

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****Smart Grid Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Smart Grid Advisory Committee (SGAC or Committee) will hold a meeting via teleconference on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.). The primary purpose of this meeting is to review sections of the Committee's draft report to the NIST Director. The sections of the draft report that the Committee will consider at the meeting will be posted on the SGAC Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/smartgrid>. Interested members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting from remote locations by calling into a central phone number.

DATES: The SGAC will hold a meeting via teleconference on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.).

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding the meeting should be sent to Office of the National Coordinator for Smart Grid Interoperability, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8100. For instructions on how to participate in the meeting, please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. George W. Arnold, National Coordinator for Smart Grid Interoperability, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8100; telephone 301-975-2232, fax 301-975-4091; or via e-mail at nistsgfac@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Committee was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

Background information on the Committee is available at: <http://www.nist.gov/smartgrid/committee.cfm>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app., notice is hereby given that the SGAC will hold a meeting via teleconference on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.). There will be no central meeting location. The public is invited to participate in the meeting by calling in from remote locations. The primary purpose of this meeting is to review sections of the Committee's draft report to the NIST Director. The sections

of the draft report to be considered by the Committee during the meeting will be posted on the SGAC Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/smartgrid>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request detailed instructions on how to dial in from a remote location to participate in the meeting by contacting Cuong Nguyen at cuong.nguyen@nist.gov or (301) 975-2254 no later than August 16, 2011. Approximately fifteen minutes will be reserved from 1:45 p.m.—2 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.) for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated, and those who were unable to participate are invited to submit written statements to the Office of the National Coordinator for Smart Grid Interoperability, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8100, via fax at 301-975-4091, or electronically by e-mail to nistsgfac@nist.gov.

All participants of the meeting are required to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to participate must register by close of business on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, in order to be admitted. Please submit your name, e-mail address, and phone number to Cuong Nguyen at cuong.nguyen@nist.gov or (301) 975-2254. After registering, participants will be provided with detailed instructions on how to dial in from a remote location in order to participate.

Dated: July 26, 2011.

Charles H. Romine,

Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XS41

Marine Mammals; File No. 87-1851

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Daniel P. Costa, PhD, University of California at Santa Cruz, Long Marine Laboratory, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 87-1851-03.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before September 1, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 87-1851 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by e-mail to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the e-mail comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit amendment is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 87-1851-03, issued on September 3, 2010 (75 FR 55745), authorizes tagging studies and physiological research on seals in Antarctica (in the Western Antarctic Peninsula, Weddell Sea, and Ross Sea),

including 40 Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), 35 crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*), 35 southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*), 10 leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), and 5 Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*). Incidental harassment, mortality, and import of samples from these species is authorized. The permit also authorizes research on California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) to investigate foraging, diving, energetics, food habits, and at-sea distribution along the California coast. Incidental harassment of California sea lions, harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga augustirostris*), and northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) in California is authorized. Unintentional mortality and import of samples from California sea lions is authorized. The permit expires on January 31, 2012.

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to extend the permit expiration to December 31, 2012 in order to complete a study initiated in January 2010 examining the foraging behavior and habitat use of the Weddell seal in the Ross Sea. The applicant is requesting authorization to capture and handle up to 70 Weddell seals of any age/sex during 2012 using the same methods currently permitted, and requests authorization for up to four unintentional mortalities due to research conducted in 2012. No other changes to the permit are requested.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 27, 2011.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Submissions Regarding Correspondence and Regarding Attorney Representation (Trademarks).

Form Number(s): PTO Forms 2196, 2197, and 2201.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0056.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 10,927 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 123,010 responses per year. Of this total, the USPTO estimates that 117,151 responses will be submitted through TEAS.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately 5 to 30 minutes (0.08 to 0.50 hours) to complete this information, depending on the application. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the requests, and submit them to the USPTO. The time estimates shown for the electronic forms in this collection are based on the average amount of time needed to complete and electronically file the associated form.

Needs and Uses: The public uses the information in this collection to appoint attorneys and domestic representatives to act on their behalf in the prosecution of their applications, to revoke those same appointments, to request permission to withdraw as the attorney of record or domestic representative, to request replacement of the attorney of record with another already-appointed attorney, and to request a change of the owner's or domestic representative's address. The USPTO uses the collected information to process the requests.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail:

Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at <http://www.reginfo.gov>.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

• *E-mail:*

InformationCollection@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0056 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

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

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before September 1, 2011 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to *Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: July 28, 2011.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 3, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov* or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.