

determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion at the SEDAR 82 South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish Assessment Webinar 7 are as follows: Discuss any leftover data issues that were not cleared up during the data process, answer any questions that the analysts have, and discuss model development and model setup.

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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council 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 22, 2023.

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*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; DOCX Submission Requirements

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) 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. The USPTO invites comments on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** (88 FR 37039) on June 6, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

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

*Title:* DOCX Submission Requirements.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651–New.

*Needs and Uses:* On August 3, 2020, the USPTO published a final rule in the **Federal Register** that included a new fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(u). See *Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees in Fiscal Year 2020*, 85 FR 46932. Although that final rule indicated the new fee at § 1.16(u) would go into effect on January 1, 2022, the effective date of the new fee was delayed to give applicants more time to adjust to filing patent applications in the DOCX format.

As specified in § 1.16(u), the fee is due for any application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111 for an original patent—except design, plant, or provisional applications—where the specification, claims, and/or abstract do not conform to the USPTO requirements for submission in the DOCX format. Therefore, the fee is due for nonprovisional utility applications filed

under 35 U.S.C. 111, including continuing applications, that are not filed in the DOCX format.

The USPTO conducted two pilot programs for filing applications in the DOCX format. The eMod Text Pilot Program was conducted between August 2016 and September 2017. The USPTO then expanded the ability to file patent applications in the DOCX format in EFS–Web to all users in September 2017. In 2018, the USPTO launched the Patent Center and conducted the Patent Center Text Pilot Program from June 2018 through April 2020. All applicants have been able to file applications in the DOCX format in the Patent Center since April 2020. Information about the Patent Center is available at [www.uspto.gov/PatentCenter](http://www.uspto.gov/PatentCenter). The USPTO continues to hold many discussions and training sessions with stakeholders to ensure a fair and reasonable transition to the DOCX format. In addition, to further ensure a fair and reasonable transition to the DOCX format, the USPTO has, since April 2022, provided patent applicants with the option to submit a back-up applicant-generated PDF version of the application along with the DOCX file(s) when filing an application in Patent Center. See *Extension of the Option for Submission of a PDF With a Patent Application Filed in DOCX Format*, 88 FR 37036 (Jun. 6, 2023).

The items in this new information collection relate solely to the impacts of the § 1.16(u) non-DOCX filing surcharge fee on the filing of nonprovisional utility applications under 35 U.S.C. 111, including continuing applications. In particular, this new information collection accounts for the § 1.16(u) non-DOCX filing surcharge fee itself, as well as an additional 30 minutes of time to accommodate (i) the extra review that some respondents may undertake as they start to become more familiar with the DOCX format and (ii) submission of the back-up applicant-generated PDF that some respondents will opt to submit.

The estimated volumes for the items in this new information collection are based on the estimates for the corresponding nonprovisional utility applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 111, including continuing applications, that are covered under an existing OMB clearance (0651–0032; Initial Patent Applications). Respondents for the items in the new information collection will either take an extra 30 minutes to file their applications in DOCX format or they will pay the non-DOCX surcharge, they will not do both.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Type of Review:* New.

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

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Annual*

*Respondents:* 411,817 respondents (including 164,066 respondents from filing fees).

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*Responses:* 411,817 responses (including 164,066 responses from filing fees).

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.50 hours) to complete. This includes the time to create and submit the completed filing to the USPTO. The USPTO provides the 30-minute estimate out of an abundance of caution for the initial period after the effective date of the non-DOCX filing surcharge fee. The USPTO expects to decrease the 30-minute estimate by the first renewal of this collection as the public more fully comprehends the nature of, and how to comply with, the DOCX format.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 123,877 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden:* \$49,588,160.

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

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, [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 feature and entering the title of the information collection of the OMB Control Number, 0651–New.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651–New information request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

**Justin Isaac,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–C–2023–0034]

#### Joint ITA–NIST–USPTO Collaboration Initiative Regarding Standards

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

**ACTION:** Request for comments; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is extending the deadline for written comments announced in the **Federal Register** Notice titled "Joint ITA–NIST–USPTO Collaboration Initiative Regarding Standards; Notice of Public Listening Session and Request for Comments." Through this notice, the USPTO is extending the period for public comments until November 6, 2023.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before November 6, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Chris Hannon, at 571–272–7385 or Mr. Anthony Quinn, at 202–893–6488. Inquiries can also be sent to [SEP\\_Policy@uspto.gov](mailto:SEP_Policy@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 11, 2023, the USPTO published a **Federal Register** Notice titled "Joint ITA–NIST–USPTO Collaboration Initiative Regarding Standards; Notice of Public Listening Session and Request for Comments" (88 FR 62349), announcing that the USPTO, the International Trade Administration (ITA), and the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) are seeking stakeholder input on the current state of U.S. firm participation in standard setting, and the ability of U.S. industry to readily adopt standards to grow and compete, especially as they relate to the standardization of critical and emerging technologies. The Agencies are now extending the comment submission period until November 6, 2023, to ensure that stakeholders have a sufficient opportunity to submit written comments.

All other information provided in the September 11, 2023, notice remains unchanged. Previously submitted comments do not need to be resubmitted.

**Katherine K. Vidal,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following virtual Federal advisory committee meeting of the Remember and Explore Subcommittee to the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, please visit: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Advisory-Committee-on-Arlington-National-Cemetery/ACANC-Meetings>.

**DATES:** The Remember and Explore Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, October 12, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., eastern daylight time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Renea Yates; Designated Federal Official or Mr. Matthew Davis; Alternate Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the ACANC, in writing at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), Arlington VA 22211, or by email at [matthew.r.davis.civ@army.mil](mailto:matthew.r.davis.civ@army.mil), or by phone at 1–877–907–8585.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10, 5 U.S.C. (commonly known as the Federal Advisory Committee Act or FACA), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (U.S.C. 552b) and 41 Code of the Federal Regulations (CFR) 102–3.150.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The primary purpose of the Remember & Explore Subcommittee is to recommend methods to maintain the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Monument, including the cracks in the large marble sarcophagus, the adjacent marble slabs, and the potential replacement marble stone for the sarcophagus already gifted to the Army; accomplish an independent assessment of requests to place commemorative monuments within ANC; and identify means to capture and convey ANC's history, and improve the quality of visitors' experiences now and for generations to come.

*Agenda:* The Remember and Explore Subcommittee will receive an update to the Chaplain Memorials; and receive an update on Road Naming at Arlington National Cemetery.

*Public's Accessibility to the Meeting:* Pursuant to FACA and 41 CFR 102–