the threatened Arctic sub-species of ringed seal. No critical habitat has been designated for these species, therefore none will be affected.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NMFS prepared an EA that includes an analysis of potential environmental effects associated with NMFS’ issuance of an IHA to SAE to take marine mammals incidental to conducting a 3D seismic survey in the Beaufort Sea, Alaska. NMFS has finalized the EA and prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact for this action. Therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary. NMFS’ draft EA was available to the public for a 30-day comment period before it was finalized.

Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued an IHA to SAE for the take of marine mammals, by Level B and Level A harassments, incidental to conducting a 3D OBN seismic survey in the Beaufort Sea during the 2015 open-water season, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: July 6, 2015.

Perry Gayaldo,
Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; “Post Patent Public Submissions”

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).


Title: Post Patent Public Submissions.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0067.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/42.

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 240.

Average Time per Response: 10 hours.

Burden Hours: 2,400.


Needs and Uses: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 et seq. to examine an application for patent and, when appropriate, issue a patent. The provisions of 35 U.S.C. 301 and 37 CFR 1.501 govern the ability of a person to submit into the file of an issued patent (i) prior art consisting of patents or printed publications which the person making the submission believes to have a bearing on the patentability of any claim of the patent, and (ii) statements of the patent owner filed by the patent owner in a proceeding before a Federal court or the USPTO in which the patent owner took a position on the scope of any claim of the patent.

Affected Public: Individuals and households; businesses or other for-profits; 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 “0651–0067 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 August 12, 2015 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202–355–5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: July 1, 2015.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DoD–2015–OS–0068]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: National Guard Bureau, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to add a new System of Records.

SUMMARY: The National Guard Bureau proposes to add a new system of records INGB 004, entitled “Joint Services Support System (JSS).” JSS will be a centralized, web-based portal that manages, for the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP), the entire event life cycle—to include, planning, conducting and reporting, for events held nationwide, for Service members and their families. In addition to YRRP, JSS also aims to support program management activities/events for other currently participating programs, such as the Family Program, Employer Support Program, Financial Management Awareness Program, Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Program, Psychological Health Program and Warrior Support program, as well as future Guard and Reserve programs supporting the National Guard Bureau (NGB), Manpower and Personnel Directorate. JSS will also support the collection and storage of Civilian Employer Information (CE) from Service members to fulfill the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) mandate.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on or before August 12, 2015. This proposed action will be effective the day following the end of the comment period unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jennifer Nikolaisen, 111 South George Mason Drive, AH2, Arlington, VA