type of bycatch reduction device, and
turtle excluder device used for each trip.
The ELB unit automatically collects
fishing effort data and transmits those
data via a cellular phone connection
activated when the vessel is within non-
roaming cellular range. Compliance
with the ELB reporting requirements is
required to renew the Gulf shrimp
permit.

Monitoring shrimp vessels is
challenging for NMFS when they
operate together with many other
fishing vessels of differing sizes, gears
types, and fishing capabilities.
Monitoring is made even more
challenging by seasonal variability in
shrimp abundance and price and the
broad geographic distribution of the
fleet. ELBs provide a precise means of
estimating the amount of shrimp fishing
effort. Using ELBs to estimate fishing
effort serves an important role to help
estimate bycatch in the Gulf shrimp
fleet.

Affected Public: Businesses or other
for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion when fishing.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

This information collection request
may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow
the instructions to view Department of
Commerce collections currently under
review by OMB.

Written comments and
recommendations for the proposed
information collection should be sent
within 30 days of this notice publication
by email to OIRA_Submission@
omb.eop.gov or by fax to (202) 395–
5806.

Sheleen Dumas,
Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of
the Chief Information Officer, Commerce
Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration

Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request

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: National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
Title: Green Sturgeon ESA 4(d) rule
take exceptions and exemptions.
OMB Control Number: 0648–0613.

Form Number(s): None.
Type of Request: Regular.
Number of Respondents: 45.
Average Hours per Response:
Scientific research or monitoring
exception, Habitat restoration exception,
State research program report, and
Research applications: 40 hours each;
Scientific research or monitoring
exception report, Habitat restoration
exception report, and Research reports:
5 hours each; Emergency fish rescue
report, and Fishery Management and
Evaluation Plan report: 20 hours each;
Fishery Management and Evaluation
Plan and Tribal Plan: 160 hours each.
Burden Hours: 1,510.

Needs and Uses: The Southern
Distinct Population Segment of North
American green sturgeon (Acipenser
medirostris; hereafter, “Southern DPS”) was
listed as a threatened species in
April 2006. Protective regulations under
section 4(d) of the Endangered Species
Act (ESA) were promulgated for the
species on June 2, 2010 (75 FR 30714)
(the final ESA 4(d) Rule). To comply
with the ESA and the protective
regulations, entities must obtain take
authorization before they engage in
activities that involve take of Southern
DPS fish, unless the activity is covered
by an exemption or exemption. “Take” is
defined as to harass, harm, pursue,
hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture
or collect, or to attempt to engage in
any such conduct. Certain activities
described in the “exceptions” provision
of 50 CFR 223.210(b) are not subject to
the take prohibitions if they adhere to
specific criteria and reporting
requirements. Under the “exception”
provision of 50 CFR 223.210(c), the take
prohibitions do not apply to scientific
research, scientific monitoring, and
fisheries activities conducted under an
approved 4(d) program or plan.
Similarly, take prohibitions do not
apply to tribal resource management
activities conducted under a Tribal Plan
for which the requisite determinations
described in 50 CFR 223.102(c)(3) have
been made.
To ensure that activities qualify under
exceptions or exemptions from the
take prohibitions, local, state, and
federal agencies, non-governmental
organizations, academic researchers,
and private organizations are asked to
submit detailed information regarding
their activity on a schedule to be
determined by National Marine
Fisheries Service (NMFS) staff. This
information is used by NMFS to (1)
track the number of Southern DPS fish
taken as a result of each action; (2)
understand and evaluate the cumulative
effects of each action on the Southern
DPS; and (3) determine whether
additional protections are needed for
the species, or whether additional
exceptions may be warranted. NMFS
designed the criteria to ensure that
actions meeting the criteria would
adequately limit impacts on threatened
Southern DPS fish, such that additional
protections in the form of a federal take
prohibition would not be necessary and
advisable.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit
institutions; State, Local, or Tribal
government; Federal government;
business or other for-profit
organizations.

