

receiving input concerning the items listed below. Responses to this Request for Information are voluntary, and respondents need not reply to items listed. When providing input, please specify if you are providing general feedback on marine spatial studies and/or if you are responding to one of the specific item number(s) below:

1. Specific datasets related to ocean sectors, natural resources, and/or human activities you recommend NOAA use in coastal and marine spatial studies.

Major concerns you have related to use of any specific datasets that may be used in coastal and marine spatial studies.

2. Major concerns you have related to gaps in scientific knowledge or data that could impact coastal and marine spatial planning efforts.

3. Specific data or information you recommend NOAA or other partners collect, if it is not currently available or has not been previously collected.

4. Ways in which NOAA can better engage and collaborate with the public and local communities to promote economic, social, and ecological resilience as well as protect trust resources.

5. Ways in which NOAA can build upon existing capacity and resources for regional ocean spatial planning.

Sean Corson,

Director, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Applications and Reports for Scientific Research and Enhancement Permits Under the Endangered Species Act

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information

collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before February 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at *NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov*. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0402 in the subject line of your comments. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted on *https://www.regulations.gov* without change. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Rob Clapp, Section 7 Coordinator, NOAA Fisheries, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd. Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232, (503) 231-2314 or *Robert.Clapp@NOAA.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a request for renewal of an approved information collection. The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) imposes prohibitions against the taking of threatened and endangered species. Section 10 of the ESA allows permits authorizing the taking of such species for research and enhancement purposes. The corresponding regulations established procedures for persons to apply for such permits. In addition, the regulations set forth specific reporting requirements for such permit holders. The regulations thus require two sets of information collections: (1) Applications for research/enhancement permits, and (2) prescribed reports for such permits once they are issued.

The required information is used to evaluate the impacts that research and enhancement activities have on endangered species, to make the determinations required by the ESA before issuing any such permit, and to establish appropriate permit conditions. To issue permits under ESA Section 10(a)(1)(A), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) must determine that (1) such exceptions were applied for in good faith, (2) if granted and exercised, will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered

species, and (3) will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the ESA. This collection is not being revised in any way.

II. Method of Collection

Information may be collected through the internet, email, or paper format.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0402.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission—extension of a current information collection.

Affected Public: Federal government; State, local, or tribal governments; academic institutions; non-profit organizations; businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 176.

Estimated Time per Response: Permit applications, 12 hours; permit modification requests, 6 hours; annual reports, 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 850.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$500 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

Legal Authority: The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this information collection request. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While

you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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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

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 Wednesday, October 9, 2024 during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 81894). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

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

Title: Matters Related to First Inventor to File.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0071.

Needs and Uses: 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.

For this 30-day notice, the non-hourly cost burdens have been adjusted, for an overall increase of \$1, due to an increase in the postage rate since the 60-day notice was published.

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 item to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 100 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$11.

This information collection request 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 function and entering either the title of

the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651-0071.

Further information can be obtained by:

- **Email:** InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0071 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.

Justin Isaac,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Removal of Designated Chinese Military Companies

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of removal of two companies from the Section 1260H List of Chinese Military Companies Operating in the United States.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Secretary of Defense has determined that the entities listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice should be removed from the list of “Chinese military companies.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Devante Brown (GIES), (703) 695-8545.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 (Pub. L. 116-283) requires the Secretary of Defense to continue to list “Chinese military companies” annually until December 31, 2030. Paragraph (b)(2) of this section requires the Secretary of Defense to publish the unclassified portion of such list in the **Federal Register** (FR).

The Deputy Secretary of Defense has determined that the following entities should be removed from the list of “Chinese military companies,” as set out in 89 FR 22698 (April 2, 2024), in accordance with Section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry NDAA for FY 2021 (Pub. L. 116-283) based on current information:

IDG Capital Partners Co., Ltd.,
Advanced Micro-Fabrication Equipment Inc. China.