

including 40 Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), 35 crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*), 35 southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*), 10 leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), and 5 Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*). Incidental harassment, mortality, and import of samples from these species is authorized. The permit also authorizes research on California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) to investigate foraging, diving, energetics, food habits, and at-sea distribution along the California coast. Incidental harassment of California sea lions, harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga augustirostris*), and northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) in California is authorized. Unintentional mortality and import of samples from California sea lions is authorized. The permit expires on January 31, 2012.

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to extend the permit expiration to December 31, 2012 in order to complete a study initiated in January 2010 examining the foraging behavior and habitat use of the Weddell seal in the Ross Sea. The applicant is requesting authorization to capture and handle up to 70 Weddell seals of any age/sex during 2012 using the same methods currently permitted, and requests authorization for up to four unintentional mortalities due to research conducted in 2012. No other changes to the permit are requested.

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.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 27, 2011.

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*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

#### 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:* Submissions Regarding Correspondence and Regarding Attorney Representation (Trademarks).

*Form Number(s):* PTO Forms 2196, 2197, and 2201.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0056.

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

*Burden:* 10,927 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 123,010 responses per year. Of this total, the USPTO estimates that 117,151 responses will be submitted through TEAS.

*Avg. Hours per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately 5 to 30 minutes (0.08 to 0.50 hours) to complete this information, depending on the application. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the requests, and submit them to the USPTO. The time estimates shown for the electronic forms in this collection are based on the average amount of time needed to complete and electronically file the associated form.

*Needs and Uses:* The public uses the information in this collection to appoint attorneys and domestic representatives to act on their behalf in the prosecution of their applications, to revoke those same appointments, to request permission to withdraw as the attorney of record or domestic representative, to request replacement of the attorney of record with another already-appointed attorney, and to request a change of the owner's or domestic representative's address. The USPTO uses the collected information to process the requests.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

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

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

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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 "0651-0056 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 September 1, 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: July 28, 2011.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 3, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov* or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.