

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick E. Moran (international issues) at 301-713-2276 or Rachel Husted (domestic issues) at 301-713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, September 7, 2000, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.—Sandcastle Condominiums, 800 Sand Castle Drive, Port Aransas, Texas 78373;

Thursday, September 14, 2000, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.—Sheraton Biscayne Bay Hotel, Brickell Point/Miami, 495

Brickell Avenue, Miami, Florida 33131; Sunday, October 1, 2000, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.—Four Points Hotels Sheraton, Route 132 and Bourse's Way, Hyannis, Massachusetts 02601;

Thursday, October 5, 2000, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.—The Inn of Cape May, 7 Ocean Street, Cape May, New Jersey 08204.

The following topics may be presented to the public for discussion at the regional meetings:

International Issues

- (1) Background on ICCAT
- (2) Information on the Advisory Committee and Commissioners
- (3) Status of Highly Migratory Species Managed by ICCAT
- (4) Topics for the 2000 ICCAT Annual Meeting

Domestic Issues

- (1) Implementation of ICCAT Recommendations
 - (2) Other HMS management actions
- Representatives from the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT and NMFS will be in attendance at the regional meetings. There will be an opportunity for public comment on each issue. The length of the meetings may be adjusted based on the progress of the discussions.

Additionally, the annual fall meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on October 29-31, 2000, at the NOAA Silver Spring Metro Center complex, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. There will be opportunity for public comment on international issues on the first day (October 29) of this meeting. This session is scheduled from 1 to 6 p.m. Domestic issues will not be discussed at this meeting. Additional information on the annual fall Committee meeting will be provided at a later date.

The public is reminded that NMFS expects members of the public to conduct themselves appropriately for the duration of Advisory Committee meetings. At the beginning of the meetings, an appropriate representative will explain the ground rules (e.g., alcohol in the meeting room is prohibited, attendees will be called to

give their comments in the order in which they registered to speak, each attendee will have an equal amount of time to speak, and attendees should not interrupt one another). The appropriate representative will attempt to structure the session 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). Attendees are expected to respect the ground rules, and if they do not, they will be asked to leave the meeting.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Patrick E. Moran at (301) 713-2276 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 28, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Deposit of Biological Materials**

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, 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 October 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Thao P. Nguyen, Acting Records Officer, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division, (703) 308-7397, USPTO, Suite 310, 2231 Crystal Drive, Washington, DC 20231.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Robert J. Spar, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Washington, DC 20231, by telephone at (703)305-9285.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This collection is required by 35 USC 2(b) and 37 CFR Ch. 1, Subpart G, 1.801-809. Every patent must contain a description of the invention sufficient to enable a person (knowledgeable in the relevant science) to make and use the invention as required by 35 USC 112, first paragraph. When the invention involves a biological material, sometimes words alone cannot sufficiently describe how to make and use the invention in a reproducible or repeatable manner. In such cases, the required biological material must either be known and readily (and continually) available, or be deposited in a suitable depository to meet the enablement and written description requirements of 35 USC 112, first paragraph. When a deposit is necessary, the USPTO collects information to determine whether the depositor is in compliance with the patent statute. This includes a statement proving notification to the interested public on where to obtain samples of the deposits. A viability statement showing that the biological material was tested by the depository, and is a viable or acceptable deposit, must also be submitted to the USPTO.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, or hand carry when the applicant or agent files a patent application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) or submits subsequent papers during the prosecution of the application to the USPTO.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0022.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or Other Non-Profit, Not-For-Profit Institutions, and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,300 per year for deposited materials and 0.25 per year for depository approval.

Estimated Time Per Response: One hour per application for deposited materials and five hours per application for depository approval.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 3,301 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$99,218.75 per year to submit the information to the USPTO. Additionally, depositories charge fees to depositors; all depositories charge about the same rates for their services. For example, the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), one of the

recognized patent depositories, charges \$1,100 for storage and informing, and \$150 for viability testing of microorganisms.

Item	Estimated time for response in hours	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Deposited Materials	1	3,300	3,300
Depository Approval	5	1.25	0.25
Total	3,301	3,301

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 28, 2000.

Thao P. Nguyen,

Acting Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Invention for Licensing; Government-Owned Invention

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/195,159 entitled "Desalination Through Methane Hydrate" Navy Case No. 79,584.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent application cited should be directed to the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1008.2, 4555 Overlook

Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, and must include the Navy Case number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Catherine M. Cotell, Ph.D., Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone (202) 767-7230.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404)

Dated: July 26, 2000.

J.L. Roth,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Marine Desalination Systems, LLC

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Marine Desalination Systems, LLC, a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States to practice the Government-Owned invention described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/195,159 (Navy Case No. 79,584) entitled "Desalination Through Methane Hydrate" filed November 18, 1998.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than October 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Catherine M. Cotell, Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320; telephone (202) 767-7230.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404)

Dated: July 25, 2000.

J.L. Roth,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 2, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB.

Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) title; (3) summary of the collection; (4) description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) respondents and frequency of collection; and (6)