

above, the Department is extending the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this new shipper review by 120 days to no later than October 4, 1999. We plan to issue the final results within 90 days after the date the preliminary results are issued. This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act.

Dated: May 17, 1999.

Bernard Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051499B]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); 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's Dolphin/Wahoo Committee with Advisors will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, June 7, 1999, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Hilton Norfolk Airport, 1500 N. Military Highway @ Northampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA, telephone: 757-466-8000.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review the South Atlantic Council's Dolphin/Wahoo options paper and develop recommendations to be presented to the South Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Advisors during its June 14-18, 1999 Council meeting.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, such issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 17, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 050399C]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings; correction.

SUMMARY: In the **Federal Register** notice dated May 10, 1999, in the **SUMMARY** section, a city was cited incorrectly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of May 10, 1999, in FR Doc. 99-1697, on page 25026, in the second column, correct the **SUMMARY** caption to read:

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet in Kodiak, AK the week of June 7, 1999.

Dated: May 17, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DoC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and

other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Esther M. Kepplinger, Director, Technology Center 1750/1760, Comments-Patents, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, by telephone at (703) 308-1495, or by facsimile transmission to (703) 305-3599.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This information collection is required by 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. These rules require the use of a standard format for patent applicants to describe the nucleotide and amino acid sequence data within their patent applications, which is consistent with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Standard ST.25 (effective July 1, 1998). See *Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Disclosures*; Final Rule Notice, 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998). Under this standard format, sequence listings are presented in an international, language neutral format using numeric identifiers rather than the former subject headings.

The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) uses this sequence listing information in a variety of ways. It enables the PTO to effectively examine the nucleotide and amino acid sequences and to process the data more efficiently. The PTO also uses the data after examination to support publication of issued patents. The PTO also uses the sequences during participation with the European and Japanese Patent Offices in a Trilateral Sequence Exchange Project, thereby facilitating the international exchange of published sequence data. After patent publication, the public and the bar associations can search the nucleotide/amino acid sequence listings. Applicants also use the sequence data when preparing both national and international patent applications.

At this time, nucleotide and amino acid sequence data is submitted to the PTO in both paper and computer readable form. However, the PTO has determined that the computer readable form is more useful to both the public and the PTO for searching patent applications to determine patentability and for printing granted patents. The rules governing the nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings were established to overcome the lack of uniformity of properly searching and examining sequences submitted only in paper form. The collection of this information in computer readable form greatly facilitates the work of the PTO. In order to ensure that the paper and computer readable formats are the same, 37 CFR 1.821 (Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosures in patent applications) states that in addition to the paper copy and the computer readable form, a statement verifying that the content of the paper and computer

readable copies are the same must be submitted with the computer readable copy. On October 5, 1998, the PTO published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals. *See Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals*; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 63 FR 53497 (October 5, 1998). One of the proposals being considered by the PTO will permit applicants to file sequence listings only on an electronic medium (i.e., without a paper copy). *See Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals*, 63 FR at 53510-12.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, and hand carry when the individual desires to participate in the information collection.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0024.

Form Number(s): There are no forms associated with this collection.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms, state, local or tribal governments, and the Federal Government.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,600 responses per year.
Estimated Time Per Response: It is estimated to take approximately 80 minutes to create a nucleotide/amino acid sequence listing.
Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 7470 hours per year.
Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$0 (no capital start-up or maintenance expenditures are required). Using an hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour for a para-professional/clerical worker, the PTO estimates \$186,750 per year for salary costs associated with respondents.

Function	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Sequence Listing in Application	1.33	7448	5600
Total	7448	5600

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 18, 1999.
Linda Engelmeier,
Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.
ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the proposed new public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 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 by July 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD), Health Operations Policy (HOP), ATTN: LTC Jane L. Meyer, 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call OASD-HOP, at 703-681-1711.
Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: DoD/Reserve Forces Annual Dental Examination.
Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain and record the dental health status of members of the Armed Forces. This form is the means for civilian dentists to record the results of their findings and provide the information to the member's military organization. The military organizations are required by Department of Defense policy to track the dental status of its members.
Affected Public: Business or other profit; Not-for-profit institutions.
Annual Burden Hours: 41,250.
Number of Respondents: 825,000.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.