

survey investigation. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on the request for MMPA authorization.

Dated: April 27, 2017.

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*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council: Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (council) meeting. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted as a web-based conference call, where participants may provide comments at the appropriate time during the meeting. Participants can choose to access the meeting's audio via telephone, or both the meeting's audio and web-based visual components on a computer.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, May 18, 2017 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. ET, and an opportunity for public comment will be provided at approximately 4:30 p.m. ET. Members of the public that wish to participate in the meeting must register in advance before or by Wednesday, May 17, 2017. Both times and agenda topics are subject to change.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via web conference call. In order to register for the meeting before or by Wednesday, May 17, 2017, contact Kate Spidalieri at [Kate.Spidalieri@noaa.gov](mailto:Kate.Spidalieri@noaa.gov) or 240-533-0679. Webinar and teleconference capacity may be limited.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Spidalieri, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (Email: [Kate.Spidalieri@noaa.gov](mailto:Kate.Spidalieri@noaa.gov); Phone: 240-533-0679; Fax: 301-713-0404).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ONMS serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 600,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington

state to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The network includes a system of 13 national marine sanctuaries and Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments. National marine sanctuaries protect our nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustain healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies. One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. The Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (council) has been formed to provide advice and recommendations to the Director regarding the relationship of ONMS with the business community. Additional information on the council can be found at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/welcome.html>.

*Matters to be Considered:* The meeting will provide an opportunity for council members to hear news from across the National Marine Sanctuary System and review and comment on program initiatives. For a complete agenda, including times and topics, please visit <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/meetings.html>.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: April 24, 2017.

**John Armor,**

*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

#### Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) Surveys

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), invites comments on a proposed extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 3, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit any comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email: Information Collection@uspto.gov.* Include "0651-0065 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Division Director, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to J. David Binsted, Program Manager, Global Intellectual Property Academy, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-1500; or by email at [james.binsted@uspto.gov](mailto:james.binsted@uspto.gov). Additional information about this collection is also available at <http://www.reginfor.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) surveys international and domestic participants of the USPTO's Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) training programs to obtain feedback from the participants on the effectiveness of the various services provided to them in the training programs. GIPA was established in 2006 to offer training programs on the enforcement of intellectual property rights, patents, trademarks, and copyright. The training programs offered by GIPA are designed to meet the specific needs of foreign government officials (including judges; prosecutors; police; customs officials; patent, trademark, and copyright officials; and policy makers) concerning various intellectual property topics, such as global intellectual property rights protection, enforcement, and strategies to handle the protection and enforcement issues in their respective countries.

This collection contains three surveys directed to separate audiences: Pre-program, post-program, and alumni. The pre-program survey is designed to obtain the background and experience of a participant and is delivered to the participant prior to their arrival for a GIPA training program. The post-program survey is used to analyze the overall effectiveness of the program and is conducted at the conclusion of the training program. The alumni survey is used to determine the value of the GIPA