

values should enable consumers to compare the cost and mileage economy of different fuels, and so enable informed purchasing decisions when considering the use, purchase, or lease of vehicles equipped to operate on different fuels.

Taximeters (and GPS Devices When Used in Transportation Services)

Items 354–1, 354–2, 354–3, 354–4, and 354–5

The S&T Committee is recommending for adoption this group of proposals (listed above), which includes proposed revisions and updates to the Taximeter Code in NIST Handbook 44 to address changes in technology related to indicating and recording elements (*i.e.*, printers) and operational features including the indications required to be presented to passengers.

Item 354–6 U.S. National Working Group on Taximeters and Global Positioning System-Based Systems for Time and Distance Measurement

The S&T Committee will hear a progress report from a national working group that is studying the use of Global Positioning Systems and smart phone/web based applications in transportation services in order to develop proposed specifications, tolerances, and other technical requirements to ensure accuracy and transparency for passengers, drivers, and businesses for inclusion in NIST Handbook 44. This item is designated as a “Developing Item” on the Committee’s agenda to allow further study and refinement of these issues.

Other Items

Item 360–5 Electric Vehicle Fueling and Submetering

The S&T Committee is recommending adoption of a tentative code for use in electric vehicle charging and submetering for inclusion in NIST Handbook 44. The code was developed by a NIST U.S. National Working Group that continues to further refine the specifications, tolerances, and other technical requirements to ensure accuracy and transparency for drivers of electric vehicles and power resellers. The S&T Committee is also recommending for adoption proposed changes to the Section 5.55. “Timing Devices” in NIST Handbook 44 to address requirements for the timing mechanisms that are likely to be used in some recharging systems to determine additional charges for other services (*e.g.*, parking).

NCWM Laws and Regulations Committee (L&R Committee)

The following items are proposals to amend NIST Handbook 130 or NIST Handbook 133:

NIST Handbook 130—Section on Uniform Regulation for the Method of Sale of Commodities

Item 232–3 Animal Bedding

The L&R Committee is recommending the adoption of a uniform method of sale for animal bedding that will enhance the ability of consumers to make value comparisons and will ensure fair competition. Animal Bedding is generally defined as any material, except for baled straw, that is kept, offered or exposed for sale or sold to retail consumers for primary use as a medium for any pet or companion or livestock animal to nest or eliminate waste. If adopted, the proposal will require packers to advertise and sell packages of animal bedding on the basis of the expanded volume of the bedding. Most packages of animal bedding are compressed during packaging and the expanded volume is the amount of product that consumers will recover through unwrapping and decompressing the bedding according to the instructions provided by the packer. See also Item 260–3 for proposed Test Procedures for Verifying the Expanded Volume Declaration on Packages of Animal Bedding.

NIST Handbook 133—“Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods”

Item 260–1 Chitterling Test Procedure

The L&R Committee is recommending for adoption a proposal that will add a test procedure and purge allowance to NIST Handbook 133 so the drainage equipment and methods used by state and local weights and measures officials are identical to those used by the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in packing plants. This test procedure will also be used in verifying the amount of purge from beef tripe.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 272(b)(6).

Richard Cavanagh,

Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XD987

Center for Independent Experts; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS has requested the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) meet to conduct a peer review of the agency’s stock assessment of the General Model for Alaskan Crabs Stocks (GMACS) and its implementation for Bristol Bay Red King Assessment (BBRKC). This notice lists the time and place of that meeting.

DATES: The workshop will be held June 29–July 1, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC), 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 4, Conference Room, Seattle, WA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Ianelli, 206–526–6510.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org>.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jim Ianelli at 206–526–6510 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 3, 2015

Emily H. Menashes,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; “Third-Party Submissions and Protests”

The Department of Commerce 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, Commerce.
 Title: Third-Party Submissions and Protests.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0062.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/429.

Type of Request: Renewal.

Number of Respondents: 1,560.

Average Time per Response: 10 hours.

Burden Hours: 15,600.

Cost Burden: \$237,619.25.

Needs and Uses: This information collection (the information collected via third-party submissions under 37 CFR 1.290 and protests under 37 CFR 1.291) is necessary so that the public may contribute to the quality of issued patents. Through the third-party submissions, members of the public may submit patents, published patent applications, or other printed publications of potential relevance to the examination of an application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.290. Through the protests, members of the public may call attention to any facts that—in the protestor's opinion—would make the grant of a patent improper. The USPTO will use this information, as appropriate, during the patent examination process to assist in evaluating the patent application and to, where necessary, avoid the issuance of an invalid patent.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and not-for-profit institutions.

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 reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Further information can be obtained by:

- Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0062 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records Management Division Director, 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 July 9, 2015 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: June 1, 2015.

Marcie Lovett,

*Records Management Division Director,
 USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; "Post Registration (Trademark Processing)"

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, Commerce.

Title: Post Registration (Trademark Processing).

OMB Control Number: 0651-0055.

Form Number(s):

- PTO Form 1563
- PTO Form 1573
- PTO Form 1583
- PTO Form 1597
- PTO Form 1963
- PTO Global Form

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 185,047 responses per year. Of this total, the USPTO expects that 175,846 responses will be submitted through TEAS and 9,201 will be submitted on paper.

Average Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to 35 minutes (0.58 hours) to complete a single item in this collection, depending on the instrument used. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Burden Hours: 43,095.72 hours.

Cost Burden: \$54,392,518.33.

Needs and Uses:

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) administers the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademarks and service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Individuals and businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce may file an application to register their marks with the USPTO.

Such individuals and businesses may also submit various communications to

the USPTO, including requests to amend their registrations to delete goods or services that are no longer being used by the registrant. Registered marks remain on the register for ten years and can be renewed, but will be cancelled unless the owner files with the USPTO a declaration attesting to the continued use (or excusable non-use) of the mark in commerce, and a renewal application, within specific deadlines. Applicants may also request to amend or divide a registration, respond to a post-registration Office action, and surrender a registration.

The rules implementing the Act are set forth in 37 CFR part 2. These rules mandate that each register entry include the mark, the goods and/or services in connection with which the mark is used, ownership information, dates of use, and certain other information. The USPTO also provides similar information concerning pending applications. The register and pending application information may be accessed by an individual or by businesses to determine the availability of a mark. By accessing the USPTO's information, parties may reduce the possibility of initiating use of a mark previously adopted by another. Thus, the Federal trademark registration process may reduce unnecessary litigation and its accompanying costs and burdens.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit institutions, and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

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