

3. Update on ongoing research from NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Fisheries Science Center.

4. Update on the Southeast Reef Fish Survey results from the 2018 sampling year.

5. Review revised Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) recreational catch estimates for Council managed stocks and consider approaches for revising Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) recommendations for unassessed stocks.

6. Review the revised SEDAR assessments for Vermilion Snapper, Black Sea Bass, Blueline Tilefish and Red Grouper using the revised MRIP catch data; apply the ABC Control Rule and provide fishing level recommendations; and discuss uncertainties and changes due to revised MRIP numbers.

7. Review the ABC Control Rule Amendment and analyses, including example application of risk tolerance levels.

8. Review the methodology for a new bag and size limit analysis and the findings of the workgroup; discuss uncertainties and determine if this analysis is best scientific information available and useful for management.

9. Consider forming a workgroup for the SSC to provide input on the South Atlantic Ecosystem Model.

10. Receive updates and progress reports on ongoing Council amendments and activities.

The meeting is open to the public and will also be available via webinar as it occurs. Webinar registration is required. Information regarding webinar registration will be posted to the Council's website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/scientific-and-statistical-committee-meetings/> as it becomes available. The meeting agenda, briefing book materials, and online comment form will be posted to the Council's website two weeks prior to the meeting. Written comment on SSC agenda topics is to be distributed to the Committee through the Council office, similar to all other briefing materials. Written comment to be considered by the SSC shall be provided to the Council office no later than one week prior to an SSC meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12 p.m., Monday, October 8, 2018.

Multiple opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided during SSC meetings. Open comment periods will be provided at the start of the meeting and near the conclusion. Those interested in providing comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize

individuals to provide comment. Additional opportunities for comment on specific agenda items will be provided, as each item is discussed, between initial presentations, and SSC discussion. Those interested in providing comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment. All comments are part of the record of the meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice 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

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

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

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

Dated: September 25, 2018.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### BroadbandUSA Webinar Series

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting; date changes.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), as part of its BroadbandUSA program, announced a series of webinars to engage the public and stakeholders with information to accelerate broadband connectivity, improve digital inclusion, strengthen policies and support local priorities in a notice published on July 17, 2018.

This notice provides new dates for the November 2018 and December 2018 webinars.

**DATES:** BroadbandUSA will hold a webinar on November 14, 2018, and December 12, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** This is a virtual meeting. NTIA will post the registration information on its BroadbandUSA website, <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/event>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elaine Sloan, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4872, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-8231; email: [broadbandusawebinars@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:broadbandusawebinars@ntia.doc.gov). Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482-7002; email [press@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:press@ntia.doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 17, 2018, NTIA published a Notice announcing that it would host a series of webinars through its BroadbandUSA program on a monthly basis to engage the public and stakeholders with information to accelerate broadband connectivity, improve digital inclusion, strengthen policies and support local priorities. See NTIA, BroadbandUSA Webinar Series, Notice of open meetings—webinar series, 83 FR 33211 (July 17, 2018). In the original notice, NTIA announced that the webinars would be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the third Wednesday of every month, beginning October 17, 2018 and continuing through September 18, 2019. Through this notice, NTIA corrects the dates for the November 2018 and December 2018 webinars as November 14, 2018, and December 12, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, respectively. All other information remains the same.

Dated: September 25, 2018.

**Kathy D. Smith,**

*Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### International Work Sharing

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

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required

by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on a proposed extension of an existing information collection: 0651-0079 (International Work Sharing).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before November 27, 2018.

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

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0079 comment" in the subject line of the message.
- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *Mail:* Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Division Director, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Request for additional information should be directed to Daniel Hunter, Program Manager, United States Patent and Trademark office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-8050; or by email at [Daniel.Hunter@uspto.gov](mailto:Daniel.Hunter@uspto.gov) with "0651-0079 comment" in the subject line. Additional information about this information about this collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) established a Work Sharing Pilot Program in conjunction with the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) to study how the

exchange of search results between offices for corresponding counterpart applications improves patent quality and facilitates the examination of patent applications in both offices. Under this Work Sharing Pilot Program, two Collaborative Search Pilot (CSP) programs—USPTO–JPO and USPTO–KIPO—have been implemented. Through their respective CSP(s), each office concurrently conducts searches on corresponding counterpart applications. Each office’s search results are exchanged following these concurrent searches, which provides examiners with a comprehensive set of art before them at the commencement of examination.

Work sharing between Intellectual Property (IP) offices is critical for increasing the efficiency and quality of patent examination worldwide. The exchange of information and documents between IP offices also benefits applicants by promoting compact prosecution, reducing pendency, and supporting patent quality by reducing the likelihood of inconsistencies in patentability determinations among IP offices when considering corresponding counterpart applications. The gains in efficiency and quality are achieved through a collaborative work sharing approach to the evaluation of patent claims. As a result of this exchange of search reports, the examiners in both offices may have a more comprehensive set of references before them when making an initial patentability determination.

