

period of forty-five days of a continuous session of Congress. During this same period, the Governor of the state in whose waters the sanctuary is partially or entirely located has the opportunity to concurrently review the designation.

With this notice, NOAA is initiating a public scoping process to gather information from individuals, organizations, and government agencies on the designation of the Great Lake Ontario area as a national marine sanctuary based on the community-based nomination of January 2017, especially:

- (a) The spatial extent of the proposed sanctuary;
- (b) the location, nature, and value of the resources that would be protected by a sanctuary;
- (c) the management plan framework most appropriate to the resources in the area;
- (d) the potential socioeconomic, cultural, and biological impacts of designation;
- (e) threats to underwater cultural resources within the proposed sanctuary; and
- (f) potential names for the new sanctuary.

IV. Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

This notice confirms that NOAA will fulfill its responsibility under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) through the ongoing NEPA process, pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(a) including the use of NEPA documents and public and stakeholder meetings to meet the section 106 requirements. The NHPA specifically applies to any agency undertaking that may affect historic properties. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.16(1)(1), historic properties includes: “any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the Secretary of the Interior. The term includes artifacts, records, and remains that are related to and located within such properties. The term includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization and that meet the National Register criteria.”

In fulfilling its responsibility under the NHPA and NEPA, NOAA intends to identify consulting parties; identify historic properties and assess the effects of the undertaking on such properties; initiate formal consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation, federally-recognized tribes, and other consulting parties;

involve the public in accordance with NOAA’s NEPA procedures, and develop in consultation with identified consulting parties alternatives and proposed measures that might avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties and describe them in any environmental assessment or draft environmental impact statement.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*

Dated: April 12, 2019.

John Armor,
Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Patents External Quality Survey

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: Patents External Quality Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0057.

Form Number(s):

- No forms associated.

Type of Request: Regular collection renewal.

Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Average Minutes per Response:

USPTO estimates that it will take the public 10 minutes (.17 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare, and submit the requirements in this collection.

Burden Hours: 416.67.

Cost Burden: \$0.

Needs and Uses: Individuals who work at firms that file more than six patent applications a year use the Patents External Quality Survey to provide the USPTO with their perceptions of examination quality. The USPTO uses the feedback gathered from the survey to assist them in targeting key areas for examination quality improvement and to identify important areas for examiner training.

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

Frequency: Semi-annually.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

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 “0651–0057 copy request” in the subject line of the message.
- **Mail:** Marcie Lovett, Chief, Records and Information Governance Branch, Office of the Chief Administrative 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 May 17, 2019 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.

Marcie Lovett,

Chief, Records and Information Governance Branch, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, USPTO.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

PLACE: CFTC Headquarters, Lobby-Level Hearing Room, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“Commission” or “CFTC”) will hold this meeting to consider the following matters:

- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Amendments to Commission Regulations on Certain Swap Data Repository and Swap Data Reporting Requirements;
- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Amendments to Derivatives Clearing Organization General Provisions and Core Principles;
- Comparability Determination for the United Kingdom: Certain Requirements Applicable to Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants under U.K. Law following a No-Deal Brexit;
- Final Rule Amending Commission Regulations to Conform to FAST Act