

distribution and availability of East Coast marine fisheries over the next 20 years and to identify the implications for fishery management and governance.

In June 2022, a group of about 70 stakeholders attended a workshop to develop an initial set of scenarios, describing several different possible futures facing East Coast fisheries out to 2042. These scenarios are currently being refined and finalized with feedback received from a set of “scenario deepening” webinars. The next step in this process is to hold a series of virtual meetings of small groups of fishery management representatives from participating organizations. The purpose of these webinars is for these groups to brainstorm issues, ideas, and options that should be discussed at scenario planning conversations at meetings of the East Coast Fishery Management Councils and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission in late 2022, and subsequently at a Summit Meeting in early 2023. These upcoming small group manager conversations will be focused around applications of the scenarios, discussing which aspects of governance and management may need to change, and how, given the possible conditions described in the scenarios.

These meetings will be open to the public and public comment may be taken at designated times during the webinars. The final scenarios to be discussed, as well as additional information about potential applications, will be made available at: <https://www.mafmc.org/climate-change-scenario-planning>.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-P-2022-0026]

Submission of Comments Regarding the Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is seeking public feedback on its existing patent subject matter eligibility guidance. The existing guidance, put in place in 2019, has contributed to more consistent examination. But there is more work to be done to impart clarity and certainty into patent eligibility. In addition to working with Congress on potential changes to the law and looking for opportunities in the courts, the USPTO is updating its guidance and has been seeking public input on the same. Given the overwhelming interest in the guidance, the USPTO will now accept feedback via the Federal eRulemaking Portal until October 15, 2022.

DATES: Comments on the USPTO’s patent subject matter eligibility guidance must be received by October 15, 2022, to ensure consideration.

ADDRESSES: For reasons of government efficiency, comments on the USPTO’s patent subject matter eligibility guidance must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. To submit comments via the portal, enter docket number PTO-P-2022-0026 on the homepage and click “Search.” The site will provide a search results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this document and click on the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Adobe® portable document format or Microsoft Word® format. Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information that the submitter does not desire to make public, such as an address, a phone number, or other personally identifiable information (PII), should not be included in the comments.

Visit the Federal eRulemaking Portal for additional instructions on providing comments via the portal. If electronic submission of comments is not feasible due to a lack of access to a computer and/or the internet, please contact the USPTO using the contact information

below (at **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) for special instructions.

Comments already submitted to the USPTO mailbox designated in the blog should be resubmitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patents, at 571-272-7728.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 25, 2022, the USPTO published a blog titled “Providing clear guidance on patent subject matter eligibility” at www.uspto.gov/blog/director/entry/providing-clear-guidance-on-patent. As noted in the blog, the 2019 revisions to the USPTO’s eligibility guidance resulted in a 25% decrease in the likelihood of *Alice*-affected technologies receiving a first office action with a rejection for patent ineligible subject matter. See *Alice Corp. Pty. Ltd. v. CLS Bank Int’l*, 573 U.S. 208 (2014). Uncertainty about determinations of patent subject matter eligibility for the relevant technologies also decreased by a remarkable 44% as compared to the previous year. Despite this progress to achieve more consistent examination under section 101, there is more work to be done. As part of its multi-pronged approach to imparting more clarity and certainty into patent eligibility, in addition to working with Congress and looking for opportunities in the courts, the USPTO is revising its subject matter eligibility guidance.

In the July 25 blog post, the USPTO initially encouraged the public to email thoughts or comments on the guidance specified in Manual of Patent Examining Procedure 2106 to a uspto.gov mailbox by September 15, 2022. However, given the overwhelming interest in this subject matter, the USPTO is extending the deadline, and the public may now submit feedback until the new deadline of October 15, 2022. In addition, comments may now be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Comments are no longer being received at the uspto.gov mailbox, though any previously-submitted comments through the mailbox will be given equal consideration. Please see the information provided earlier in this notice (at **ADDRESSES**) for instructions on submitting feedback via the portal. This new method of submitting feedback will facilitate making comments publicly

accessible through the Federal eRulemaking Portal.

Katherine K. Vidal,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committee—Board of Visitors, National Defense University

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Renewal of federal advisory committee.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the Board of Visitors, National Defense University (BoV NDU).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, DoD Advisory Committee Management Officer, 703-692-5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BoV NDU is being renewed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. appendix) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d). The charter and contact information for the BoV NDU's Designated Federal Officer (DFO) are found at <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/apex/FACAPublicAgencyNavigation>.

The BOV NDU provides the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense ("the DoD Appointing Authority"), or the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) with independent advice and recommendations on matters pertaining to the National Defense University specifically on matters pertaining to educate joint warfighters and other national security leaders in critical thinking and the creative application of military power to inform national strategy and globally integrated operations, under conditions of disruptive change, in order to prevail in war, peace, and competition. The BOV NDU is composed of no more than 12 members. Individual members are appointed according to DoD policy and procedures, and serve a term of service of one-to-four years with annual renewals. One member will be appointed as Chair of the BoV NDU. No member, unless approved according to DoD policy and procedures, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the BoV NDU, or serve on more than two DoD Federal advisory committees at one time.

BoV NDU members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal civilian officers or employees, or active duty members of the Uniformed Services, are appointed as experts or consultants, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, to serve as special government employee members. BoV NDU members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal civilian officers or employees, or active duty members of the Uniformed Services are appointed pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.130(a), to serve as regular government employee members.

All BoV NDU members are appointed to provide advice based on their best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. Except for reimbursement of official BoV NDU-related travel and per diem, members serve without compensation.

The public or interested organizations may submit written statements about the BoV NDU's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the BoV NDU. All written statements shall be submitted to the DFO for the BoV NDU, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration.

Dated: August 29, 2022.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Reserve Forces Policy Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB) will take place.

DATES: The RFPB will hold an open meeting to the public Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The RFPB meeting address is the Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alexander Sabol, (703) 681-0577 (Voice), 703-681-0002 (Facsimile), Alexander.J.Sabol.Civ@Mail.Mil (Email). Mailing address is Reserve Forces Policy Board, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Suite 501, Falls Church, VA 22041. Website: <http://rfpb.defense.gov/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to obtain, review and evaluate information related to strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Reserve Components.

Agenda: The RFPB will hold an open meeting to the public Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The meeting will focus on discussions with: the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Integration who will address current Reserve Component programs, challenges, and readiness issues within Reserve Integration and the Total Force Integration; the Total Force Integration Subcommittee Chair who will address Total Force Policy as it pertains to the current Reserve Component programs, challenges, and readiness issues; the Chief National Guard Bureau, the Reserve Component Chiefs, and Senior Enlisted Leaders who will discuss perspectives on the Reserve Components' priorities and related connectivity with the lines of efforts from the National Defense Strategy followed by a Question & Answer discussion; the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Personnel Policy who will provide an update on the Reserve Component Recruiting & Retention data; the RFPB Subcommittee chairs of the Subcommittee for Integration of Total Force Personnel Policy, the Subcommittee for the Reserve Components' Role in Homeland Defense and Support to Civil Authorities, and the Subcommittee for Total Force Integration Chairs who will conduct discussions on the subcommittees' priorities and focus areas received from the meeting's discussions and other areas where the Board can use its role to best provide recommended support to the taskings of the Secretary of Defense and the