**II. Method of Collection**

The forms associated with this collection may be downloaded from the USPTO website in Portable Document

Format (PDF) and filled out electronically. Requests to participate in the International Work Sharing Program must be submitted online using EFS-Web, the USPTO’s web-based electronic filing system.

**III. Data**

- OMB Number:* 0651-0079.
- IC Instruments and Forms:* PTO/SB/437, PTO/SB/CSP Survey 1.
- Type of Review:* Revision of an Existing Information Collection.
- Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and not-for-profit institution.
- Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300 responses per year. The USPTO estimates that 100 percent of the annual responses for this collection will be submitted electronically via EFS-Web, which customers may access through the USPTO website.
- Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately between 5 minutes (0.08 hours) and 3 hours to complete the information in this collection, including the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the forms or documents, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.
- Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 462 hours.
- Estimated Total Annual Respondent (Hourly) Cost Burden:* \$202,356. The USPTO expects that that an attorney will complete the information in this collection. The professional hourly rate for intellectual property attorneys in private firms is \$438. Using this hourly rate, the USPTO estimates that the total respondent cost burden for this collection is \$202,356.00 per year.

No.	Item	Estimated time for response (a)	Estimated annual response (b)	Estimated annual burden hours (a) × (b) = (c)	Rate (d)	Estimated annual total cost (c) × (d) = (e)
1 .....	Petition for Participation in the Collaborative Search Pilot (CSP) Program Between the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the USPTO.	3	50	150	\$438.00	\$65,700.00
2 .....	Petition for Participation in the Collaborative Search Pilot (CSP) Program Between the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KPO) and the USPTO.	3	100	300	438.00	131,400.00
3 .....	CSP Survey .....	* 0.08	150	12	438.00	5,256.00
Total .....	.....	.....	300	462	.....	202,356.00

\*5 minutes.

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

no estimated filing fees or postage costs for this collection.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or

included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They also will become a matter of public record.

Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Marcie Lovett,**

*Records and Information Governance  
Division Director, OCTO, United States Patent  
and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; "Patent Reexamination and Supplemental Examinations"

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.

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

*Title:* Patent Reexamination and Supplemental Examinations.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0064.

*Form Number(s):*

- PTO/SB/57
- PTO/SB/59

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,540 responses per year.

*Average Hour per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately between 18 minutes (0.30 hours) to 55 hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form or other document, and submit the information to the USPTO.

*Burden Hours:* 32,962.50 hours per year.

*Cost Burden:* \$2,747,178 per year.

*Needs and Uses:* The public uses this information collection to request

supplemental examination and reexamination proceedings and to ensure that the associated documentation is submitted to the USPTO.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions.

*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](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov).

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0064 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Division Director, Office of the Chief Technology 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 October 29, 2018 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

**Marcie Lovett,**

*Records and Information Governance  
Division Director, OCTO, United States Patent  
and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; "Fee Deficiency Submissions"

The Department of Commerce 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.

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

*Title:* Fee Deficiency Submissions.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0070.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,500 responses per year.

*Average Hours per Response:* 2 hours per response.

*Burden Hours:* 5,000 hours annually.

*Cost Burden:* \$335.00.

*Needs and Uses:* The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act ("Act") was enacted into law on September 16, 2011. See Public Law 112-29, 125 Stat. 283 (2011). Under section 10(b) of the Act, eligible small entities shall receive a 50 percent fee reduction from the undiscounted fees for filing, searching, examining, issuing, appealing, and maintaining patent applications and patents. The Act further provides that micro entities shall receive a 75 percent fee reduction from the undiscounted fees for filing, searching, examining, issuing, appealing, and maintaining patent applications and patents.

This information collection covers the submissions made by patent applicants and patentees to excuse small and micro entity fee payment errors, in accordance with the procedures set forth in 37 CFR 1.28(c) and 1.29(k). Specifically, 37 CFR 1.28(c) provides a procedure by which patent applicants and patentees may be excused for erroneous payments of fees in the small entity amount. 37 CFR 1.29(k) provides a procedure by which patent applicants and patentees may be excused for erroneous payments of fees in the micro entity amount.

This information collection is necessary so that patent applicants and patentees may pay the balance of fees due (i.e., make a fee deficiency payment) when a fee was previously paid in error in a micro or small entity amount. The USPTO needs the information to be able to process and properly record a fee deficiency payment to avoid questions arising later either for the USPTO or for the applicant or patentee as to whether the proper fees have been paid in the application or patent. This renewal seeks to extend the authority of USPTO to collect the balance of fees due from those who may have such an outstanding balance (i.e., a fee deficiency).

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions.

*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](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov).

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Further information can be obtained by: