

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - The Joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Management Committees will receive a report on the status and health of shrimp stocks in the Gulf, as well as a report from the Ad Hoc Shrimp Effort Working Group on the status of existing effort in the shrimp fishery and possible relationships to optimal effort. The Committee will also consider final action on a regulatory amendment to potentially change the bycatch reduction criterion for Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs) used in shrimp trawls west of Cape San Blas, Florida. Finally, the Committee will consider approving Joint Amendment 27 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (FMP)/Amendment 14 to the Shrimp FMP for public hearings.

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. - The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will review and possibly approve the Ecosystem SSC's recommended budget for workshops and consider recommending an extension to the ecosystem budget into 2007.

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - The Administrative Policy Committee will meet to consider a proposed pool of non-government organizations (NGO's) that would be used to select representatives to future SEDAR workshops. The Committee will also review the Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures' (SOPPs) provisions on the Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - The Migratory Species Management Committee will receive a report from NMFS Headquarter on the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

Wednesday, August 16, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - The Mackerel Management Committee will review recommendations from the SSC regarding a report from a special scientific committee made up of scientists appointed by the Council and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC). This report includes recommendations regarding the stock assessment for king mackerel in the Gulf and Atlantic regions. The Committee will also consider the recommendations of the SAFMC regarding this report and other king mackerel issues.

The committee reports will be presented to the Council for consideration later on Wednesday and on Thursday, August 17, 2006.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees 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 these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 action to address the emergency. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

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

Dated: July 26, 2006.

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

[I.D. 072606C]

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 Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Advisory Panel in August, 2006, 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: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Ferncroft, 50 Ferncroft

Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500; fax: (978) 750-7959.

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 panel will brief and review the Draft Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designation Management Alternatives for inclusion in the EFH Omnibus Amendment 2. The panel will also review continued work on the Advisory Panel gear description document/workshop. In addition, the panel will review development of recommendations to the Committee on Habitat Area of Particular Concern alternatives. Other topics may be covered at the committee and Advisory Panel's discretion.

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 listed 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.

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: July 26, 2006.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted 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: Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/20.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-00XX.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 1,000 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 500 responses per year.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately two hours (2.0 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare the form, and submit the completed request.

Needs and Uses: The Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program is being established between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO). This program will allow applicants whose claims are determined to be patentable in the office of first filing to have the corresponding application that is filed in the office of second filing be advanced out of turn for examination. At the same time, this program will allow the office of second filing to exploit the search and examination results of the office of first filing, which will increase examination efficiency and improve patent quality. This information collection includes one proposed form, Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the JPO and the USPTO (PTO/SB/20), which may be used by applicants to request participation in the pilot program and to ensure that they meet the program requirements.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

E-mail: Susan.Brown@uspto.gov. Include "0651-00XX PPH Pilot Program copy request" in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.

Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division, U.S. 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 August 30, 2006 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 24, 2006.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[No. DoD-2006-OS-0167]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before September 29, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy

for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Military Personnel Policy/ Accession Policy) ATTN: Major Thomas M.W. Downs, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000, or call (703) 695-5527.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: Medical Screening of Military Personnel; DD Form 2807-1 and DD Form 2807-2; OMB Control Number 0704-0413.

Needs and Uses: Title 10, U.S.C. Chapter 31: Section 504 and 505, and Chapter 33, section 532, require applicants to meet accession medical standards prior to enlistment into the armed Forces (including the Coast Guard). If applicants' medical history reveals a medical condition that does not meet the accession medical standards, they are medically disqualified for military entrance. This form also will be used by all Service members not only in their initial medical examination but also for required periodic medical examinations.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Not-for-Profit Institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 708,333.

Number of Respondents: 850,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 50 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

These forms obtain medical information which affects entrance physical examinations, routine in-service physical examinations, separation physical examinations, and other medical examinations as required. The respondents are all applicants for enlistment, induction or commissioning. The applicant(s) completes the medical history information recorded on the form. This information collected provides the Armed Services with the medical history of applicants. The DD Forms 2807-1 and 2807-2 are the method of collecting and verifying medical data on applicants applying for entrance. These