

SUMMARY: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet via webinar to discuss the SEDAR stock assessment process and assessment schedule. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet via webinar on Friday, October 16, 2020, from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Eastern.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie Neer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

SEDAR address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405; www.sedarweb.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Program Manager, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: Julie.neer@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SEDAR Steering Committee provides guidance and oversight of the SEDAR stock assessment program and manages assessment scheduling. The items of discussion for this meeting are as follows:

1. SEDAR Projects Update
2. SEDAR Projects Schedule
3. SEDAR Process Review and Discussions

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this 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 28, 2020.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA526]

Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; Notice That Vendor Will Provide 2021 Cage Tags

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

ACTION: Notice of vendor to provide fishing year 2021 cage tags.

SUMMARY: NMFS informs surfclam and ocean quahog individual transferable quota allocation holders that they will be required to purchase their fishing year 2021 (January 1, 2021–December 31, 2021) cage tags from the National Band and Tag Company. The intent of this notice is to comply with regulations for the Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries and to promote efficient distribution of cage tags.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aimee Ahles, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9373.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fishery regulations at 50 CFR 648.77(b) authorize the Regional Administrator of the Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, to specify in the **Federal Register** a vendor from whom cage tags, required under the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan (FMP), shall be purchased. Notice is hereby given that National Band and Tag Company of Newport, Kentucky, is the authorized vendor of cage tags required for the fishing year 2021 Federal surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries. Detailed instructions for purchasing these cage tags will be provided in a letter to individual transferable quota allocation holders in these fisheries from NMFS within the next several weeks.

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

Dated: September 25, 2020.

Jennifer M. Wallace,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comments Request; Patent Petitions Related to Application and Reexamination Processing Fees

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0059 (Patent Petitions Related to Application and Reexamination Processing Fees). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the information collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this information collection must be received on or before November 30, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information:

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0059 comment” in the subject line of the message.
- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *Mail:* Kimberly Hardy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-7728; or by email to raul.tamayo@uspto.gov with “0651-0059 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this information 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) is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 *et seq.* to examine an application for patent and, when appropriate, issue a patent. The USPTO also is required to publish patent applications, with certain exceptions, promptly after the expiration of a period of 18 months from the earliest filing date for which a benefit is sought under Title 35, United States Code.

Many actions taken by the USPTO during its examination of an application for patent or for reissue of a patent, or during its reexamination of a patent, are subject to review by an appeal to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. For other USPTO actions, review is in the form of administrative review obtained via submission of a petition to the USPTO. USPTO petitions practice provides an opportunity for a patent applicant or owner to supply additional information that may be required in order for the USPTO to further process an application or patent.

This information collection covers petitions filed in patent applications and reexamination proceedings, and accompanying fees as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), or (h). This information collection also covers the transmittals for the petition fees.

II. Method of Collection

The items in this information collection can be submitted electronically through Electronic Filing System-Web (EFS-Web), on paper by mail, facsimile, or hand delivery to the USPTO.

III. Data

- OMB Number: 0651-0059.
- Form Number(s): (SB = Specimen Book; AIA = America Invents Act).
- PTO/SB/28 (EFS-Web only) (Petitions to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program)
- PTO/AIA/24a (Petitions for Express Abandonment to Avoid Publication Under 37 CFR 1.138(c))
- PTO/SB/23 (Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(b))

- PTO/AIA/17P (Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), and (h) Transmittal)
 - PTO/SB/140 (Petition to Withdraw an Application from Issue)
- Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Private sector; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,922 respondents per year.

Estimated Number of Responses: 40,922 responses per year.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public from approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to 12 hours to complete a response, depending on the complexity of the particular item. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 72,958 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: \$29,183,200.

TABLE 1—TOTAL HOURLY BURDEN FOR PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Estimated annual responses (year)	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated annual burden (hour/year)	Rate ¹ (\$/hour)	Estimated annual burden
			(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = c	(d)	(c) × (d) = e
1	Petitions (corresponding to the fee) Under 37 CFR 1.17(f) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition to Accord a Filing Date Under 1.57(a). • Petition to Accord a Filing Date Under 1.53(e). • Petition for Decision on a Question Not Specifically Provided For. • Petition to Suspend the Rules. • Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), and (h) Transmittal. 	4,146	4,146	4	16,583	\$400	\$6,633,200
2	Petitions (corresponding to the fee) Under 37 CFR 1.17(g) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition to Access an Assignment Record. • Petition for Access to an Application. • Petition for Expungement and Return of Information. • Petition to Suspend Action in an Application. • Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), and (h) Transmittal. 	10,313	10,313	2	20,626	400	8,250,400
3	Petitions (corresponding to the fee) Under 37 CFR 1.17(h) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition for Accepting Color Drawings or Photographs. • Petition for Entry of a Model or Exhibit. • Petition to Withdraw an Application from Issue. • Petition to Defer Issuance of a Patent. • Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), and (h) Transmittal. 	23,866	23,866	1	23,866	400	9,546,400
4	Petitions to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program (EFS-Web only).	798	798	12	9,576	400	3,830,400
5	Petitions for Express Abandonment to Avoid Publication Under 37 CFR 1.138(c).	570	570	.2	114	400	45,600
6	Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(b)	1	1	.5	1	400	400
Total		39,694	39,694		70,766		28,306,400

¹ 2019 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); <https://www.aipla.org/detail/journal-issue/2019-report-of-the-economic-survey>. The USPTO uses the mean rate for attorneys in private firms which is \$400 per hour.

