

Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365, has applied in due form for a permit to receive, import, and export marine mammals specimens for scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before December 5, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 17030 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206) 526-6150; fax (206) 526-6426.

Written comments on these applications should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301)713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 17030 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Jennifer Skidmore, (301)427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant requests a permit to import, export and archive marine mammal parts (including DNA) collected legally from any species of cetaceans and pinnipeds, except walrus,

for the purposes of scientific research. The proposed import, export and possession of samples is intended to result in an improved understanding of the taxonomy, genetic diversity, population structure, abundance and individual movement of cetaceans and pinnipeds. The anticipated source of samples includes hard and soft tissue from the following: museum collections; non-invasive sampling and biopsy sampling in the wild under separate permits; beachcast or dead-stranded specimens; individuals taken incidentally in fisheries (bycatch), including products legally sold in wildlife and fisheries markets. Possession, import, and export of samples are opportunistic and no takes of live animals is requested under this permit. Import and export are requested to include all countries with an appropriate management authority (e.g., Parties of the Convention on Trade in Endangered Species). The requested period of the permit is five years.

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 activities proposed are 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: October 31, 2013.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 130927852-3852-01]

Request for Comments on Department of Commerce Green Paper, Copyright Policy, Creativity, and Innovation in the Digital Economy

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce; National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Change in Public Meeting Date and Change in Public Comment Periods.

SUMMARY: On October 3, 2013, the Department of Commerce’s Internet Policy Task Force (Task Force) published a notice of public meeting and a request for public comments on five issues critical to economic growth, job creation, and cultural development that were identified in the Department’s Green Paper on *Copyright Policy, Creativity, and Innovation in the Digital Economy* (Green Paper). The purpose of this notice is to announce a change in the date of the public meeting and additional opportunities for the submission of public comments. The public meeting (previously scheduled for October 30, 2013) will now be held on December 12, 2013. The deadline for the submission of pre-meeting comments is November 13, 2013. Post-meeting comments are due on or before January 10, 2014.

DATES: The deadline for filing pre-meeting comments is November 13, 2013. Any comments received by November 13, 2013, will be considered in the discussions at the December 12, 2013 public meeting. Participation in the public meeting does not, however, require the submission of comments.

The public meeting (previously scheduled for October 30, 2013) will now be held on December 12, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Alexandria, Virginia. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

The deadline for filing post-meeting comments is January 10, 2014. The filing of pre-meeting comments is not a prerequisite for filing post-meeting comments.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the Madison Auditorium on the concourse level of the Madison Building, which is located at 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. All major entrances to the building are accessible to people with disabilities.

Interested parties are encouraged to file comments electronically by email to: CopyrightComments2013@uspto.gov. Comments submitted by email should be machine-searchable and should not be copy-protected. Written comments also may be submitted by mail to Office of Policy and External Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop External Affairs, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Responders should include the name of

the person or organization filing the comment, as well as a page number, on each page of their submissions. Paper submissions should also include a CD or DVD containing the submission in Word, WordPerfect, or .pdf format. CDs or DVDs should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer, and the name of the word processing program used to create the document. All comments received are a part of the public record and will be made available to the public at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/internetpolicytaskforce> without change. All personally identifiable information (for example, name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. The Task Force will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the meeting, contact Hollis Robinson or Ben Golant, Office of Policy and External Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Madison Building, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (571) 272-9300; email: hollis.robinson@uspto.gov or benjamin.golant@uspto.gov.

For further information regarding the public comments, contact Garrett Levin or Ben Golant, Office of Policy and External Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Madison Building, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (571) 272-9300; email garrett.levin@uspto.gov or benjamin.golant@uspto.gov.

Please direct all media inquiries to the Office of the Chief Communications Officer, USPTO, at (571) 272-8400.

Public Meeting

The agenda for the public meeting will be available at least one week prior to the meeting and the meeting will be webcast. The agenda and webcast information will be available on the Internet Policy Task Force Web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/internetpolicytaskforce> and the USPTO's Web site, <http://www.uspto.gov>. The meeting will be open to members of the public to attend, space permitting, on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-registration for the meeting is available at: <http://events.SignUp4.com/GreenPaper>. The meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodation, such as sign language interpretation, real-time captioning of the webcast or other ancillary aids, should communicate their needs to Hollis Robinson or Ben Golant, Office of Policy and External Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Madison Building, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (571) 272-9300; email: hollis.robinson@uspto.gov or benjamin.golant@uspto.gov, at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting.

Attendees should arrive at least one-half hour prior to the start of the meeting. Persons who have pre-registered (and received confirmation) will have seating held until 15 minutes before the program begins.

Dated: October 31, 2013.

Teresa Stanek Rea,

Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Lawrence E. Strickling,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 13-55]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 13-55 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: October 31, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.