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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fall Meeting of the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In preparation for the 2024 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) meeting, the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT is announcing the convening of its fall meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 9–10, 2024. There will be an open session on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, from 9 a.m. through approximately 12:30 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will be closed to the public and is expected to end by 1 p.m. on October 10. Interested members of the public may present their views during the public comment session on October 9, 2024, or submit written comments by October 2, 2024 (see **ADDRESSES**).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Silver Spring DC North, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Written comments should be sent via email to [bryan.keller@noaa.gov](mailto:bryan.keller@noaa.gov). Comments may also be sent via mail to Bryan Keller at NMFS, Office of International Affairs, Trade, and Commerce, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bryan Keller, Office of International Affairs, Trade, and Commerce, (301) 427–7725 or at [bryan.keller@noaa.gov](mailto:bryan.keller@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet October 9–10, 2024, first in an open session to consider information on the status of Atlantic highly migratory species and other scientific matters and then in a closed session to discuss sensitive matters

related to their conservation and management. The open session will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on October 9, 2024, including an opportunity for public comment beginning at approximately 12:00 p.m. Comments may also be submitted in writing for the Advisory Committee's consideration. Interested members of the public can submit comments by mail or email; use of email is encouraged. All written comments must be received by October 2, 2024 (see **ADDRESSES**).

NMFS expects members of the public to conduct themselves appropriately at the open session of the Advisory Committee meeting. At the beginning of the public comment session, an explanation of the ground rules will be provided (*e.g.*, alcohol in the meeting room is prohibited, speakers will be called to give their comments in the order in which they registered to speak, each speaker will have an equal amount of time to speak and speakers should not interrupt one another). The session will be structured so that all attending members of the public are able to comment, if they so choose, regardless of the degree of controversy of the subject(s). Those not respecting the ground rules will be asked to leave the meeting.

After the open session, the Advisory Committee will meet in closed session to discuss sensitive information relating to upcoming international negotiations on the conservation and management of Atlantic highly migratory species and related matters.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Bryan Keller at [bryan.keller@noaa.gov](mailto:bryan.keller@noaa.gov) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 10, 2024.

**Alexa Cole,**

*Director, Office of International Affairs, Trade, and Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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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; Fishing Capacity Reduction Program/Buyback Requests

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 May 14, 2024, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**Title:** Fishing Capacity Reduction Program/Buyback Requests.

**OMB Control Number:** 0648–0376.

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

**Type of Request:** Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

**Number of Respondents:** 200.

**Average Hours Per Response:** 0.5 hours for buyback fee collection reports; 4 hours for buyback annual reports.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 930 hours.

**Needs and Uses:** This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) amended the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) to provide for voluntary reduction of excess fishing capacity through fishing capacity reduction (buyback) programs. Excess fishing capacity decreases fisheries earnings, complicates fishery management, and imperils fishery conservation. The statutory objective of a program is “to obtain the maximum sustained reduction in fishing capacity at the least cost and in a minimum period of time.” Buybacks pay fishermen either to: (1) Surrender their fishing permits; or (2) both surrender their permits and either scrap their fishing vessels or restrict vessel title to prevent fishing. Buybacks

can involve either a Federal or State fishery. Buybacks can be funded via a long-term loan from the Federal government to the fishery (industry-funded buybacks), to be repaid by the industry by post-buyback landing fees, or funded from appropriations (non-industry funded) or other non-loan sources of funds. Programs involving industry-financed loans are authorized by section 1111 of title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936.

NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) established programs to reduce excess fishing capacity by paying fishermen to surrender their vessels/permits. The information collected by NMFS involves the submission of buyback requests by industry, submission of bids, referenda of fishery participants and reporting of collection of fees to repay buyback loans. For buybacks involving State-managed fisheries, the State may be involved in developing the buyback plan and complying with other information requirements. NMFS requests information from participating buyback participants to track repayments of the loans as well as ensure accurate management and monitoring of the loans. The fees for recordkeeping and reporting requirements at 50 CFR parts 600.1013 through 600.1017 form the basis for the collection of information.

Information collections associated with loan creation were removed from the 2021 renewal because no new loans are anticipated moving forward, but the **Federal Register** notice published on May 14, 2024 (89 FR 41947) included the burden for these removed activities. That error has been corrected in this notice.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Frequency:* Monthly and annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

*Legal Authority:* Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act, Public Law 104–297 section 312(b)–(e).

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 [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 and

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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; Trademark Petitions

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** on July 10, 2024 during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 56739). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

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

*Title:* Trademark Petitions.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651–0061.

*Needs and Uses:* The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) administers the Trademark Act (Act), 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, which provides for the registration of trademarks, service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Individuals and businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce may file an application to register their marks with the USPTO.

This information collection covers various trademark-related communications to the USPTO, including letters of protest, requests to make special, responses to petition inquiry letters, petitions to make special, requests to restore a filing date, and requests for reinstatement. This information collection also incorporates petitions for ex parte expungement or reexamination (PTO–2312). Ex parte expungement and reexamination proceedings were established by the Trademark Modernization Act of 2020

(TMA), Public Law 116–260 (Dec. 27, 2020), to cancel, either in whole or in part, registered marks for which the required use in commerce was not made. The burden estimate for petitions for ex parte expungement or reexamination was previously contained in OMB Control No. 0651–0086, Changes to Implement Provisions of the Trademark Modernization Act, but is being transferred into this information collection for efficiency. Finally, this information collection consolidates into a single burden estimate the burden for responses to petition inquiry letters (PTO–2305), which was previously reflected in both OMB Control No. 0651–0086 and this information collection.

The information covered in this collection is used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights. Information relating to the registration of a trademark is made available to the public by the USPTO. However, the release of information in a letter of protest is controlled and may be available only upon request.

*Forms:*

- PTO–2303 (Letter of Protest)
- PTO–2304 (Request to Make Special)
- PTO–2305 (Response to Petition to Director Inquiry Letter)
- PTO–2306 (Petition to Make Special)
- PTO–2307 (Request to Restore Filing Date)
- PTO–2308 (Request for Reinstatement)
- PTO–2312 (Petition for Expungement or Reexamination Form)

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

*Affected Public:* Private sector.

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

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 5,813 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 5,813 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately between 40 minutes (0.67 hours) and 4.5 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 7,893 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden:* \$313,260.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view