

*Legal Authority:***IV. Request for Comments**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648-XA900]

**New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council is convening its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will

be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This webinar will be held on Friday, March 26, 2021 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7544505055762063375>. Call in information: +1 (562) 247-8321, Access Code 658-624-262.

**ADDRESSES:** *Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Agenda**

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet to review initial information from the Atlantic Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) and provide the PDT guidance on developing rebuilding plan alternatives for Atlantic Herring. They will receive a presentation on the Northeast Fisheries Science Center's (NEFSC) State of the Ecosystem Report and provide the NEFSC any recommendations about revisions. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: February 25, 2021.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO-P-2021-0012]

**Grant of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 8,858,612; Reducer®**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Interim Patent Term Extension.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued an order granting a one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 8,858,612.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ali Salimi by telephone at 571-272-0909; by mail marked to his attention and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Hatch-Waxman PTE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by fax marked to his attention at 571-273-0909; or by email to [ali.salimi@uspto.gov](mailto:ali.salimi@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to five years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review, and that the patent may be extended for interim periods of up to one year if the regulatory review is anticipated to extend beyond the expiration date of the patent.

On February 19, 2021, Neovasc Medical Ltd., the patent owner of record, timely filed an application under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a second interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 8,858,612. The patent claims methods of using a catheter delivered implantable device, Reducer®. The application for patent term extension indicates that a Premarket Approval Application (PMA) P190035 was submitted to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on December 31, 2019.

Review of the patent term extension application indicates that, except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156, and that the patent should be extended for one year

as required by 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5)(B). Because the regulatory review period will continue beyond the extended expiration date of the patent, March 27, 2021, interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) is appropriate.

An interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 8,858,612 is granted for a period of one year from the extended expiration date of the patent.

**Robert Bahr,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Assessment Governing Board

#### Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of open and closed virtual meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the agenda for National Assessment Governing Board (hereafter referred to as Governing Board) meetings scheduled on multiple dates starting on March 1, 2021 and ending on March 5, 2021. This notice provides information to members of the public who may be interested in accessing the virtual meeting and/or providing written comments related to the work of the Governing Board. Notice of the full Board meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to delays in finalizing the meeting agenda, which was dependent on deliberations of the Governing Board's standing committees. This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to delays in finalizing the meeting agenda, which was dependent on deliberations of the Governing Board's standing committees. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were significant delays in scheduling the standing committee meetings.

#### Standing Committee Meetings

The Governing Board's standing committees will meet to conduct regularly scheduled work on various dates from March 1-3, 2021 based on ongoing committee agenda topics and follow-up activities as reported in the Governing Board's committee meeting minutes available at <https://>

[www.nagb.gov/governing-board/quarterly-board-meetings.html](http://www.nagb.gov/governing-board/quarterly-board-meetings.html).

Four standing committee meetings will convene prior to the March 4-5, 2021 plenary sessions of the Governing Board meeting. Meeting agendas will be posted at [www.nagb.gov](http://www.nagb.gov) no later than February 26, 2021. All meetings are convened in Eastern Time.

**Monday, March 1, 2021, Reporting & Dissemination Committee, 10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021, Committee on Standards, Design & Methodology, 2:00 p.m.–3:50 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021, Executive Committee, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021, Assessment Development Committee: 5:15 p.m.–7:45 p.m.**

The plenary sessions of the March 4-5, 2021 quarterly meeting of the Governing Board will be held on the following dates and times:

**Thursday, March 4, 2021: Open**

**Meeting: 12:15–5:30 p.m. (EST)**

**Friday, March 5, 2021: Closed Meetings: 12:00–1:50 p.m. (EST); Open Meeting: 1:55–5:30 p.m.**

**March 4, 2021: Open Meeting:**

On Thursday, March 4, 2021, the Governing Board will meet in open session from 12:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

From 12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Chair Haley Barbour will welcome members; review and approve the March 4-5, 2021 quarterly Governing Board meeting agenda and approve minutes from the November 19-20, 2020 quarterly Governing Board meeting. The Governing Board will then take action on a release plan for the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Science Report Card.

From 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. two updates on ongoing work will be provided. Mark Schneider, Director of the Institute of Education Sciences, will provide an update and Lesley Muldoon, Executive Director of the Governing Board, will update the Governing Board ongoing work.

From 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Governing Board will discuss if and how NAEP can play a role in national conversations and actions to create more equitable outcomes for students. This discussion will be led by a panel of experts who will reflect on recommendations developed by a Committee convened by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on Developing Indicators of Educational Equity.

After a 15-minute break, from 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. the Governing Board will convene a symposium on Reading Comprehension in Large-Scale

Assessment. The symposium will be moderated by Patrick Kelly, Governing Board member, and include the participation of several reading experts. The March 4, 2021 session of the Governing Board meeting will adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

**March 5, 2021: Closed Meetings:**

On Friday, March 5, 2021, the Governing Board meeting will convene in two closed sessions from 12:00 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. Eastern Time.

During the first closed session convened from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. the Governing Board will receive a briefing from the Nominations Committee on its recommendations for candidates to fill board vacancies. The Governing Board will review the recommendations for the final slate of candidates for submission to the Secretary of Education for appointments that begin October 1, 2021. These discussions pertain solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of § 552b(c) of Title 5 of the United States Code. The Governing Board will take a short break to transition to the next closed session.

On Friday, March 5, 2021, the second closed session will take place from 12:35 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. Peggy Carr, Associate Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics, will provide a briefing on the NAEP Budget and Assessment Schedule. The briefing and Governing Board discussions may impact current and future NAEP contracts and budgets and must be kept confidential to maintain the integrity of the federal acquisition process. Public disclosure of this confidential information would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP assessment program if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of § 552b(c) of Title 5 of the United States Code.

The Governing Board will meet in open session thereafter, from 1:55 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. From 1:55 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Governing Board will discuss and take action on two agenda items—an updated NAEP Assessment Schedule and on finalists for Governing Board vacancies for terms that will begin on October 1, 2021 for submission to the Secretary of Education for consideration and appointment.

From 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., the Governing Board will receive updates from two standing Task Forces established by the Governing Board—