

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

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**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Technical Team (STT), Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Salmon Subcommittee, and Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will hold a joint work session to review proposed salmon methodology changes, which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The work session will be held Wednesday, October 24, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, October 25, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The work session will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the work session is to brief the STT and SSC Salmon Subcommittee on proposed changes to methods and standards used to manage ocean salmon fisheries, review a genetic stock identification research and exempted fishing permit proposal and, to review proposed modifications to the Chinook and Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Models (FRAM).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the STT, SSC Salmon Subcommittee, and MEW 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 3, 2007.

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*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 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), Department of Commerce.

*Title:* United States Patent Applicant Survey.

*Form Number(s):* None. The surveys contained in this information collection do not have USPTO form numbers assigned to them. When the surveys are approved, they will carry the OMB Control Number and the date on which OMB's approval of the information collection expires.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0052.

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

*Burden:* 140 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 400 responses per year with an estimated 267 responses filed electronically.

*Average Hours Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public 30 minutes (0.50 hours) to complete the surveys, with the exception of the surveys for the independent inventors, which are estimated to take 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, respond to the surveys, and submit them to the USPTO. The USPTO believes that it will take the same amount of time to respond to the surveys, whether they are completed online or mailed to the USPTO.

*Needs and Uses:* The USPTO developed the United States Patent Applicant Survey as part of a continuing effort to better predict the future growth of patent application filings by understanding applicant intentions. The main purpose of this survey is to

determine the number of application filings that the USPTO can expect to receive over the next three years from patent-generating entities, ranging from large domestic corporations to independent inventors. The USPTO also uses this survey in response to the Senate Appropriations Report 106-404 (September 8, 2000), which directed the USPTO to "develop a workload forecast with advice from a representative sample of industry and the inventor community." There are two versions of the survey: one for large domestic corporations and small and medium-sized businesses and one for universities, non-profit research organizations, and independent inventors. The large domestic corporations, small and medium-sized businesses, universities, non-profit research organizations, and independent inventors responding to these surveys will provide the USPTO with the number of application filings that they plan to submit, in addition to providing general feedback concerning industry trends and the survey itself. The USPTO will use this feedback to anticipate demand and estimate future revenue flow more reliably; to identify input and output triggers and allocate resources to meet and understand customer needs; and to reassess output and capacity goals and re-align organization quality control measures with applicant demand by division.

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

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

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

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

*E-mail:* [Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov](mailto:Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0052 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

*Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information 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 November 8, 2007 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.