

the Department must find that: (1) The proposed activity furthers the national interest as articulated in sections 302 or 303 of the CZMA, in a significant or substantial manner; (2) the adverse effects of the proposed activity do not outweigh its contribution to the national interest, when those effects are considered separately or cumulatively; and (3) no reasonable alternative is available that would permit the activity to be conducted in a manner consistent with enforceable policies of the applicable coastal management program. 15 CFR 930.121.

II. Opportunity for Federal Agency and Public Comment and Public Hearing

Pursuant to NOAA regulations, 15 CFR 930.128, the public and interested Federal Agencies may submit any comment on this appeal from January 12 to February 11, 2009. All comments should be directed in writing to the NOAA Office of General Counsel for Ocean Services, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4, Room 6111, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or via e-mail to gc.os.inquiries@noaa.gov.

Federal regulations also allow for a public hearing of this appeal, on the initiative of the Secretary of Commerce or upon written request. A request for public hearing must be filed with the Department within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Such requests should be directed, in writing, to the following address: Jamon Bollock, Attorney-Advisor, NOAA Office of General Counsel, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4, Room 6111, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

III. Availability of Appeal Documents

NOAA intends to provide the public with access to all publicly available materials and related documents comprising the appeal record during business hours at the NOAA Office of General Counsel for Ocean Services and on the following Web site: <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>.

For additional information about this appeal, please contact Jamon Bollock, Attorney-Advisor, NOAA Office of General Counsel, at (301) 713-7393 or gc.os.inquiries@noaa.gov.

Dated: October 14, 2008.

Joel La Bissonniere,

Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services, NOAA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XL31

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) Dogfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, October 31, 2008, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via conference call originating from the MAFMC office. The address for the MAFMC office is provided below. For those who cannot attend a call-in option is available. The call-in number is 1-866-422-9305. After dialing in, participants will be prompted to enter a "participant code". That code is: 863 783 105 4. Members of the public are invited to listen in, however, the function of the meeting will be a technical review of scientific information. As such, the extent to which public remarks will be allowed will be limited by the moderator.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: (302) 674-2331, extension 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review the ASMFC Technical Committee's recommendations for annual catch limits and accountability measures regarding specifying quotas and management measures for the upcoming 2009 fishing year for spiny dogfish. Management measures that will be discussed may include, but not necessarily be limited to, quotas and daily landings limits. Multiple-year management measures for fishing years 2010 and 2011 may also be addressed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those

issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Dated: October 14, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XL32

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Committee in November, 2008 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, One Thurber Street, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 734-9600; fax: (401) 734-9700

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will review analyses prepared for Council response to Section 7 Endangered Species Act Consultation for the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (Biological Opinion) and discuss potential management measures to comply with findings of biological opinion that would be developed in Framework Adjustment 21. The committee will also review measures already under consideration

and develop any new alternatives needed to complete the range of options under consideration for Amendment 15. The primary management topic left to develop is the implementation of annual catch limits (ACLs). Other alternatives that may be revisited or revised at this meeting include: measures to rationalize the limited access scallop fishery; revision of the overfishing definition; modifications to specific aspects of the general category limited entry program implemented by Amendment 11; measures to address essential fish habitat (EFH) closed areas in the Scallop FMP if the EFH Omnibus Amendment is delayed; alternatives to improve the research set-aside program; and modifying the start date of the scallop fishing year. The committee may discuss other topics at their discretion.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 14, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Fastener Quality Act Insignia Recordal Process

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the extension of a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 16, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0028 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Sharon R. Marsh, Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, VA 22313-1451; by telephone at 571-272-7140; or by e-mail at Sharon.Marsh@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under Section 5 of the Fastener Quality Act of 1999 (FQA), 15 U.S.C. 5401 *et seq.*, certain industrial fasteners must bear an insignia identifying the manufacturer. The manufacturer must record this fastener insignia with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The procedures for the recordal of fastener insignia under the FQA are set forth in 15 CFR 280.300 *et seq.*

Manufacturers of certain fasteners are required to record their insignia. The purpose of this collection is to ensure that certain fasteners can be traced to their manufacturers. It is mandatory for manufacturers of fasteners covered by the FQA to submit an application to the USPTO for recordal of an insignia on the Fastener Insignia Register.

The insignia may be either a unique alphanumeric designation that the USPTO will issue upon request, or a trademark that is either registered at the USPTO or is the subject of an application to obtain a registration. After a manufacturer submits a complete application for recordal, the USPTO issues a Certificate of Recordal. These certificates remain active for five years. Applications to maintain the certificates must be filed within six months of the expiration date or upon payment of an additional surcharge, within six months following the expiration date. If a recorded alphanumeric designation is assigned by the manufacturer, the designation becomes "inactive," and the new owner must submit an application to reactivate the designation within six months of assignment. If the recordal is based on a trademark application or registration,

and that registration is assigned, the recordal becomes "inactive" and cannot be reactivated. Instead, the new owner of the trademark application or registration must apply for a new recordal. Manufacturers who record insignia must notify the USPTO of any changes of address.

This information collection includes one form, the Application for Recordal of Insignia or Renewal/Reactivation of Recordal Under the Fastener Quality Act (PTO-1611), which provides manufacturers with a convenient way to submit a request for the recordal of a fastener insignia or to renew or reactivate an existing Certificate of Recordal. Use of Form PTO-1611 is not mandatory, and applicants may instead prepare requests for recordal using their own format. In October of 2007 OMB approved a Change Worksheet to update the design of Form PTO-1611 and to include instructions for submitting the completed form by electronic mail.

The public uses this information collection to comply with the insignia recordal provisions of the FQA. The USPTO uses the information in this collection to maintain the Fastener Insignia Register, which is open to public inspection. The public may download the Fastener Insignia Register from the USPTO Web site or purchase printed copies from the USPTO.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, hand delivery, or electronically to the USPTO.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0028.

Form Number(s): PTO-1611.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 130 responses per year.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare the form, and submit the request for recordal or renewal of a fastener insignia to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 33 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$3,300 per year. The USPTO expects that the information in this collection will be prepared by paraprofessionals at an estimated rate of \$100 per hour. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for this collection will be \$3,300 per year.