

action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (*see ADDRESSES*) 3 days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: November 16, 2015.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting via web conference call of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee). The web conference calls are open to the public, and participants can dial in to the calls. Participants who choose to use the web conferencing feature in addition to the audio will be able to view the presentations as they are being given.

**DATES:** Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting are asked to register in advance by Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

The meeting will be held Thursday, December 17, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. EDT. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the Web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via web conference call. Register by contacting Gonzalo Cid at [gonzalo.cid@noaa.gov](mailto:gonzalo.cid@noaa.gov) or 301-713-7278. Webinar

and teleconference capacity may be limited.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lauren Wenzel, Acting Designated Federal Officer, MPA FAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-7265, Fax: 301-713-3110); email: [lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov](mailto:lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov); or visit the National MPA Center Web site at <http://www.marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee, composed of external, knowledgeable representatives of stakeholder groups, was established by the Department of Commerce (DOC) to provide advice to the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on implementation of Section 4 of Executive Order 13158, on marine protected areas.

**Matters To Be Considered:** The focus of the Committee's meeting is an update from the Subcommittees and Working Groups on their progress in addressing the Committee charge, and Committee discussion. Reports will include: Ecological Connectivity; External Financing for MPAs; and working toward an Arctic Marine Protected Areas Network. The Committee will also hear updates from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Department of the Interior. The agenda is subject to change. The latest version will be posted at <http://www.marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov>.

Dated: November 12, 2015.

**John Armor,**

*Acting Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; "Madrid Protocol"

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:** Madrid Protocol.

**OMB Control Number:** 0651-0051.

**Form Number(s):**

- PTO-2131
- PTO-2132

- PTO-2133
- PTO-1663
- PTO-1683
- TEAS Global Form

**Type of Request:** Regular.

**Number of Respondents:** 16,557.

**Average Hours per Response:** The responses in this collection should take an average of 17.8 minutes to complete, with response times ranging from 17 minutes to 75 minutes depending upon the instrument used.

**Burden Hours:** 4,918.45 hours annually.

**Cost Burden:** \$2,175,480.36.

**Needs and Uses:** The Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks ("Madrid Protocol") is an international treaty that allows a trademark owner to seek registration in any of the participating countries by filing a single international application. An international application submitted through the USPTO must be based on an active U.S. application or registration and must be filed by the owner of the application or registration. The public uses this collection to submit applications for international registration and related requests to the USPTO under the Madrid Protocol.

**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](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov).

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Further information may be requested by:

- **Email:** [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0051 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 December 21, 2015 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: November 13, 2015.

**Rhonda Foltz,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors: Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 10 U.S.C. Section 9355, the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA) Board of Visitors (BoV) will hold a meeting at the Rayburn House Office Building, Gold Room 2168, Washington, DC on December 10, 2015. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. The meeting is scheduled to close to the public from 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to review morale and discipline, social climate, curriculum, instruction, infrastructure, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy. Specific topics for this meeting include a Superintendent's Update; Legislative Calendar Update; Future Budget; Culture and Climate Update; and an annual USAFA Battle Rhythm Review. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. Section 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR Section 102-3.155, one session of this meeting shall be closed to the public because it involves matters covered by subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. Section 552b. Public attendance at the open portions of this USAFA BoV meeting shall be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis up to the reasonable and safe capacity of the meeting room. In addition, any member of the public wishing to provide input to the USAFA BoV should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR Section 102-3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements must address the following details: The issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and provide any necessary background information. Written statements can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the

Air Force address detailed below at any time. However, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days before the first day of the meeting which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the BoV until its next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the BoV Chairman and ensure they are provided to members of the BoV before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. If after review of timely submitted written comments and the BoV Chairman and DFO deem appropriate, they may choose to invite the submitter of the written comments to orally present the issue during an open portion of the BoV meeting that is the subject of this notice. Members of the BoV may also petition the Chairman to allow specific personnel to make oral presentations before the BoV. In accordance with 41 CFR Section 102-3.140(d), any oral presentations before the BoV shall be in accordance with agency guidelines provided pursuant to a written invitation and this paragraph. Direct questioning of BoV members or meeting participants by the public is not permitted except with the approval of the DFO and Chairman. For the benefit of the public, rosters that list the names of BoV members and any releasable materials presented during the open portions of this BoV meeting shall be made available upon request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or to attend this BoV meeting, contact Maj Jen Hubal, Chief, Commissioning Programs, AF/A1PT, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330, (703) 695-4066, [Jennifer.m.hubal.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Jennifer.m.hubal.mil@mail.mil).

**Henry Williams,**

*CIV, DAF, Acting Air Force Federal Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Navy, and are available for domestic and foreign licensing by the Department of the Navy.

The following patents are available for licensing: Patent No. 9,180,528:

EXTRACTION DEVICE AND METHOD //Patent No. 9,182,435: METHOD AND SOFTWARE FOR SPATIAL PATTERN ANALYSIS//Patent No. 9,184,805: FRACTAL DIPOLE ANTENNA COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND RELATED METHODS AND USE//Patent No. 9,184,822: MEDICAL APPARATUS AND METHODS INCLUDING AN ARRAY SYSTEM FOR SEGMENTING SIGNALS AND GENERATING A COMPLEX WAVEFORM AT A FOCAL POINT USING RECOMBINATION OF SEGMENTED SIGNALS.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the patents cited should be directed to Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Christopher Monsey, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001, Email [Christopher.Monsey@navy.mil](mailto:Christopher.Monsey@navy.mil), telephone 812-854-4100.

**Authority:** 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404

Dated: November 12, 2015.

**N.A. Hagerty-Ford,**

*Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Eligibility Designations and Applications for Waiver of Eligibility Requirements; Programs Under Parts A and F of Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as Amended (HEA), and Programs Under Title V of the HEA

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education (Department).

**ACTION:** Notice.

### Overview Information

Notice announcing process for designation of eligible institutions, and inviting applications for waiver of eligibility requirements, for fiscal year (FY) 2016.

This notice applies to the following programs:

1. Programs authorized under Part A, Title III of the HEA: Strengthening Institutions Program (Part A SIP), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (Part A ANNH), Predominantly Black Institutions (Part A PBI), Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions (Part A NASNTI), and Asian American and Native