

minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures would remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

Dated: February 23, 2026.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Ocean Exploration Advisory Board Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for a meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (Board), a non-discretionary Federal Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 18, 2026 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (CDT) and Thursday March 19, 2026 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (CDT).

ADDRESSES: Not applicable; this meeting will be conducted online only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Liz Tirpak, Designated Federal Officer, or Gretchen Spencer, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, via email: oceanexplorer@noaa.gov or phone: 301-734-1226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board was established (per 33 U.S.C. 3405) to advise NOAA leadership on priority areas for survey, discovery, and opportunities for extramural collaboration and partnerships; development of a 5-year strategic plan for the fields of ocean, marine, and Great Lakes science, exploration, and discovery; the quality and effectiveness of the proposal review process; market barriers to development or commercialization of novel ocean mapping, exploration, and characterization products, processes, and tools; best practices to improve data management, processing, storage, and archiving standards; and other matters as requested by the NOAA Administrator.

Matters To Be Considered: Board members will receive agency updates and discuss recommendations for NOAA leadership. Detailed agenda and

meeting materials will be posted on the Board website at <https://oead.noaa.gov/meetings/2026-oead-meetings/>.

Public Comment Instructions: The meeting will be open to the public with a public comment period on Wednesday, March 18 at 3:35 p.m. CST. Registration is required; use this link <https://forms.gle/2DkS5SMHJsAH3Rjy9> to register attendance and/or public comments in advance. In general, each individual or group delivering public comments will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. The Board will not consider public comments beyond the scope of the Board's remit or public comments located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, not on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). Comments that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will also not be considered. This public meeting will be recorded for use in preparation of minutes. If you have a public comment, you acknowledge that you will be recorded and are aware you can opt out of the meeting. Participation in the meeting constitutes consent to the recording.

Special Accommodations: The Board meeting is accessible to people with disabilities, as Webex offers closed captioning. Questions regarding additional accommodations should be directed to the Designated Federal Officer via email: oceanexplorer@noaa.gov by Tuesday, March 5, 2026.

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Deputy Director, National Sea Grant College Program Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patent Term Extension and Adjustment

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereafter “USPTO” or “Agency”) 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 the information collection renewal of 0651-0020, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden to the public. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on November 19, 2025, during a 60-day comment period (90 FR 52043). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before March 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, <http://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, 0651-0020. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- This information collection request may be viewed at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.
- Email:** InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0020 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.

- Telephone:** Jeffrey West, Senior Legal Advisor, 571-272-2226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Patent Term Extension and Adjustment.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0020.

Abstract: The patent term restoration portion of the Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-417), which is codified at 35 U.S.C. 156, permits the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to extend the term of protection under a patent to compensate for delay during regulatory review and approval by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or