

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to Point Blue Conservation Science for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to seabird research activities on the South Farallon Islands, Farallon Islands National Wildlife Refuge, California (SEFI), as well as at partner sites on Año Nuevo Island (ANI) and the Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS).

DATES: This authorization is effective from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorizations-point-blue-conservation-sciences-seabird-research-activities>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Cockrell, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

MMPA Background and Determinations

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Among the exceptions is section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) which directs the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking by harassment of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed IHA.

Specifically, NMFS will issue an IHA if it finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least [practicable] adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their

habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to here as “mitigation”). NMFS must also prescribe requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings. The definitions of key terms, such as “take,” “harassment,” and “negligible impact,” can be found in the MMPA and the NMFS’ implementing regulations (see 16 U.S.C. 1362; 50 CFR 216.103).

On April 10, 2026, a notice of NMFS’ proposal to issue an IHA to Point Blue for the take of marine mammals (five species and six stocks) incidental to seabird research activities on SEFI, ANI, and PRNS was published in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 18420). In that notice, NMFS indicated the estimated numbers, type, and methods of incidental take proposed for each species or stock, as well as the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting measures that would be required should the IHA be issued. The **Federal Register** notice also included analysis to support NMFS’ preliminary conclusions and determinations that the IHA, if issued, would satisfy the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for issuance of the IHA. The **Federal Register** notice included web links to a draft IHA for review, as well as other supporting documents.

No comments were received during the public comment period. There are no changes to the specified activity, the species taken, the proposed numbers, type, or methods of take, or the mitigation, monitoring, or reporting measures in the proposed IHA notice. No new information that would change any of the preliminary analyses, conclusions, or determinations in the proposed IHA notice has become available since that notice was published, and therefore, the preliminary analyses, conclusions, and determinations included in the proposed IHA are considered final.

National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216–6A, NMFS must review our proposed 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 IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency ensures 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 consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

No ESA-listed marine mammal species or their designated critical habitat are expected to be affected by these activities. Therefore, we have determined that a consultation under the ESA is not required.

Authorization

Accordingly, consistent with the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA, NMFS has issued an IHA to Point Blue for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to seabird research activities on SEFI, as well as at partner sites on ANI and PRNS.

Dated: June 5, 2026.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

*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 for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) Actions

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”), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension of an

existing information collection: 0651–0040 (Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) Actions). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comments preceding submission of the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before August 10, 2026.

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 “0651–0040 comment” in the subject line of the message.

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://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.

- **Telephone:** LaToya Brown, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, 571–272–4283.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to LaToya Brown, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; 571–272–4283; or LaToya.Brown@uspto.gov with “0651–0040 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <https://www.reginfo.gov> under “Information Collection Review.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The USPTO administers the Trademark Act of 1946, 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, as amended, which provides for the federal registration of trademarks, service marks, collective marks and certification marks. Individuals and

businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce may file an application to register their marks with the USPTO. Section 13 of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1063, allows individuals and entities who believe that they would be damaged by the registration of a mark to file an extension of time to file an opposition, and to file an opposition, to the registration of the mark. Section 14 of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1064, allows individuals and entities to file a petition to cancel a registration of a mark. Section 20 of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1070, allows individuals and entities to appeal any final decision of the examiner in charge of the registration of marks or a final decision by an examiner in an *ex parte* expungement proceeding or *ex parte* reexamination proceeding.

The USPTO administers certain provisions of the Trademark Act of 1946 through the regulations at 37 CFR part 2, which contains the various rules that govern the filings identified above and other submissions filed in connection with *inter partes* and *ex parte* proceedings. These petitions, notices, extensions, and additional papers are filed with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB), an administrative tribunal empowered to determine the right to register and subsequently determine the validity of a trademark. The information in this collection must be submitted electronically through the TTAB’s electronic filing system. If applicants or entities wish to submit the petitions, notices, extensions, and additional papers in *inter partes* and *ex parte* cases, they may use the forms provided through the TTAB’s electronic filing system. This information collection includes the items needed for individuals or entities to file *inter partes* and *ex parte* proceedings regarding federal registration of their trademarks or service marks. Information is collected in view of the provisions of the Trademark Act of 1946. The responses in this information collection

are a matter of public record and are used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights. This information is important to the public, as both common law trademark owners and federal trademark registrants must actively protect their own rights.

II. Method of Collection

Items in this information collection must be submitted through the TTAB’s electronic filing system. However, in certain circumstances, information may be submitted in paper form by mail or hand delivery.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0651–0040.
Forms:

- PTO–2120 (Notice of Opposition)
- PTO–2151 (Papers in *Inter Partes* Cases)
- PTO–2153 (Request for Extension of Time to File an Opposition)
- PTO–2188 (Petition for Cancellation)
- PTO–2189 (*Ex Parte* Appeal General Filing)
- PTO–2190 (Notice of Appeal)

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

Affected Public: Private sector.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 44,550 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 76,000 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to 21 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item(s) to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 1,016,891 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: \$347,776,722.

