

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tammy Adams or Carrie Hubbard, (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Need for Correction**

On December 2, 2011 (76 FR 75524) notice of receipt of an application to amend Permit No. 14241-02 was inadvertently published without specifying the date on which comments are due. Applications are available for comment for 30 days from publication of the notice of receipt. The comment deadline is specified in the **DATES** section of this correction notice.

Dated: December 2, 2011.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

*Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XA856**

**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will hold work session, which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The work session will be held January 10, 2012 through January 12, 2012. The HMSMT work session will begin each day at 8:30 a.m. and continue until business is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The work sessions will be held at Large Conference Room, Torrey Pines Court, National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 3333 North Torrey Pines Court, La Jolla, CA 92037; *telephone:* (858) 546-7000.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Fishery Management Council; *telephone:* (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The HMSMT will discuss work assignments to be delivered at the March 2012 Council meeting in Sacramento, CA.

The first assignment is the development of recommendations for a management framework for North Pacific albacore tuna fisheries. This will help inform the Council in relation to the development of such a framework planned by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Northern Committee. The second assignment is to provide information to the Council about future management of the U.S. west coast swordfish fishery. The HMSMT will also begin work on the next SAFE (Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation) document, which is prepared annually, summarizing information from the previous year. Informational topics may also be discussed, time permitting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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**

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 1, 2011.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 35).

**Agency:** United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

**Title:** Statutory Invention Registration.

**Form Number(s):** PTO/SB/94.

**Agency Approval Number:** 0651-0036.

**Type of Request:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Burden:** 4 hours annually.

**Number of Respondents:** 8 responses per year.

**Avg. Hours per Response:** The USPTO expects that it will take the public approximately 24 minutes (0.40 hours) to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request.

**Needs and Uses:** 35 U.S.C. 157, administered by the USPTO through 37 CFR 1.293-1.297, authorizes the USPTO to publish a statutory invention registration containing the specifications and drawings of a regularly filed application for a patent without examination, providing the applicant meets all the requirements for printing, waives the right to receive a United States patent on the invention claimed in the identified patent application within a certain period of time prescribed by the USPTO, and pays all application, publication, and other processing fees.

The America Invents Act, Public Law 112-29, was enacted September 16, 2011. It calls for the repeal of Statutory Invention Registration 18 months after the enactment of the Act. The USPTO, therefore, will request renewal for this collection based upon the impending requirement for discontinuation in early 2013.

**Affected Public:** Businesses or other for-profits.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

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

**OMB Desk Officer:** Nicholas A. Fraser, email:

*Nicholas\_A\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.*

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at <http://www.reginfo.gov>.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- **Email:**

*InformationCollection@uspto.gov.*

Include "0651-0036 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before January 6, 2012 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to *Nicholas\_A\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to (202) 395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: December 2, 2011.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the extension of a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 6, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0060 comment" in the subject line of the message.
- **Mail:** Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
- **Federal Rulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Steven Berk, Program Manager, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, by telephone at (571) 272-8400, or by email to [nmti@uspto.gov](mailto:nmti@uspto.gov), with "Paperwork" in the subject line. Additional information about this collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov>

under "Information Collection Review."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The National Medal of Technology and Innovation is the highest honor for technological achievement bestowed by the President of the United States on America's leading innovators. Established by an Act of Congress in 1980, the Medal of Technology was first awarded in 1985. The Medal is awarded annually to individuals, teams (up to four individuals), companies or divisions of companies for their outstanding contributions to the Nation's economic, environmental and social well-being through the development and commercialization of technology products, processes and concepts, technological innovation, and development of the Nation's technological manpower.

The purpose of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation is to recognize those who have made lasting contributions to America's competitiveness, standard of living, and quality of life through technological innovation, and to recognize those who have made substantial contributions to strengthening the Nation's technological workforce. By highlighting the national importance of technological innovation, the Medal also seeks to inspire future generations of Americans to prepare for and pursue technical careers to keep America at the forefront of global technology and economic leadership.

The National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee, a distinguished independent committee appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, reviews and evaluates the merit of all candidates nominated through an open, competitive solicitation process. The committee makes its recommendations for Medal candidates to the Secretary of Commerce who, in turn, makes recommendations to the President for final selection. The National Medal of Technology and Innovation Laureates

are announced by the White House and the Department of Commerce once the Medalists are notified of their selection.

The public uses the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application to recognize through nomination an individual's, team's or company's extraordinary leadership and innovation in technological achievement. The application must be accompanied by six letters of recommendation or support from individuals who have first-hand knowledge of the cited achievement(s).

##### II. Method of Collection

The nomination application and instructions can be downloaded from the USPTO Web site. Nomination files should be submitted by electronic mail to [NMTI@USPTO.gov](mailto:NMTI@USPTO.gov). Alternatively, letters of recommendation may be sent by electronic mail, fax, or overnight delivery.

##### III. Data

**OMB Number:** 0651-0060.

**Form Number(s):** None.

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

**Affected Public:** Primarily business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 40 responses per year.

**Estimated Time per Response:** The USPTO estimates that it will take approximately 40 hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the nomination form, write the recommendations, and submit the request for the nomination to the USPTO.

**Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:** 1,600 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:** \$60,000. The USPTO expects that private sector individuals of various occupations and professions will complete this information. The hourly rate for these individuals is estimated to be \$37.50.

Item	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Form .....	40	40	1,600
TOTALS .....	.....	40	1,600

**Estimated Total Annual (Non-Hour) Respondent Cost Burden:** \$0.

Although it is possible for the public to submit the nominations through

regular or express mail, to date no submissions have been received in this manner. The majority of recent submissions have been through

electronic mail. The USPTO, therefore, is not calculating an estimate of postage costs associated with this information collection.