

times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The SEDAR 91 Data Workshop will be held at the Windward Passage Hotel, 640 Veteran's Drive, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, USVI 00804.

*SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 571-4366; email: [Julie.neer@safmc.net](mailto:Julie.neer@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data/Assessment Workshop, and (2) a series of webinars. The product of the Data/Assessment Workshop is a report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses, and describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS 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 NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Data Workshop are as follows:

An assessment data set and associated documentation will be developed during the workshop.

Participants will evaluate proposed data and select appropriate sources for providing information on life history characteristics, catch statistics, discard estimates, length and age composition,

and fishery dependent and fishery independent measures of stock abundance.

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 these meetings. 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**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

*Note:* The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: October 21, 2024.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of hybrid meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Plan Teams will meet in Seattle WA.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 through Friday, November 15, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., PDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be hybrid meetings.

*Meeting address:* The in-person component of the meetings will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center in the Traynor Room (2076) and Room

2079, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115.

If you plan to attend in-person you need to notify Sara Cleaver ([sara.cleaver@noaa.gov](mailto:sara.cleaver@noaa.gov)) or Diana Stram ([diana.stram@noaa.gov](mailto:diana.stram@noaa.gov)) at least two days prior to the meeting (or two weeks prior if you are a foreign national). You will also need a valid U.S. Identification Card. If you are attending virtually, join the meeting online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3065>.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave, Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

*Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Through Friday, November 15, 2024*

The Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Plan Teams will compile and review the annual BSAI and GOA Groundfish Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) reports, and recommend final groundfish OverFishing Limits (OFLs) and Acceptable Biological Catches (ABCs) for 2025/2026. The Plan Teams will also review the Economic Report and the Ecosystem Status Reports. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3065> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

**Connection Information**

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smartphone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3065>.

**Public Comment**

Public comment letters should be submitted electronically via the electronic agenda at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3065>.

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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; Patents for Humanity Program and Trademarks for Humanity Program

**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: 0651-0066 (Patents for Humanity Program and Trademarks for Humanity Program). 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 December 24, 2024.

**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 “0651-0066 comment” in the subject line of the message.
- *Federal eRulemaking 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:** Request for additional information should be directed to Soma Saha, Patent Attorney, Office of Policy and International Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-9300; or by email at [patentsforhumanity@uspto.gov](mailto:patentsforhumanity@uspto.gov) or [trademarksforhumanity@uspto.gov](mailto:trademarksforhumanity@uspto.gov) with

“0651-0066 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

Since 2012, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has conducted the Patents for Humanity Program, a biannual award program to incentivize the distribution of patented technologies or products for the purpose of addressing humanitarian needs. The program is open to any patent owners or patent licensees, including inventors who have not assigned their ownership rights to others, assignees, and exclusive or non-exclusive licensees. The USPTO collects information from applicants that describe what actions they have taken with their patented technology to address the welfare of impoverished populations, or how they furthered research by others on technologies for humanitarian purposes. There are numerous categories of awards including: Medicine, Nutrition, Sanitation, Household Energy, and Living Standards. Sometimes the program includes additional categories specific for that year, for example, green energy.

The Patents for Humanity program provides winners with recognition and an acceleration certificate for one future patent matter. The applications that are chosen for an award will receive a certificate redeemable to accelerate select matters before the USPTO. The certificates can be redeemed to accelerate one of the following matters: an ex parte reexamination proceeding, including one appeal to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) from that proceeding; a patent application, including one appeal to the PTAB from that application; or an appeal to the PTAB of a claim twice rejected in a patent application or reissue application or finally rejected in an ex parte reexamination, without accelerating the underlying matter which generated the appeal. Finally, due to the January 2021 passage of the Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act, winners of the Patents for Humanity program are now able to transfer their certificates to third parties, including by sale.<sup>1</sup>

In 2023, the USPTO added the Trademarks for Humanity Program to promote and incentivize brand owners who offer products and services that help address humanitarian issues utilizing a federally registered

trademark. Applicants are required to describe how their mark and their goods or services satisfy the program criteria to address humanitarian issues. Like the Patents for Humanity Program, this trademark-focused program operates biannually and can have a variety of topics depending upon the year. Trademarks for Humanity awards are focused on recognition and do not confer transfer of awards certificates like the Patents for Humanity Program.

Applications for both programs must provide non-public contact information in order for the USPTO to notify them about their award status. Applicants may opt to provide contact information for the public to reach them with any inquiries. Applications must be submitted via email and will be posted on the USPTO website. A panel of independent judges evaluate the applications and send the top-scoring ones to reviewers from participating federal agencies to recommend award recipients. Awards are public, and recipients receive recognition for their humanitarian efforts from the USPTO and executive branch leadership. Winners of both the Patents for Humanity Program and the Trademarks for Humanity Program are invited to participate in an awards ceremony.

This information collection covers the two application forms for the Patents for Humanity Program and the single application form for the Trademarks for Humanity Program. This information collection also covers the information gathered in Patents for Humanity petitions to extend an acceleration certificate redemption beyond 12 months, as well as the transfer of awards certificates. To account for the recent addition of the Trademarks for Humanity Program, the name of this information collection has been changed from “Patents for Humanity Program” to “Patents for Humanity Program and Trademarks for Humanity Program.”

##### II. Method of Collection

Items in this information collection must be submitted electronically.

##### III. Data

- OMB Control Number:* 0651-0066.  
*Forms:* (PFH—Patents for Humanity, TFH—Trademarks for Humanity)
- PTO/PFH/001 (Humanitarian Use Application)
  - PTO/PFH/002 (Humanitarian Research Use Application)
  - PTO/PFH/003 (Petition to Extend the Redemption Period of a Patents for Humanity Program Acceleration Certificate)
  - PTO/TFH/001 (Trademarks for Humanity Application)

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ316/PLAW-116publ316.pdf>.