

[We] will treat the request to exclude vessels using federally-maintained dredged port entrance channels from the speed restrictions as a petition for rulemaking under the Administrative Procedure Act, though this is not required nor is it NMFS' normal practice. We plan to issue a Notice in the **Federal Register** announcing receipt of the petition, along with a concise statement of the request and seek comment on the request. If NMFS decides to proceed with the suggested rulemaking, we will notify the petitioner within 120 days, publish a notice in the **Federal Register** of our decision to engage in rulemaking in a prompt manner, and thereafter proceed in accordance with the requirements for rulemaking. If NMFS decides not to proceed with the petitioned rulemaking, we will notify the petitioner, provide a brief statement of the grounds for the decision, and publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of our decision not to proceed with the petitioned action.

Therefore, NMFS is issuing this notice to solicit comments and information on all issues related to the petition to exclude federally-maintained dredged entrance channels and pilot boarding areas (and the immediately adjacent waters) for ports from New York to Jacksonville from vessel speed restrictions to protect North Atlantic right whales.

Please include scientific or commercial data, studies, or research to support your comments and position, including scientific data or research that supports any pertinent industry or professional standards, or specific examples in support of your comments, to aid NMFS in evaluating the request for rulemaking and in determining what action, if any, is appropriate. We will consider all comments and recommendations in determining whether to engage in the suggested rulemaking and thereafter will proceed as described above.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 551 et seq.

Dated: January 24, 2014.

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*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
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: Initial Patent Applications.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/01, 01A, 02, 02A, 02B, 02CN, 02DE, 02ES, 02FR, 02IT, 02JP, 02KR, 02LR, 02NL, 02RU, 02SE, 03, 03A, 04, 06, 07, 14 EFS-Web, 16, 16 EFS-Web, 17, 29, 29A, and 101-110. This collection also includes the following AIA forms: PTO/AIA01 through AIA04, AIA08 through AIA11, AIA14 and 15, AIA18 and 19, and AIA01CN and 01DE, 01ES, 01FR, 01IT, 01JP, 01KR, 01NL, 01RU, 01SE, 02CN, 02DE, 02ES, 02FR, 02IT, 02JP, 02KR, 02NL, 02RU, and 02SE.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0032.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 15,076,442 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 597,047 responses per year. The USPTO estimates that approximately 157,950 of these responses will be from small entities (this estimate reflects a 25% small entity response rate for all items in the collection except for design-related items in the collection, for which a 50% small entity response rate is estimated). The USPTO estimates that 577,624 responses will be filed electronically.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.50 hours) to 40 hours to complete the applications, petitions, and additional papers in this collection, depending on the complexity of the request. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the application, petition, or other papers, and submit the completed request to the USPTO. The USPTO assumes that, on balance it takes the same amount of time to gather the necessary information, prepare the application, petition, or other papers, and submit the completed request to the USPTO, whether the applicant submits it in paper form or electronically.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 and 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.84 and 1.495(b). Each patent applicant must provide sufficient information to allow the USPTO to properly examine the application, petition, or paper to determine whether the application, petition, or paper meets the criteria set forth in the patent statutes and regulations. The various fee and application transmittal forms, the declarations, the cover sheets, the petitions, and the papers filed under 37 CFR 1.41, 1.48, and 1.53(c)(2) permit

applicants to supply all of the information necessary to process the application and enables the USPTO to ensure that all of the information has been provided in order to process the application.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; non-profit institutions; and the Federal Government.

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 "0651-0032 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 March 3, 2014 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: January 24, 2014.

Susan K. Fawcett,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Technology Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) announces that the public meeting for the CFTC's Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) initially scheduled on January 21, 2014, was postponed due to the inclement weather that closed the Federal Government. The TAC meeting has been rescheduled for February 10, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the CFTC's Washington, DC headquarters. The TAC meeting will focus on swap data reporting; the Commission's concept release on