TABLE 2—TOTAL HOURLY BURDEN FOR INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Estimated annual responses (year) (a)	Estimated time for response (hours) (b)	Estimated annual burden (hour/year) (a) × (b) = c	Rate ² (\$/hour) (d)	Estimated annual burden (c) × (d) = e
1	Petitions (corresponding to the fee) Under 37 CFR 1.17(f) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition to Accord a Filing Date Under 1.57(a). • Petition to Accord a Filing Date Under 1.53(e). • Petition for Decision on a Question Not Specifically Provided For. • Petition to Suspend the Rules. • Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), and (h) Transmittal. 	128	128	4	512	\$400	\$204,800
2	Petitions (corresponding to the fee) Under 37 CFR 1.17(g) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition to Access an Assignment Record. • Petition for Access to an Application. • Petition for Expungement and Return of Information. • Petition to Suspend Action in an Application. • Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), and (h) Transmittal. 	319	319	2	638	400	255,200
3	Petitions (corresponding to the fee) Under 37 CFR 1.17(h) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition for Accepting Color Drawings or Photographs. • Petition for Entry of a Model or Exhibit. • Petition to Withdraw an Application from Issue. • Petition to Defer Issuance of a Patent. • Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), and (h) Transmittal. 	738	738	1	738	400	295,200
5	Petitions to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program (EFS-Web only).	25	25	12	300	400	120,000
6	Petitions for Express Abandonment to Avoid Publication Under 37 CFR 1.138(c).	18	18	.2	4	400	1,600
Total		1,228	1,228		2,192		876,800

²2019 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); <https://www.aipla.org/detail/journal-issue/2019-report-of-the-economic-survey>. The USPTO uses the mean rate for attorneys in private firms which is \$400 per hour.

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Respondent Cost Burden: \$3,195,134.

There are no capital start-up, operation, or maintenance costs

associated with this information collection. However, this information collection does have annual non-hour

costs in the form of postage costs and filing fees.

TABLE 3—ANNUAL NON-HOUR COST BURDEN

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Estimated cost (b)	Estimated non-hour cost burden (a) × (b)
1	Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (f) (Group I) (large entity).	1,089	\$420	\$457,380
1	Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (f) (Group I) (small entity).	840	210	176,400
1	Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (f) (Group I) (micro entity).	208	105	21,840
2	Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (g) (Group II) (large entity).	4,739	220	1,042,580
2	Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (g) (Group II) (small entity).	515	110	56,650
2	Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (g) (Group II) (micro entity).	62	55	3,410
3	Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (h) (Group III) (large entity).	8,310	140	1,163,400
3	Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (h) (Group III) (small entity).	3,777	70	264,390
3	Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (h) (Group III) (micro entity).	214	35	7,490
*Total				3,193,540

Respondents may also incur postage costs when submitting items in this information collection. Although the USPTO prefers that items in this information collection be submitted electronically, items may be submitted to the USPTO by mail through the United States Postal Service. The USPTO expects that approximately 99 percent of the items in this information collection will be submitted electronically, resulting in 198 mailed submissions. The average cost for a four-ounce 2-Day Priority Mail legal flat rate envelope shipped first-class via USPS is \$8.05. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the postage costs for the mailed submissions in this information collection will total \$1,594.

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

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public view, USPTO

cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Christopher G. Baker,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2020-SCC-0158]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Implementation Evaluation of the Title III National Professional Development Program

AGENCY: Institute for Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 30, 2020.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2020-SCC-0158. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W208B, Washington, DC 20202-8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Tracy Rimdzius, 202.245-7283.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Implementation Evaluation of the Title III National Professional Development Program.

OMB Control Number: 1850-NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 939.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 411.

Abstract: The data collection described in this submission includes activities for an implementation evaluation of the National Professional Development (NPD) program, authorized by Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which aims to help educational personnel working with English learners (ELs) meet high professional standards and to improve classroom instruction for ELs. The evaluation is designed to provide a systematic and up-to-date look at the implementation of NPD-supported activities among the programs' 91 current grantees as well as a representative sample of pre-service and in-service educators who participated in NPD-supported activities. The surveys will collect information on NPD grantees' goals, strategies used to meet those goals, changes made to teacher education programs, and challenges and successes