

meet Tuesday, September 28, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time. All sessions will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a virtual meeting via webinar. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Brewer, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Telephone: (301) 975-2489, Email address: [jeffrey.brewer@nist.gov](mailto:jeffrey.brewer@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. app., notice is hereby given that the ISPAB will hold an open meeting Tuesday, September 28, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time. All sessions will be open to the public. The ISPAB is authorized by 15 U.S.C. 278g-4, as amended, and advises the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on information security and privacy issues pertaining to Federal government information systems, including through review of proposed standards and guidelines developed by NIST. Details regarding the ISPAB's activities are available at <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/ispab>.

The agenda is expected to include the following items:

- Board Discussion on Executive Order 14028, Improving the Nation's Cybersecurity (May 12, 2021) deliverables and impacts to date,
- Presentation by NIST, the Department of Homeland Security, and the General Services Administration on upcoming work specified in Executive Order 14028,
- Presentation by the Office of Management and Budget on Executive Order 14028 directions and memoranda to U.S. Federal Agencies,
- Board Discussion on recommendations and issues related to Executive Order 14028.

Note that agenda items may change without notice. The final agenda will be posted on the ISPAB event page at: <https://csrc.nist.gov/Events/2021/ispab-september-2021-meeting>.

**Public Participation:** Written questions or comments from the public are invited and may be submitted electronically by email to Jeff Brewer at the contact information indicated in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**

section of this notice by 5 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2021.

The ISPAB agenda will include a period, not to exceed fifteen minutes, for submitted questions or comments from the public between 3:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Submitted questions or comments from the public will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to five minutes per person.

Members of the public who wish to expand upon their submitted statements, those who had wished to submit a question or comment but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend the meeting via webinar are invited to submit written statements. In addition, written statements are invited and may be submitted to the ISPAB at any time. All written statements should be directed to the ISPAB Secretariat, Information Technology Laboratory by email to: [jeffrey.brewer@nist.gov](mailto:jeffrey.brewer@nist.gov).

**Admittance Instructions:** All participants will be attending via webinar and must register on ISPAB's event page at: <https://csrc.nist.gov/Events/2021/ispab-september-2021-meeting> by 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday, September 27, 2021.

**Alicia Chambers,**

*NIST Executive Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Pacific Islands Region Seabird-Fisheries Interaction Recovery Reporting

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 21, 2021 (86 FR 20663) during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for

an additional 30 days for public comments.

**Agency:** NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Commerce.

**Title:** Pacific Islands Short-tailed Albatross-Fisheries Interaction Recovery Reporting.

**OMB Control Number:** 0648-0456.

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

**Type of Request:** Regular submission, revision and extension of a current information collection.

**Number of Respondents:** 1.

**Average Hours per Response:** 1.25.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 1.25.

**Needs and Uses:** Federal regulations at 50 CFR 665.815(b) require Hawaii-based longline fishermen to safely handle and release short-tailed albatrosses (*Phoebastria albatrus*) (STAL) caught incidentally during fishing operations. The vessel operator must: (a) Contact NMFS, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service immediately; (b) complete and submit a Short-tailed Albatross Recovery Data Form; and (c) attach identical information tags to the carcass and specimen bag if the STAL is dead and turn over the carcass to USFWS within 72 hours after returning to port. When a STAL is brought on board a vessel, the vessel operator must record the incident's date, time, location, any tag data, and injury and health descriptions on the Short-tailed Albatross Recovery Data Form.

Two minor revisions were made to the Recovery Data Form based on comments for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: On page 1 of the form, the statement "If a photo is taken, attach to form when submitted." was added to the Photograph field; on the bottom of page 2 instruction was added to submit the form and photo (if taken) to U.S. Fish & Wildlife by email.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations.

**Frequency:** As needed.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**Legal Authority:** 50 CFR 665.815(b).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search

function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0456.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

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

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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; Comment Request; Patent Reexaminations, Supplemental Examinations, and Post Patent Submissions

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651–0064 (Patent Reexaminations, Supplemental Examinations, and Post Patent Submissions). 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 September 24, 2021.

**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](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include “0651–0064 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 Parikha Mehta, Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by telephone at 571–272–3248; or by email to [Parikha.Mehta@uspto.gov](mailto:Parikha.Mehta@uspto.gov) with “0651–0064 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 USPTO is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 and 151 to examine applications and, when appropriate, allow applications and issue them as patents. Chapter 30 of Title 35 U.S.C. provides that any person at any time may file a request for reexamination by the USPTO of any claim of a patent on the basis of prior art cited under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 301. Once initiated, the reexamination proceedings under Chapter 30 are substantially *ex parte* and do not permit input from third parties. The regulations outlining *ex parte* reexaminations are found at 37 CFR 1.510–1.570.

In addition, 35 U.S.C. 257 permits a patent owner to request supplemental examination of a patent by the USPTO to consider, reconsider, or correct information believed to be relevant to the patent. The regulations outlining supplemental examination are found at 37 CFR 1.601–1.625.

The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act terminated *inter partes* reexamination effective September 16, 2012. However, *inter partes* reexamination proceedings based on *inter partes* reexamination requests filed before September 16, 2012, continue to be prosecuted. Therefore, this information collection continues to include items related to the prosecution of *inter partes* reexamination proceedings. The regulations outlining *inter partes* reexamination are found at 37 CFR 1.903–1.959.

The provisions of 35 U.S.C. 301 and 37 CFR 1.501 govern the ability of a person to submit into the file of an issued patent (1) prior art consisting of patents or printed publications which the person making the submission believes to have a bearing on the patentability of any claim of the issued patent and (2) statements of the owner of the issued patent filed in a proceeding before a Federal court or the USPTO in which the owner of the issued patent took a position on the scope of any claim of the issued patent.

This information collection covers information contained in: (1) Requests for *ex parte* reexamination, (2) requests for supplemental examination, (3) submissions made by patent owners and third-party requesters related to the prosecution of an *ex parte* or *inter partes* reexamination proceeding, (4) information submitted by the public to aid in ascertaining the patentability

and/or scope of the claims of the issued patent, and (5) information submitted by patent owners regarding a position taken before the USPTO or a Federal court regarding the scope of any claim in their issued patent. The USPTO’s use of the statements of the patent owners ((5) above) will be limited to determining the meaning of a patent claim in *ex parte* reexamination proceedings that already have been ordered and in *inter partes* review and post grant review proceedings that already have been instituted.

The purpose of this information collection is to facilitate requests for *ex parte* reexamination and supplemental examination, to facilitate prosecution of reexamination and reissue proceedings, and to ensure that the associated documentation is submitted to the USPTO, and to permit relevant post-patent prior art and claim scope information to be entered into a patent file.

This renewal request incorporates an item that was previously approved under OMB control number 0651–0067 (Post Patent Public Submissions), specifically ‘information disclosure citations’. The title of this information collection is being updated to reflect that change with the inclusion of “Post Patent Submissions”. As the information disclosure citation was the only item contained in 0651–0067, that information collection will be discontinued.

##### II. Method of Collection

The items in this information collection may be submitted online using the Patent Electronic Systems (EFS-Web or Patent Center), or on paper by either mail or hand delivery.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0651–0064.

*Form Numbers:* (SB = Specimen Book).

- PTO/SB/42 (Information Disclosure Citation in a Patent).
- PTO/SB/57 (Request for Ex Parte Reexamination Transmittal Form).
- PTO/SB/59 (Request for Supplemental Examination Transmittal Form).

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Private sector; individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 864 respondents per year.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 880 responses per year.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately between 30 minutes (0.5