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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

*Tuesday, July 26, 2016 Through Thursday, July 28, 2016*

The agenda will include an update on the 2016 pre-implementation program, briefing on Northeast and West coast EM (electronic monitoring) programs, review of draft EM analysis, development of the 2017 pre-implementation plan, and other business and scheduling. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/>.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason, at (907) 271-2809, at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a joint meeting of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel and Law Enforcement Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Law Enforcement Advisory Panel and Law Enforcement Committee will meet jointly to address issues pertaining to enforcement of fisheries regulations in the South Atlantic Region.

**DATES:** The joint meeting will take place on August 4-5, 2016. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. on August 4 and conclude at 3 p.m. on August 5. The joint meeting will be broadcast via webinar. Registration information will be posted on the SAFMC Web site at [www.safmc.net](http://www.safmc.net) as it becomes available.

**ADDRESSES:** The joint meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza hotel; 4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; phone: (843) 744-4422; fax: (843) 744-4472.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council's Law Enforcement Advisory Panel and Law Enforcement Committee will meet jointly to address several items including proper stowage of spearfishing gear for vessels transiting through closed areas, enhancing compliance with future reporting requirements for for-hire vessels, utility of Operator Cards, enforcement of newly implemented regulations regarding transport of fillets from The Bahamas, Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) activities, and inclusion of Council's managed areas (*i.e.*, Marine Protected Areas, Spawning Special Management Zones) in navigation charts. Meeting participants will also receive a presentation on a marine managed areas mapping project.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO-P-2016-0012]

**Post-Prosecution Pilot Program**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) is initiating a Post-Prosecution Pilot Program (P3) to test its impact on enhancing patent practice during the period subsequent to a final rejection and prior to the filing of a notice of appeal. This Pilot Program responds to stakeholder input gathered during public forums held in support of the Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative. Under the P3, a panel of examiners, including the examiner of record, will hold a conference with the applicant to review the applicant's response to the final rejection of record. In order to participate in the P3, the applicant will be required to file a request for consideration under the P3 within two months from the mailing date of a final rejection and prior to filing a notice of appeal, together with a response to the final rejection and a statement that the applicant is willing and available to participate in the conference. The applicant will have the option of including in the response a proposed non-broadening amendment to a claim(s). The Office designed the P3 to increase the value of after final practice by (1) leveraging applicant input obtained through an oral presentation during a conference with a panel of examiners, and (2) also providing written explanation for the panel decision. The P3 is also designed to reduce the number of appeals and issues to be taken up on appeal to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), and reduce the number of Requests for Continued Examination (RCE), and simplify the after final landscape. This notice identifies requirements and procedures of the P3, which will govern entry into, and practice under, the P3. This notice also solicits public comments on the P3 and other suggestions to improve after final practice and reduce the number of both appeals to the PTAB and RCEs.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* July 11, 2016.

*Duration:* The P3 will accept requests beginning July 11, 2016, until either January 12, 2017, or the date the Office accepts a total (collectively across all technology centers) of 1,600 compliant requests to participate under the P3, whichever occurs first. Each individual