California sea lions may be taken by unintentional mortality during the requested 5-year permit.

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 6, 2012.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits and Conservation 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. 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Patents for Humanity Program (formerly Humanitarian Program).

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–0066.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 4,010 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 1,010 responses per year, with an estimated 333 (33%) submitted by small entities.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately four hours to complete the humanitarian program application and one hour to complete the petition to extend the redemption period, depending on the nature of the information. These estimated times include gathering the necessary information, preparing the application or petition and any supplemental supporting materials, and submitting the completed request.

Needs and Uses: The information is used by the public to apply for participation in the Patents for Humanity Program and to provide the USPTO with their contact information, which the USPTO uses to notify applicants that they have been selected for an award. Certificate holders also use the information to petition the USPTO to extend the redemption period of the certificate after it expires.

External judges and the selection committee use the information collected from the humanitarian applications to make recommendations for award recipients, while the USPTO uses the information to award certificates to the selected recipients. The USPTO also uses the information collected from the petitions to grant extensions of the redemption period for the certificate in question.

After the humanitarian program applications are screened for inappropriate material, they will be made publicly available.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits, non-profit institutions, and individuals.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, email: *Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov*.

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

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- *Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov*. Include ''0651–0066 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 August 13, 2012 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to *Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202–395–5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: July 9, 2012.

Susan K. Fawcett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO–T–2012–0028]

Trademark Board Manual of Procedure, Third Edition, Revision 1

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (''USPTO'') issued the third edition, revision 1, of the *Trademark Board Manual of Procedure* (''TBMP''), and made available an archived copy of the May 6, 2011 third edition, on June 19, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The USPTO prefers that any suggestions for improving the form and content of the TBMP be submitted via electronic mail message to *TBMPFederalRegisterComments@uspto.gov*. Written comments may also be submitted by mail addressed to: Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, VA 22313–1451, marked to the attention of Cheryl Butler, Senior Attorney and Editor, *Trademark Board Manual of Procedure,* or by hand delivery to the Trademark Assistance Center, Concourse Level, James Madison Building–East Wing, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia, marked to the attention of Cheryl Butler, Senior Attorney and Editor, *Trademark Board Manual of Procedure*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Butler, Senior Attorney, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, by telephone at (571) 272–4259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 19, 2012, the USPTO issued the first revision of the third edition of the TBMP. The TBMP provides Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (''TTAB'') judges and attorneys, trademark applicants and registrants, and attorneys and representatives for trademark applicants and registrants a comprehensive reference on the practices and procedures for *inter partes* and *ex parte* proceedings before the TTAB. The guidance provided by the manual does not have the force and effect of law. Its guidelines have been developed as a matter of internal Office management and are not intended to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable by any party against the Office. While following the guidelines in the manual will aid parties and their attorneys in navigating the procedures applicable to *inter partes* cases, parties and their attorneys are also free to discuss and agree to various