

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS—Continued

Enforcement Consultants	8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary.
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary.
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.
Friday, April 6, 2007	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary.
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

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

Dated: March 16, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020907C]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit Applications

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of applications; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On February 15, 2007, the NMFS announced receipt of seven applications for permits to conduct research on free-ranging threatened and endangered Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) in California, Washington, Oregon, and Alaska; five applications for permits to conduct research on free-ranging northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) in Alaska; and one application for an amendment to a permit for activities with captive Steller sea lions in Alaska. Written comments were due by April 2, 2007. NMFS has decided to allow additional time for submission of public comments on this action.

DATES: The public comment period for this action has been extended from April 2 to April 30, 2007. Written comments must be received or postmarked by April 30, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on the particular request(s) would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for

providing e-mail comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include the appropriate File Number(s) in the subject line of the e-mail comment as a document identifier.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams, Amy Sloan, Kate Swails, or Jaclyn Daly, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 15, 2007 (72 FR 7420) NMFS announced receipt of the following applications for permits: 782-1889, 358-1888, 881-1893, 881-1890, 434-1892, 1049-1886, 1034-1887, 715-1883, 715-1884, 715-1885, 1118-1881, 1119-1882, and 881-1745. Summaries of the specific permit applications can be found in the February 15, 2007, **Federal Register** notice and are not repeated here. Specific permit applications are available upon request from the locations provided in the February 15, 2007, **Federal Register** notice and at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/review.htm>.

Dated: March 15, 2007.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted 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. Chapter 35).

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

Title: Electronic Response to Office Action and Preliminary Amendment Forms.

Form Number(s): PTO Forms 1930, 1957, 1966.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0050.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 25,653 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 150,900 responses per year.

Avg. Hours per Response: The time needed to respond to the request for reconsideration form is estimated to be 10 minutes (0.17 hours). This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed request.

Needs and Uses: This collection is being submitted as a proposed addition in support of a notice of proposed rulemaking, "Changes in the Requirements for Filing Requests for Reconsideration of Final Office Action in Trademark Cases" (RIN 0651-AC05). The USPTO proposes to amend 37 CFR 2.64 to require a request for reconsideration of an examining attorney's final refusal or requirement to be filed through the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) within three months of the mailing date of the final action.

This rulemaking would add an additional requirement to this collection, a Request for Reconsideration after Final Action (Form 1930). The amendment to 37 CFR 2.64 would streamline and promote efficiency in the process once a final action has issued in an application for Trademark registration. By setting a three-month period in which to file a request for reconsideration of the final action, and by requiring that the request be filed through TEAS, the proposed amendment would facilitate the likely disposition of an applicant's request for reconsideration prior to the six-month deadline for filing an appeal to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) or petition to the Director on the same final action. This practice may eliminate the need for some appeals or petitions, and reduces the need for remands and transfers of applications on appeal.

The proposed earlier deadline and mandatory TEAS filing facilitate the likely disposition of the request for reconsideration prior to the deadline to petition or appeal. A grant of reconsideration within this timeframe

will obviate the need for an applicant to file an appeal or petition, thus also saving the applicant the filing fee for an appeal or petition. A denial of reconsideration within this timeframe will obviate the need for a case on appeal to be remanded and transferred between the TTAB and the examining attorney. Under either scenario, the timeframe in the proposed rule promotes more efficient and prompt handling of the case, and achieves benefits both for the applicant and the USPTO.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0050 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division, U.S. 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 April 20, 2007 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 15, 2007.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Final Procedures for Considering Requests Under the Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement

March 15, 2007.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Summary and response to comments concerning the CAFTA-DR commercial availability interim procedures; notice of final procedures.

SUMMARY: This notice summarizes the comments received concerning the Interim Procedures and provides responses to those comments. **See Interim Procedures for Considering Requests Under the Commercial Availability Provision to the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement**, 71 FR 9315 (February 23, 2006).

EFFECTIVE DATE: The date of entry into force of the Dominican-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Stetson, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act ("CAFTA-DR"); the Statement of Administrative Action ("SAA"), accompanying the CAFTA-DR, at 16-20.

Comments and Responses Concerning the Interim Procedures

On February 21, 2006, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements ("CITA") issued a **Federal Register** notice advising interested parties of Interim Procedures that CITA would follow in implementing certain provisions of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act ("CAFTA-DR Implementation Act"), namely the procedures for modification of the list of fabrics, yarns or fibers not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the countries that are Parties to the CAFTA-DR Agreement ("CAFTA-DR" or "Agreement"), as set out in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR. CITA has reviewed and considered all submitted comments, and below is a summary of and response to those comments.

Standards For Submissions: One commentator noted that the interim procedures did not provide a factual standard for determining the substitutability of other products for the product subject to the commercial availability request. **See, e.g.,** sections 4(b)(4) and 6(b)(2)(iv) of the Interim Procedures. CITA has not adopted this suggestion. A wide range of products may be the subject of a commercial availability request. As each commercial availability request is evaluated on the basis of the facts contained therein, it would be impracticable to set forth a uniform standard for substitutability;