new form will assist applicants in providing the USPTO with the correct and necessary supporting documentation through a standardized format.

To the extent possible, the applicant must provide detailed responses to the questions in the Applicant's Statement. The applicant must also provide a completed Licensed Health Care Professional's Statement and/or other acceptable evidence to support the claim.

An applicant who received a reasonable accommodation(s) for a prior registration examination must submit a new Applicant's Statement with each new Application for Registration (PTO Form 158). Depending on the type of impairment from which the applicant suffers, the applicant has the option of submitting a new Licensed Health Care Professional's Statement as well. In deciding whether to submit a new Licensed Health Care Professional's Statement, the applicant is advised to consider that the Agency's determination of both whether to grant an accommodation and what