The intention is to be inclusive and ensure all those with a stake are adequately represented. This includes expertise—and not a specific constituency, organization, or service. NMFS recruits candidate Team members based on the following:

- Ability to bring first-hand knowledge and perspective to bear on the relevant fisheries and/or marine mammal species;
- Ability to balance a regional perspective with localized knowledge;
- Willingness to express fundamental interests (as opposed to fixed positions) and to clearly convey the interests of one or more important stakeholder groups;
- Ability to work collaboratively, seeking to integrate the interests of a broad range of constituencies;
- Ability to access and use an effective communication network to reach members of their constituency not attending Team meetings;
- Availability and willingness to travel and participate in meetings;
- Proven track record of engaging in constructive dialogues on controversial resource management issues;
- Extent to which candidates’ participation on other teams fosters or hinders deliberations; and,
- Ability to represent multiple factions of a constituency (e.g., multiple sectors of a fishery or a wide array of particular fishery).

NMFS will conduct an independent process to identify and assess potential candidates for TRT membership prior to issuing a notice establishing the TRT.

References


Catherine Marzin, Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, 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; Response to Office Action and Voluntary Amendment Forms

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Also, the USPTO may determine that a mark is not entitled to registration pursuant to one or more provisions of the Act. In such cases, the USPTO will issue an Office Action advising the applicant of the refusal to register the mark. Applicants reply to these Office Actions by providing the required information and/or by putting forth legal arguments as to why the refusal of registration should be withdrawn.

The USPTO administers the Act through title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These rules allow the USPTO to request and receive information required to process applications. These rules also allow applicants to submit certain amendments to their applications.

Applicants may also supplement their applications and provide further information by filing a Voluntary Amendment Not in Response to USPTO Office Action/Letter, a Request for Reconsideration after Final Office Action, a Post-Approval/Publication/Post-Notice of Allowance (NOA) Amendment, a Petition to Amend Basis Post-Publication, or a Response to Suspension Inquiry or Letter of Suspension.

The 60-Day Federal Register notice was published with the form numbers associated with this information collection inadvertently left off. In this notice, the USPTO has included the form numbers associated with this information collection.

Form Numbers

- PTO–1771 (Post-Approval/Publication/Post-Notice of Allowance (NOA) Amendment)
- PTO–1772 (Petition to Amend Basis Post-Publication)
- PTO–1822 (Response to Suspension Inquiry or Letter of Suspension)
- PTO–1957 (Response to Office Action)
- PTO–1960 (Request for Reconsideration After Final Office Action)
- PTO–1966 (Voluntary Amendment Not in Response to USPTO Office Action/Letter)

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

Affected Public: Private sector.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 518,643 respondents.

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Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately between 25 minutes (0.42 hours) and 50 minutes (0.83 hours) to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the complete request to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 420,113 hours.


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

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, 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 feature and entering the title of the information collection of the OMB Control Number, 0651–0050.

Further information can be obtained by:

- Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651–0050 information request” in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

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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

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on July 26, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.


Title: Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0065.

Needs and Uses: 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