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 ¹ (\$/hour)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1	Petition to Cancel: PTO–2188	2,600	1	2,600	18	46,800	\$342	\$16,005,600
2	Notice of Opposition: PTO–2120	6,900	1	6,900	18	124,200	342	42,476,400
3	Request for Extension of Time to File an Opposition: PTO–2153.	9,350	2	18,700	0.17 (10 minutes)	3,179	342	1,087,218
4	Submissions in <i>Inter Partes</i> Cases, including: • Answers. • Amendments to Pleadings.	20,000	2	40,000	21	840,000	342	287,280,000

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

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated burden (hour/year)	Rate ¹ (\$/hour)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
	• Amendment of Application or Registration During Proceeding. • Motions (such as consent motions, motions to extend, motions to suspend, etc.). • Evidence. • Briefs. • Oral hearing requests. • Surrender of Registration. • Abandonment of Application. • Documents Related to Concurrent Use Applications. • Notice of Intent to Appeal a TTAB decision.							
5	PTO-2151.							
	Notice of Appeal: PTO-2190	3,600	1	3,600	0.17 (10 minutes)	612	342	209,304
6	Ex Parte Appeal General Filing including:	2,100	2	4,200	0.50 (30 minutes)	2,100	342	718,200
	• Briefs. • Oral hearing requests. • Requests (such as requests to extend, requests to suspend, etc.). • Surrender of Registration. • Abandonment of Application.							
	PTO-2189.							
	Total	44,550		76,000		1,016,891		347,776,722

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden: \$10,725,767. There are no capital start-up costs, maintenance costs, or recordkeeping costs associated with this information

collection. However, the USPTO estimates that the total annual non-hourly cost burden for this information collection, in the form of filing fees and postage, is \$10,725,767.

Filing Fees

The fees for this information collection are listed in Table 2 below.

TABLE 2—FILING FEES

Item No.	Fee code	Item	Estimated annual responses	Filing fee (\$)	Non-hourly cost burden
			(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)
1	6401	Petition to Cancel (Paper Submission)	5	\$700	\$3,500
1	7401	Petition to Cancel	2,595	600	1,557,000
2	6402	Notice of Opposition (Paper Submission)	5	700	3,500
2	7402	Notice of Opposition	6,895	600	4,137,000
3	6404	Request for Extension of Time to File an Opposition under §§ 2.102(c)(1)(ii) or (c)(2) (Paper Submission).	5	400	2,000
3	7404	Request for Extension of Time to File an Opposition under §§ 2.102(c)(1)(ii) or (c)(2).	15,195	200	3,039,000
3	6405	Request for Extension of Time to File an Opposition under § 2.102(c)(3) (Paper Submission).	5	500	2,500
3	7405	Request for Extension of Time to File an Opposition under § 2.102(c)(3)	2,495	400	998,000
4, 6	7408	Request for an Oral Hearing	35	500	17,500
5	6403	Ex Parte Appeal to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (Paper Submission)	5	325	1,625
5	7403	Ex Parte Appeal to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board	3,595	225	808,875
6	6406	Brief in an Ex Parte Appeal to the Board, per Class (Paper Submission)	5	300	1,500
6	7406	Brief in an Ex Parte Appeal to the Board, per Class	525	200	105,000
6	6407	Second or Subsequent Request for an Extension of Time to File an Appeal Brief, per Application (Paper Submission).	5	200	1,000

¹ 2025 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association; pg. F-35. The USPTO uses the average billing rate for intellectual property work in all firms which is \$550 per hour (<https://www.aipla.org/detail/journal-issue/2025-report-of-the-economic-survey>).

2024 National Utilization & Compensation Report Executive Summary published by the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA); pg. 2. The USPTO uses the average billing rate for paralegals/

paraprofessionals, which is \$134 per hour (<https://nala.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2024-NALA-Compensation-Utilization-Report-ExecSumm-FINAL-1-15-25.pdf>).

The \$342 hourly rate is the average of the two cited rates above.

TABLE 2—FILING FEES—Continued

Item No.	Fee code	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Non-hourly cost burden (a) × (b) = (c)
6	7407	Second or Subsequent Request for an Extension of Time to File an Appeal Brief, per Application.	470	100	47,000
		Totals	31,840		10,725,000

Postage Costs

The USPTO estimates that all submissions in this collection will be submitted by mail. The USPTO estimates that 308 items will be submitted by mail in a large envelope. The average first-class postage for a four-ounce mailed submission in a large envelope is \$2.44, resulting in a total of \$752 for submissions other than a Service of Process. The USPTO estimates that one Service of Process will be submitted by certified mail in a Priority Mail legal flat-rate envelope with a return receipt. The USPTO estimates that the average cost for a certified Priority mail legal flat-rate envelope with a return receipt is \$15.07, resulting in \$15 for Service of Process submissions. Therefore, the USPTO estimates the total combined postage cost for this collection is \$767.

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 intend 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 advised that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While one may request in a comment to withhold PII from public view, the 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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U.S. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

[DFC–003]

Submission for OMB Review; Comments Request

AGENCY: U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the agency is creating a new/ modifying an existing/renewing an existing/reinstating a previously approved information collection for OMB review and approval and requests public review and comment on the submission. Comments are being solicited on the need for the information; the accuracy of the burden estimate; the quality, practical utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize reporting the burden, including automated collected techniques and uses of other forms of technology.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 10, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for copies of the subject information collection may be sent by any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Carla Cooper, Agency Submitting Officer, U.S. International

Development Finance Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20527.

- **Email:** fedreg@dfc.gov.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and agency form number or OMB form number for this information collection. Electronic submissions must include the agency form number in the subject line to ensure proper routing. Please note that all written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Agency Submitting Officer: Carla Cooper, (202) 926–7241.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that DFC will submit to OMB a request for approval of the following information collection.

Summary Form Under Review

Title of Collection: Application for Political Risk Insurance.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved information collection.

Agency Form Number: DFC–003.

OMB Form Number: Not assigned, new information collection. 3015–003.

Frequency: Once per investor per project.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; individuals.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Number of Respondents: 220.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1.5 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 330 hours.

Abstract: The Application for Political Risk Insurance will be the principal document used by DFC to determine the investor's and the project's eligibility for political risk insurance coverage.

Lisa Wischkaemper,

Administrative Counsel, Office of the General Counsel.

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