

represent small numbers of marine mammals relative to the affected stock abundances; (4) Ocean Wind II's activities will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on taking for subsistence purposes as no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals are implicated by this action, and (5) appropriate monitoring and reporting requirements are included.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS OPR consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

NMFS OPR is authorizing the incidental take of four species of marine mammals which are listed under the ESA, including the North Atlantic right, fin, sei, and sperm whale and has determined that these activities fall within the scope of activities analyzed in GARFO's programmatic consultation regarding geophysical surveys along the U.S. Atlantic coast in the three Atlantic Renewable Energy Regions (completed June 29, 2021; revised September 2021). The consultation concluded that NMFS' issuance of incidental take authorization related to these activities is not likely to adversely affect ESA-listed marine mammals.

National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216-6A, NMFS must review our action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment. This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NAO 216-6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of the final IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to Ocean Wind II for the potential harassment of small numbers of 16 marine mammal species incidental to marine site characterization surveys offshore of New Jersey, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are followed.

Dated: July 21, 2023.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Whiting; Joint Management Committee; Reopening of Solicitation for Nominations

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; reopening a call for nominations.

SUMMARY: NMFS published a notice in the **Federal Register** on June 7, 2023 soliciting nominations for appointments to the Joint Management Committee (JMC) established in the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Pacific Whiting Treaty). The nomination period ended on July 7, 2023. This notice reopens the nomination period for one position on the JMC for 15 days.

DATES: Nominations must be received by August 10, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations by the following method:

- *Email: frank.lockhart@noaa.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank Lockhart, (206) 526-6142, or Colin Sayre (206) 526-4656, *colin.sayre@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS published a **Federal Register** notice on June 7, 2023 (88 FR 37209) to announce a nomination period of 30 days, closing on July 7, 2023. That notice solicited nominations for the United States Advisory Panel (AP) and the Joint Management Committee established under the Pacific Whiting Treaty. Through this announcement, NMFS is reopening nominations for the

representative of the commercial whiting sector (16 U.S.C. 7002 (a)(1)) to serve on the JMC. Nominations received during the prior nomination period that closed on July 7, 2023 will be considered, resubmission of nomination packages is not required.

Refer to the **Federal Register** notice of June 7, 2023 (88 FR 37209) for JMC member responsibilities, nominee qualifications, and the items that are required parts of the nomination package. Additional information on the NOAA website for the Pacific Whiting Treaty, including current committee members, can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/laws-and-policies/pacific-hake-whiting-treaty#committees-and-panels>.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 7001 *et seq.*

Dated: July 20, 2023.

Jennifer M. Wallace,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) Surveys

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice 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: 0651-0065 Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) Surveys. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the information collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this information collection must be received on or before September 25, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- *Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov.* Include "0651-0065

comment” in the subject line of the message.

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

- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Request for additional information should be directed to J. David Binstead, 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.binstead@uspto.gov with “0651–0065 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under “Information Collection Review.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) was established in 2006 to offer training programs on enforcement of intellectual property rights, patents, trademarks, and copyrights. GIPA’s training programs are designed to meet the specific needs of foreign government officials concerning various intellectual property topics. By attending these programs, foreign government officials learn about global intellectual property rights protection and enforcement and discuss strategies to handle the protection and enforcement issues in their respective countries. The GIPA training programs are an important instrument that USPTO uses to achieve its objectives of

halting intellectual property theft and advancing intellectual property right policies.

The surveys in this information collection are conducted in an effort to provide additional details on “who” participants are, what kind of positions they hold, length of time working in an intellectual property area, type of organizations where respondents work, type of intellectual property functions, and the effect of the GIPA program on their professional work and their country’s intellectual property efforts. This information is being collected to improve the services that the USPTO provides in its missions of serving the international IP community. The data captured will also be used to help meet organizational performance and accountability goals through the following legislative mandates and performance guidance:

- Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA);¹
- Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRMA);²
- President’s Management Agenda (PMA);³ and
- Foundations for Evidence Based Policy Making Act of 2018.⁴

Evaluation and measurement efforts provide methodologically rigorous data activity and analyses in place of more subjective, ad hoc, non-standardized anecdotal material.