Frequency: Written notification
describing research, monitoring, habitat
restoration, or emergency fish rescue
salvage activities, on occasion;
development of fisheries management
and evaluation plans, state 4(d) research
programs, or tribal fishery management
plans, on occasion; fisheries
management and evaluation plan
reports, biannually; all other reports,
annually.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to
obtain or retain benefits.

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

Written comments and
recommendations for the proposed
information collection should be sent
within 30 days of publication of this
notice to OIRA_Submission@
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Sheleen Dumas,
Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of
the Chief Information Officer, Commerce
Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Law School Clinic Certification
Program

ACTION: Notice of renewal of information
collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and
Trademark Office (USPTO), as required
by the Paperwork Reduction Act of
1995, invites comments on the
extension of an existing information
collection: 0651–0081 (Law School
Clinic Program).

DATES: Written comments must be
submitted on or before February 24,
2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
by any of the following methods:
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Dahlia George, Office of Enrollment and Discipline, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by telephone at 571–272–4097; or by email to Dahlia.George@uspto.gov with “0651–0020 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this collection is also available at http://www.reginfo.gov under “Information Collection Review.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Public Law 113–227 (Dec. 16, 2014) requires the United States Patent and Trademark Office to establish regulations and procedures for application to, and participation in, the USPTO Law School Clinic Certification Program. The Program allows students enrolled in a participating law school’s clinic to practice patent or trademark law before the USPTO under the direct supervision of a faculty clinic supervisor. Each clinic provides legal services on a pro bono basis for clients who qualify for assistance from the law school’s clinic. By drafting, filing, and prosecuting patent and trademark applications, students gain valuable experience that would otherwise be unavailable to them while in law school. The program also facilitates the provision of pro bono services to trademark and patent applicants who lack the financial resources necessary for traditional legal representation. In 2019, there were over 60 law schools participating in the program.

This information collection covers the applications from law schools that wish to enter the program, faculty advisors who seek to become a faculty clinic supervisor, and students who seek to participate in this program. The collection also includes the required biannual reports from participating law school clinics and biennial renewals required by the program as well as the request to make special under the Law School Clinic Certification Program, which allows a limited number of applications per semester to be advanced out of turn (accorded special status) for examination if the applicant makes the appropriate showing, to provide law students with practical experience as they will be more likely to receive substantive examination of applications within the school year that the application is filed.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, hand delivery, or electronically to the USPTO.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651–0081.

IC Instruments and Forms: There are two forms associated with this collection.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Estimated Total Annual (Non-hour) Respondent Cost Burden: $1,721. There are no capital startup, maintenance, or operating fees associated with this collection. There are, however, annual (non-hour) costs in the form of postage costs.

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<th>Rate ($/hr) (d)</th>
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| Total                             |                                      | 903                            | 690                            | 145,575                                  |

Table 3—Burden Hour/Burden Cost to Respondents
Filing Fees
There are no filing fees associated with this collection.

Postage Costs
Currently, the USPTO does not use automated or other technological collection techniques for the items in this collection of information, but submissions are accepted electronically through email. Submissions are also accepted via postal mail and hand delivery. The USPTO estimates that 75 percent of the items in this collection will be submitted electronically. Of the remaining 25 percent, the USPTO estimates that 99 percent will be submitted by mail—with the remainder submitted by hand delivery—for a total of 225 mailed submissions. The average USPS Priority Mail postage cost for a legal flat rate envelope is estimated to be $7.65. Table 4 calculates the postage costs associated with this collection.

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Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the total annual (non-hour) cost burden for this collection, in the form of postage costs is $1,721 per year.

IV. Request for Comments
Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:
(a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Kimberly Hardy, Information Collection Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2020.
PLACE: Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.
STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:
Examinations and enforcement matters. In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission’s website at https://www.cftc.gov/.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Christopher Kirkpatrick, 202–418–5964.
Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.
Robert Sidman, Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995