DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration


AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.


SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Notice of Motion requesting termination of the panel review by a participant and consented to by all the participants, the panel review is terminated as of August 9, 2012. A panel has not been appointed to this panel review. Pursuant to Rule 71(2) of the Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Bitional Panel Review, this panel review is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Bohon, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Council) Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee (SSLMC) will meet in September, in Juneau, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 5–7, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. AST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the 4th floor conference room at the Federal Building at 700 West 9th Street, Juneau, AK.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve MacLean, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Foreign nationals wishing to attend this meeting in person should contact the Council as soon as possible to expedite security clearance at the Federal Building in Juneau. This public meeting will occur during the scoping period for the Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures EIS (77 FR 22750, April 17, 2012). Information on EIS development, potential alternatives, and issues for analysis may be discussed. The public is encouraged to attend in this meeting, however, comments specific to the EIS should be submitted in writing to NMFS before the close of the scoping period on October 15, 2012. More information on the EIS scoping process and instructions for submitting written public comments are available on the NMFS Alaska Region Web site at http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/sslpm/eis/default.htm. Additional information is posted on the Council Web site: http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/.
The meeting will be webcast to allow the public to watch and hear presentations. Comments will not be accepted via webcast or teleconference.

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, (907) 271–2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 14, 2012.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUMMARY:
Amendment 3 addresses four management issues related to management of the spiny dogfish fishery in Atlantic federal waters. Specifically, the Amendment addresses (1) adding an option for allocating a small portion of the annual commercial quota as research set-aside, (2) reviewing and updating essential fish habitat (EFH) for spiny dogfish, (3) maintaining previous year annual management measures in case of a delay in the implementation of new annual measures, and (4) modifying the existing seasonal allocation of the annual quota to minimize conflicts with the geographically allocated interstate fishery.

Summaries of the proposed actions will be available and presented at the hearings. A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzes the proposed actions is available by contacting the Council office at http://www.mafmc.org/fmp/dogfish/dogfish.htm after August 31st. If no one from the public has arrived half an hour after the hearing start time, the hearing may be closed. Some GPS navigation units may provide faulty directions for these locations so call ahead with the number provided if unfamiliar with a hearing location. All hearings will be digitally recorded and saved as transcripts of the hearing.

Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the hearing date.

Dated: August 14, 2012.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
[Docket No.: PTO–C–2011–0041]
Extension of the Application Deadline for Humanitarian Awards Pilot Program


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In February 2012, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) announced the Humanitarian Awards Pilot Program, which recognizes patent holders who use their technology for humanitarian purposes. In response to stakeholder feedback, the USPTO is extending the deadline for applications to the Humanitarian Awards Pilot Program by two months until October 31, 2012, to allow potential applicants more time to complete their applications.

DATES: Effective Date: August 17, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Policy and External Affairs, by telephone at (571) 272–9300; or by mail addressed to: Patents for Humanity Program, Office of Policy and External Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; or by email to patentsforhumanity@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In February, the USPTO initiated a pilot program which recognizes patent holders who use their technology for humanitarian purposes, called the Humanitarian Awards Pilot Program (“the Pilot”, also known as Patents for Humanity). See Humanitarian Awards Pilot Program, 77 FR 6544 (Feb. 8, 2012). The original deadline for applications to the Pilot was August 31, 2012, with selection and awards to follow.

While conducting outreach to our user community we have received much feedback on the Pilot, including a number of requests to extend the deadline for filings applications past August 31. Among the reasons given, applicants have said that they are engaged in qualifying work which will not be complete before the deadline; or they do not have enough time to complete an application before the deadline.

In response to these requests, the USPTO is extending the application deadline for the Humanitarian Awards Pilot Program until October 31, 2012. After the application deadline, selections will be made as described in