

Secretary. The ONMS has established the Reserve Council and is now accepting applications from interested individuals to fill one vacant Native Hawaiian representative position on the Council. The Council is comprised of:

1. Three Native Hawaiian representatives, including one Native Hawaiian elder, with experience or knowledge regarding Native Hawaiian subsistence, cultural, religious, or other activities in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

2. Three representatives from the non-Federal science community with experience specific to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and with expertise in at least one of the following areas:

A. Marine mammal science.

B. Coral reef ecology.

C. Native marine flora and fauna of the Hawaiian Islands.

D. Oceanography.

E. Any other scientific discipline the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

3. Three representatives from non-governmental wildlife/marine life, environmental, and/or conservation organizations.

4. One representative from the commercial fishing industry that conducts activities in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

5. One representative from the recreational fishing industry that conducts activities in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

6. One representative from the ocean-related tourism industry.

7. One representative from the non-Federal community with experience in education and outreach regarding marine conversation issues.

8. One citizen-at-large representative.

The Reserve Council also includes one representative from the State of Hawaii (and an alternate as appropriate) as appointed by the Governor; the manager of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary as a non-voting member; and one representative each, as non-voting members, from the Department of the Interior, Department of State, National Marine Fisheries Service, Marine Mammal Commission, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Defense, National Science Foundation, National Ocean Service, and the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council. The non-voting representatives and their alternates are chosen by the agencies and other entities which they represent on the Council. The charter for the Council can be found in the application kit, or on the web site listed above.

Selections to the Council will be made based upon candidates' particular

expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; and philosophy regarding the conservation and management of marine resources. Persons who are interested in applying for membership on the Council may obtain an application from either the person or website identified above. Completed applications must be sent to the address listed above and must be received by July 16, 2001.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Section 1431 et seq.; Pub. L. 106-513.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: June 11, 2001.

**Ted I. Lillestolen,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Oceans and Coastal Zone Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Red Crab Oversight Committee in June, 2001. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will held on Friday, June 29, 2001, at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will hear and discuss a preliminary report on the social and economic aspects and available information for the red crab fishing industry. The Committee will hear and discuss a report from the Plan Development Team on progress on the development of the Red Crab Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The Committee will discuss and develop

specific management alternatives for the Red Crab FMP.

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 (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: June 12, 2001.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*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

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

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).

**Title:** Initial Patent Application (Elimination of Continued Prosecution Application Practice as to Utility and Plant Patent Applications).

**Form Numbers:** PTO/SB/01/01A/02A/02B/02C/03/03A/04/05/06/07/13PCT/17/18/19/29/29A/101/102/103/104/105/106/107/108/109/110.

**Agency Approval Number:** 0651-0032.

**Type of Request:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Burden:** 2,984,360 hours per year.

**Number of Respondents:** 319,350 responses per year.

**Avg. Hours Per Response:** The USPTO estimates that it takes an average of 24 minutes to gather, prepare, and submit a Continued Prosecution Application. This is in contrast to the 12 minutes that

the USPTO estimates that it takes the public to gather, prepare, and submit a Request for Continued Examination. If the proposed rule to eliminate the Continued Prosecution Application in favor of the Request for Continued Examination for utility and plant applications is approved, fewer Continued Prosecution Applications will be submitted per year. The USPTO estimates that the elimination of the Continued Prosecution Applications in the case of utility and plant applications will decrease the burden associated with the continued examination of applications by 5,900 hours.

**Needs and Uses:** This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 and 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.84. An applicant must provide sufficient information to allow the USPTO to properly examine the application to determine whether it meets the requirements outlined in the patent statutes and regulations. The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 amended 35 U.S.C. 132 to provide that the USPTO may prescribe regulations for the continued examination of applications (for a fee) at the request of the applicant. As a result of the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999, the USPTO implemented a new practice called a Request for Continued Examination as an alternative to the existing Continued Prosecution Application practice. Applicants can request the continued examination of a previously submitted utility or plant application, instead of submitting a Continued Prosecution Application. The USPTO is proposing to eliminate the use of Continued Prosecution Applications in the case of utility and plant applications. Applicants will continue to use Continued Prosecution Applications to request additional examination of a previously submitted design application. The USPTO will continue to use the Continued Prosecution Applications to process and initiate the additional examination of a previously submitted design application.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms, Federal government, and state, local or tribal government.

**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 calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Data Administration Division, Office of Data Management,

United States Patent and Trademark Office, Crystal Park 3, 3rd Floor, Suite 310, Washington, D.C. 20231, by phone at (703) 308-7400, or via the Internet at [susan.brown@uspto.gov](mailto:susan.brown@uspto.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: June 8, 2001.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, Data Administration Division, Office of Data Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

**Title:** Patent Processing (Updating) (Proposed Amendment to Requests for Continuing Examination and Forms for Reconstruction of Unlocatable Files, Request for Oral Appeal Hearing, and Request for Deferral of Examination).

**Form Numbers:** PTO/SB/08A/08B/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/30/31/35/36/42/43/61/61PCT/62/63/64/64PCT/67/68/91/92/96/97 and the proposed addition of PTO/SB/32/37 and PTO-2053-A/B, PTO-2054-A/B, and PTO-2055-A/B.

**Agency Approval Number:** 0651-0031.

**Type of Request:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Burden:** 1,021,941 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 2,247,389 responses.

**Avg. Hours Per Response:** The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 12 minutes to gather information, prepare, and submit a Request for Continued Examination, a Request for an Oral Hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, or a Request for Deferral of Examination. The new forms associated with the reconstruction of unlocatable files will not affect the burden for this collection.

**Needs and Uses:** This collection of information supports a proposed rulemaking entitled "Elimination of Continued Prosecution Application Practice as to Utility and Plant Patent Applications," which will eliminate the Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) in favor of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice for utility and plant applications. The USPTO is retaining the current CPA practice for design applications only. Additionally, the USPTO is adding five new forms to this collection pertaining to the reconstruction of unlocatable patent and application files, the request for an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, and the request for deferral of examination of a non-reissue utility or plant application. The public uses the forms in this collection to request continued examination of a previously submitted application, to assist the USPTO in reconstructing a current copy of a missing patent or application file, to file a written request for an oral hearing "in a separate paper" before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, and to request deferred examination of a patent application for up to three years from the earliest filing date for which a benefit is claimed. The USPTO uses the information collected from the public to process and initiate continued examination of a previously submitted application, to notify an applicant or patent owner that an application or patent file is unlocatable and to request a copy of the applicant's or patentee's record of the application or patent file, and to process and consider requests for oral hearings before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and requests for deferral of examination.

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