

asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2025 and default specifications for fishing year 2026. This action will also consider modifying the current seasonal flatfish closure in Closed Area II, and adjusting regulations to allow NGOM permitted vessels to possess scallops outside of the management unit. They will also receive an update on ongoing 2024 scallop work priorities. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 3, 2024.

#### Key Israel Marquez,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XE366]

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a joint webinar meeting of its Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and its Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP). The GAP and the GMT

will discuss items on the Pacific Council's November 2024 meeting agenda. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The joint GMT/GAP online meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Pacific Time. The scheduled ending times for this meeting is an estimate. The meeting will adjourn when business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to attend the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov)) or contact him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Todd Phillips, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; [todd.phillips@noaa.gov](mailto:todd.phillips@noaa.gov); telephone: (503) 820-2426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the GAP and GMT webinar is to prepare for the Pacific Council's November 2024 meeting agenda items. This joint meeting is expected to focus on groundfish and cross fishery management plan agenda items.

A detailed agenda for the webinar will be available on the Pacific Council's website prior to the meeting. The GAP and GMT may also address other assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT and GAP.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 3, 2024.

#### Key Israel Marquez,

*Acting Deputy 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; Matters Related To First Inventor To File

**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 and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0071 (Matters Related to First Inventor to File). 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 December 9, 2024.

**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](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0071 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- *Federal eRulemaking 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 Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-7728; or by email at [raul.tamayo@uspto.gov](mailto:raul.tamayo@uspto.gov) with "0651-0071 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**

Section 3 of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA), *inter alia*, amended 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 consistent with the objectives of the AIA, including the conversion of the United States patent system from a "first to invent" system to a "first inventor to file" system. The changes to 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 in section 3 of the AIA went into effect on March 16, 2013, but apply only to certain applications filed on or after March 16, 2013.

This information collection covers information required by 37 CFR 1.55(k), 1.78(a)(6), and 1.78(d)(6) to assist the USPTO in determining whether an application is subject to 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 as amended by section 3 of the AIA, or 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 as in effect on March 15, 2013. The information is only required in nonprovisional applications filed on or

after March 16, 2013, that claim foreign priority to, or domestic benefit of, an application filed before March 16, 2013. Moreover, the information is not required if the nonprovisional application filed on or after March 16, 2013, claims the benefit of an earlier application in which a statement under 37 CFR 1.55(k), 1.78(a)(6), or 1.78(d)(6) has already been filed. Given the passage of time, it is increasingly rare for a newly filed nonprovisional application to claim foreign priority to, or domestic benefit of, an application filed before March 16, 2013, without also claiming benefit of an earlier application in which the statement has already been filed. Accordingly, the estimated responses for this collection continue to decrease.

**II. Method of Collection**

The items in this information collection may be submitted electronically, or by mail, facsimile, or hand delivery.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0071.  
*Forms:* None.

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

*Affected Public:* Private sector.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 50 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 50 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 2 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:* 100 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden:* \$44,700.

**TABLE 1—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS**

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated burden (hour/year)	Rate <sup>1</sup> (\$/hour)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1 .....	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.55(k) ..	25	1	25	2	50	\$447	\$22,350
2 .....	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6).	20	1	20	2	40	447	17,880
3 .....	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.78(d)(6).	5	1	5	2	10	447	4,470
Totals .....	.....	50	.....	50	.....	100	.....	44,700

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden:* \$10. There are no capital start-up costs, maintenance costs, recordkeeping costs, or filing fees associated with this information collection. However, the USPTO estimates that the total annual non-hour cost burden for this information collection in the form of postage is \$10.

**Postage Costs**

Although the USPTO prefers that the items in this information collection be submitted electronically, responses may be submitted by mail through the United States Postal Service (USPS). The USPTO estimates one item will be submitted in the mail. The USPTO estimates that the average postage cost

for a mailed submission, using a Priority Mail legal flat rate envelope, will be \$10.15. Therefore, the USPTO estimates the total mailing costs for this information collection at \$10.

**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. The 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, the

<sup>1</sup> 2023 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); pg. F-41. The USPTO uses the average billing rate for intellectual property work in all firms which is \$447 per hour (<https://www.aipla.org/home/news-publications/economic-survey>).

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 COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No.: PTO-C-2024-0031]

**Performance Review Board**

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of revised board members.

**SUMMARY:** In conformance with the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of its Performance Review Board (PRB). This is an update to the recently published **Federal Register** notice (published on July 16, 2024), to reflect a board member serving in the role of a new position as the Interim Chief Public Engagement Officer.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of Human Resources, USPTO, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lari B. Washington, Director, Human Capital Management, USPTO, at 571-272-5187.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The membership of the USPTO's PRB is as follows:

Derrick Brent, Chair, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the USPTO  
 Frederick W. Steckler, Vice Chair, Chief Administrative Officer, USPTO  
 Vaishali Udupa, Commissioner for Patents, USPTO  
 David S. Gooder, Commissioner for Trademarks, USPTO  
 Dennis J. Hoffman, Chief Financial Officer, USPTO  
 Henry J. Holcombe, Chief Information Officer, USPTO  
 David L. Berdan, General Counsel, USPTO  
 Scott D. Ewalt, Interim Chief Public Engagement Officer, USPTO  
 Sharon Israel, Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs, USPTO  
 Gerard F. Rogers, Chief Administrative Trademark Judge, USPTO  
 Scott R. Boalick, Chief Administrative Patent Judge, USPTO

Bismarck Myrick, Director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity, USPTO

Cara Duckworth, Chief Corporate Communications Officer, USPTO

Shirin Bidel-Niyat, Chief of Staff, USPTO

*Alternates:*

Robin Evans, Deputy Commissioner for Patents, USPTO

Amy Cotton, Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy, USPTO

**Katherine K. Vidal,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Designation of performance review board chair.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the Performance Review Board Chair designee for the Department of Energy. This listing supersedes all previously published lists of Performance Review Board Chair.

**DATES:** This appointment is effective as of October 3, 2024.

Dennis M. Miotla (Primary)  
 Terri E. Lee (Alternate)

**Signing Authority**

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on October 3, 2024, by Farhana Hossain, Director of the Office of Corporate Executive Management within the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 3, 2024.

**Jennifer Hartzell,**

*Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Designation of performance review board standing register.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the Performance Review Board (PRB) Standing Register for the Department of Energy. This listing supersedes all previously published lists of PRB members.

**DATES:** This appointment is effective as of October 3, 2024.

Al-Daouk, Ahmad M.  
 Bell, Melody C.  
 Bishop, Tracey A.  
 Budney, Michael D.  
 deBeauclair, Geoffrey G.  
 Durant III, James M.  
 Hine, Scott E.  
 Hoffman, Patricia A.  
 Kinsey, Marlys L.  
 Konieczny, Katherine L.  
 Martin, Stephanie K.  
 Miller, Michael P.  
 Montoya, Michael M.  
 Plasynski, Sean I.  
 Richards, Jocelyn E.  
 Schultz, Douglas W.  
 Shoulta, Jeffrey L.  
 Susut, Ceren  
 William, West F.

**Signing Authority**

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on October 3, 2024, by Farhana Hossain, Director of the Office of Corporate Executive Management within the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.