These voluntary surveys support various business goals developed by the USPTO to fulfill customer service and performance goals, to assist the USPTO in strategic planning for future initiatives, to verify existing service standards, and to establish new ones.

The USPTO also uses these surveys to implement Executive Order 12862 of September 11, 1993, *Setting Customer Service Standards*, published in the **Federal Register** on September 14, 1993 (58 FR 48257).⁵ The USPTO does not intend to collect any personally identifying data from the participants and intends to maintain the contact information for the participants in a separate file for the quantitative data.

II. Method of Collection

Items in this information collection may be submitted via online electronic submissions, and occasional in-person surveys.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0651–0065.

Forms: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 750 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 750 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 188 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: \$13,690.

TABLE 1—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO INDIVIDUAL OR HOUSEHOLD RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated annual burden hours	Rate ⁶ (\$/hour)	Estimated annual burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1	Overseas-Program Survey (or equivalent).	225	1	225	0.25	56	\$72.82	\$4,078
2	Post-Program Survey (or equivalent).	150	1	150	0.25	38	72.82	2,767
3	Alumni Survey (or equivalent).	375	1	375	0.25	94	72.82	6,845
	Totals	750	750	188	13,690

¹ <https://www.congress.gov/103/statute/STATUTE-107/STATUTE-107-Pg285.pdf>.

² <https://www.congress.gov/111/plaws/publ352/PLAW-111publ352.pdf>.

³ <https://www.performance.gov/pma/>.

⁴ <https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ435/PLAW-115publ435.pdf>.

⁵ <https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/service/ll/fedreg/fr058/fr058176/fr058176.pdf>.

⁶ USPTO uses the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupation Employment Statistics wage category

23–1021 (Administrative Law Judges: Federal Executive Branch) to represent an estimated wage of program attendees. USPTO estimates that the hourly wage will be in the 90th percentile, as respondents will likely be senior officials living in metropolitan areas; <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes231021.htm>.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$0. There are no capital start-up, maintenance costs, recordkeeping costs, filing fees, or postage costs associated with this information collection.

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the 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 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.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold PII from public view, USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

[Docket ID: USAF-2023-HQ-0008]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD has submitted 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.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 25, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Duncan, 571-372-7574, whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Hardened Intersite Cable Right-of-Way Landowner Questionnaire; AF Form 3951; OMB Control Number 0701-0141.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 2,834.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 2,834.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 709.

Needs and Uses: This form collects updated landowner/tenant information as well as data on local property conditions which could adversely affect the Hardened Intersite Cable System (HICS) such as soil erosion, projected/building projects, evacuation plans, etc. This information also aids in notifying landowners/tenants when HCIS preventative or corrective maintenance becomes necessary to ensure uninterrupted Intercontinental Ballistic Missile command and control capability. The information collection requirement is necessary to report changes in ownership/lease information, conditions of missile cable route and associated appurtenances, and projected building/excavation projects. The information collected is used to ensure system integrity and to maintain a close contact public relations program with involved personnel and agencies.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Angela Duncan.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Duncan at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

Dated: July 19, 2023.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following virtual Federal advisory committee meeting of the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery (ACANC), The Honor Subcommittee, and the Remember and Explore Subcommittee. These meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The Remember and Explore Subcommittee will meet on Friday, August 11, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time. The Honor Subcommittee will meet on Friday, August 11, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. The full ACANC will meet on Friday, August 11, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information, please visit: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Advisory-Committee-on-Arlington-National-Cemetery/ACANC-Meetings>, Ms. Renea Yates; Designated Federal Official or Mr. Matthew Davis; Alternate Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the ACANC, in writing at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), Arlington VA