

members will be selected on the basis of their experience and knowledge of the tourism industry. Members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce.

Board members shall serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the particular tourism-related sector in which they operate. Board members are not special government employees, and will receive no compensation for their participation in Board activities. Members participating in Board meetings and events will be responsible for their travel, living and other personal expenses. Meetings will be held regularly, usually in Washington, DC. The first Board meeting has not yet been determined.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: (1) Name and title of the individual requesting consideration. (2) A letter of recommendation containing a brief statement of why the applicant should be considered for membership on the Board. This recommendation should also include the applicant's tourism-related experience. (3) The applicant's personal resume. (4) An affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. (5) If a state or regional tourism marketing entity, the functions and responsibilities of the entity. (6) The company's size and ownership, product or service line and major markets in which the company operates.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit application information to Kate Worthington, Office of Advisory Committees, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board Executive Secretariat, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**Deadline:** Applications for immediate appointment should be received prior to November 15, 2007. However, applications will be accepted throughout FY2008 for consideration in the case of future vacancies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Worthington, (202) 482-4260.

Dated: October 25, 2007.

**Kate Worthington,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Advisory Committees, U.S. Department of Commerce.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XD46**

**Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Advisory Panel**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS solicits nominations for the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP). NMFS consults with and considers the comments and views of the AP when preparing and implementing FMPs or FMP amendments for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, sharks, and billfish. Nominations are being sought to fill one-third of the posts on the HMS AP for a 3-year appointment. Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, and non-governmental organizations will be considered for membership in the AP.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received on or before December 3, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations and requests for the Advisory Panel Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures by any of the following methods:

- Email:

*HMSAP.Nominations@noaa.gov.* Include in the subject line the following identifier: "HMS AP Nominations."

- Mail: Margo Schulze-Haugen, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.
- Fax: 301-713-1917.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Rilling at (301) 713-2347 x109.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Introduction**

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Public Law 104-297, provided for the establishment of Advisory Panels to assist in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the development of any Fishery Management Plan (FMP) or FMP amendment. The AP has consulted with NMFS on the HMS FMP (April 1999), Amendment 1 to the Billfish FMP (April 1999), Amendment 1 to the HMS FMP (December 2004), the Consolidated

HMS FMP (March 2006), and Amendments 1 and 2 to the Consolidated HMS FMP (October 2007).

**Procedures and Guidelines**

*A. Nomination Procedures for Appointments to the Advisory Panel*

Nomination packages should include:

1. The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of his/her interest in HMS or in one species of sharks, swordfish, tunas, or billfish;
2. A statement of background and/or qualifications;
3. A written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the AP; and
4. A list of outreach resources that the applicant has at his/her disposal to communicate HMS issues to various interest groups.

**Tenure for the HMS AP**

Member tenure will be for 3 years (36 months), with approximately one-third of the members' terms expiring on December 31 of each year. Nominations are sought for terms beginning January 2008 and expiring December 2010.

*B. Participants*

Nominations for the AP will be accepted to allow representation from recreational and commercial fishing interests, the conservation community, and the scientific community. The HMS AP consists of members who are knowledgeable about the fisheries for Atlantic HMS. Table 1 outlines the current representation of AP members whose terms are expiring by sector (i.e. commercial, recreational, environmental, or academic) and species (HMS, Tunas, Swordfish, Billfish, or Sharks). NMFS solicits nominations for these vacancies. Current representation on the HMS AP consists of 12 members representing commercial and/or recreational interests, 4 members representing environmental or academic interests, and 1 ICCAT Advisory Committee Chairperson. NMFS will seek to fill vacancies based principally on maintaining the current representation from each of the sectors, and secondarily by representation from the regions and/or species expertise.

TABLE 1. REPRESENTATION ON THE HMS AP BY SECTOR AND SPECIES FOR TERMS EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2007.

Sector	Species
Commercial	HMS
Commercial	HMS
Commercial	HMS
Commercial	Tuna
Commercial	Tuna
Environmental	Shark
Environmental	HMS
Environmental	HMS
Recreational	Billfish
Recreational	Billfish
Recreational	HMS
Recreational	Tuna

NMFS does not believe that each potentially affected organization or individual must necessarily have its own representative, but each sector must be adequately represented. The intent is to have a group that, as a whole, reflects an appropriate and equitable balance and mix of interests given the responsibilities of the AP. Criteria for membership include one or more of the following: (1) experience in the HMS recreational fishing industry; (2) experience in the HMS commercial fishing industry; (3) experience in fishery-related industries (e.g., marinas, bait and tackle shops); (4) experience in the scientific community working with HMS; and/or (5) representation of a private; non-governmental; regional, national, or international organization representing marine fisheries, environmental, governmental, or academic interests dealing with HMS.

Five additional members on the AP include one member representing each of the following Councils: New England Fishery Management Council, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and the Caribbean Fishery Management Council. The AP also includes 22 ex-officio participants: 20 representatives of the coastal states and two representatives of the interstate commissions (the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission).

NMFS will provide the necessary administrative support, including technical assistance, for the AP. However, NMFS will not compensate participants with monetary support of any kind. Depending on availability of funds, members may be reimbursed for travel costs related to the AP meetings.

#### C. Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the AP will be held as frequently as necessary but are routinely

held twice each year in the spring and fall. The meetings may be held in conjunction with public hearings.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 29, 2007.

#### Samuel D. Rauch III,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC40**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 1079-1828

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

**ACTION:** Notice; withdrawal of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that an application, submitted by Peter Scheifele, University of Connecticut, 3636 Horsebarn Hill Road, Unit 4040, Storrs, Connecticut 06269, to conduct research on cetaceans and pinnipeds has been withdrawn.

**ADDRESSES:** The documents related to this action are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9300; fax (978)281-9394.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaclyn Daly or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 5, 2006, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 38136) that an application for a scientific research permit had been filed by Peter Scheifele, University of Connecticut.

The applicant had requested authorization to conduct acoustic studies on cetaceans and pinnipeds being rehabilitated at the Mystic Aquarium, Connecticut. However, the applicant has failed to provide additional information and clarification, as requested by NMFS, regarding the proposed activities within 60 days. Pursuant to Federal Regulations (50 CFR

216.33(4)), the application has been withdrawn.

Dated: October 26, 2007.

#### P. Michael Payne,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### 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. Chapter 35).

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

**Title:** Dissemination Events and Registrations.

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

**Agency Approval Number:** 0651-00xx.

**Type of Request:** New collection.

**Burden:** 328 hours annually.

**Number of Respondents:** 4,100 responses per year.

**Avg. Hours Per Response:** The USPTO estimates that it takes 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to complete the event and PTDL (Patent and Trademark Depository Library) registrations, whether they are completed electronically or mailed to the USPTO. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the registration request, and submit it to the USPTO.

**Needs and Uses:** Under 35 U.S.C. 2(A)(2) the USPTO is "responsible for disseminating to the public information with respect to patents and trademarks." The USPTO sponsors various events and collects information from both the public and the partnership members to plan these events and to arrange for the security of the events, if necessary. The public and PTDL members use the registration forms in this collection to request access to the USPTO-sponsored events. The USPTO uses the information collected from the registrations to plan for the various events, such as outreach to independent inventors, assistance to small businesses, and meetings discussing the prevention of unlawful intellectual property practices, international trends, cooperation between intellectual property entities, and long-term goals.