

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: August 24, 2022.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

*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-XC314]

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of web conference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate Change Taskforce (BSFEP CC) will meet September 15, 2022.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a web conference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2951>.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Diana Stram, Council staff; phone; (907) 271-2809 and email: [diana.stram@noaa.gov](mailto:diana.stram@noaa.gov). For technical support, please contact our administrative staff; email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

*Thursday, September 15, 2022*

The agenda will include: (a) provide feedback on the Climate Readiness Synthesis report; (b) discuss rankings; (c) plan next steps for CCTF work in 2022-23; (d) and other business. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2951> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

**Connection Information**

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2951>.

**Public Comment**

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2951>.

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

Dated: August 25, 2022.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

*Acting Deputy 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; Comment Request; Patent and PTAB Pro Bono Programs**

**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), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0082 Patent and PTAB Pro Bono Programs. 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 October 31, 2022.

**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 "0651-0082 comment" in the subject line of the message.
- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, 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 Stacey G. White, Lead Administrative Patent Judge, USPTO—Patent Trial and Appeal Board, Texas Regional Office; 207 S Houston St., Dallas, TX 75202 by telephone at (469) 295-9061; or by email to [Stacey.White@uspto.gov](mailto:Stacey.White@uspto.gov) with "0651-0082 comment" in the subject line. Additional information about this collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA), Public Law 112-29 § 32 (2011) directs the USPTO to work with and support intellectual property law associations across the country in the establishment of pro bono programs designed to assist financially under-resourced independent inventors and small businesses. To support this, the USPTO—in collaboration with various non-profit organizations—implemented the Patent Pro Bono program; a series of autonomous regional hubs that act as matchmakers to help connect low-income inventors with volunteer patent attorneys across the United States. The Patent Pro Bono program comprises a network of regional hubs organized by various bar associations, law school IP clinics, and lawyer referral services that provide services across all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

In 2022, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) began coordinating *pro bono* opportunities through the newly created PTAB Pro Bono Program, having supported the establishment of a national clearinghouse that acts as a matchmaker to connect under-resourced inventors with volunteer patent practitioners across the United States for assistance in preparing and arguing *ex parte* appeals before the PTAB. The PTAB Bar Association's national clearinghouse provides access to legal representation for *pro bono ex parte* appeal services across all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

Each *pro bono* program will be requesting that their respective regional hubs and a national clearinghouse collect demographic information from those seeking assistance that will be self-identified by the applicant. The requested standardized demographic information, collected through Applicant Intake Forms, will be a

voluntary part of the overall application materials that each independent inventor fills out when seeking *pro bono* assistance. The information collected will be kept confidential by the regional hubs and the national clearinghouse and only aggregate information is shared with the USPTO. This aggregate information, will also be used to help determine the extent to which women, minorities, and veterans engage the Pro Bono Programs supported by USPTO.

This renewal of 0651–0082 broadens the scope of the information collection to include the PTAB Pro Bono Program, in addition to the Patent Pro Bono Program that was covered under this collection. The name of the information collection has been adjusted from “Pro Bono Survey” to “Patent and PTAB Pro Bono Programs” in order to include related programs under this single information collection. This information collection includes an instrument capturing data for the Patent Pro Bono program (Patent Pro Bono Survey) and

its applicant participations (Patent Applicant Intake Form). The information collection also has a similar instrument that covers the collection of data for the PTAB program (PTAB Pro Bono Survey) and the applicants requesting to participate in that PTAB offering (PTAB Applicant Intake Form).

**II. Method of Collection**

The Pro Bono surveys will be conducted electronically through web forms created to support these surveys. Applicant Intake forms may be offered electronically or in person depending the needs of the participating organizations.

**III. Data**

OMB Control Number: 0651–0082.  
Forms:

- USPTO/550 (Patent Pro Bono Survey)
- USPTO/551 (Patent Applicant Intake Form)
- USPTO/552 (PTAB Pro Bono Survey)
- USPTO/553 (PTAB Applicant Intake Form)

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

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

*Respondent’s Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 1,763 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 1,832 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately between 5 minutes (0.083 hours) and 2 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, fill out the item, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 332 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden:* \$16,329.

TABLE 1—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO PRO BONO PROGRAM RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Respondent type	Estimated annual respondents (a)	Responses per respondent (b)	Estimated annual responses (a) × (b) = (c)	Estimated time for response (hours) (d)	Estimated burden (hour/year) (c) × (d) = (e)	Rate <sup>1</sup> (\$/hour) (f)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden (e) × (f) = (g)
1	Patent Pro Bono Survey (PTO Form 550).	Private Sector	22	4	88	2	176	\$55.41	\$9,752
2	Patent Applicant Intake Form (or equivalent) (PTO Form 551).	Individuals or Households.	1,700	1	1,700	0.083 (5 minutes)	141	41.45	5,844
3	PTAB Pro Bono Survey (PTAB 552).	Private Sector	1	4	4	2	8	55.41	443
4	PTAB Applicant Intake Form (PTAB Form 553).	Individuals or Households.	40	1	40	0.17 (10 minutes)	7	41.45	290
Totals			1,763		1,832		332		16,329

<sup>1</sup> The hourly rate for the survey of pro bono administrators (BLS 11–1021) is based the BLS 2021 National Occupation Employment and Wage Statistics. The hourly rate for the intake form uses the average of mean rates for Engineers (17–0000) and Scientists (19–0000).

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden:* \$1,333. There are no maintenance costs, recordkeeping costs, filing fees, or postage costs associated with this information collection. There are startup costs for the PTAB clearinghouse to create the system required to capture information which USPTO estimates will cost \$4,000. This one time cost of \$4,000 is annualized over a three year period for an annual cost of \$1,333.

**IV. Request for Comments**

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the 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 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 personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to

withhold PII from public view, USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

**Justin Isaac,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

[Docket ID: USA-2022-HQ-0006]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD has submitted to OMB for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 29, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angela Duncan, 571-372-7574, [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Exchange Credit Program; CRC 7429395; OMB Control Number 0702-0137.

*Type of Request:* Revision.  
*Number of Respondents:* 869,231.  
*Responses per Respondent:* 1.  
*Annual Responses:* 869,231.  
*Average Burden per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 28,975.  
*Needs and Uses:* The information collection is the basis for determining Exchange patron credit eligibility, enhancing the patron's shopping experience, determining the patron's suitability to cash checks at Exchange facilities, and collecting government debts. Allowing patrons to use credit in their shopping experience supports the

efficiency and effectiveness of the Exchange's marketing programs and the mission to support the Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs. Authorized patrons include individuals who are members of the uniformed services, retired members, authorized veterans, and dependents of members of the Armed Forces, commissioned officers of the Public Health Service, and commissioned officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Other individuals may meet the requirements of being patrons as mandated by regulation. The Exchange offers "personal credit" accounts to service members for purchases of military clothing and to all authorized patrons a private label Military Star credit card for retail purchases. Patrons deciding to apply for credit may voluntarily complete the application form online, through a local Exchange facility by completing the Exchange paper form CRC 7429395 "Military Star Credit Paper Application", or by supplying information to an authorized Exchange cashier at the Point of Sale. Account holders requesting to update information on their account may do so electronically by visiting <https://www.myecp.com/>, or by contacting the Exchange MILITARY STAR department at 1-877-891-7827. Information collected from the patron allows the Exchange to address their credit worthiness, and supply monthly statements and debt communication, to include wage garnishments.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Angela Duncan.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to

Ms. Duncan at [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

Dated: August 24, 2022.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DoD-2022-OS-0109]

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 60-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Contract Audit Agency announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 31, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, Regulatory Directorate, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>