

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

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**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of webconference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, and Subsistence Taskforce (LKTKS) will be held January 20, 2022 through January 21, 2022.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022, and on Friday, January 21, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a webconference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2735>.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501–2252; telephone: (907) 271–2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Haapala Council staff; phone: (907) 271–2809 and email: [kate.haapala@noaa.gov](mailto:kate.haapala@noaa.gov). For technical support, please contact our administrative staff; email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Agenda**

Thursday, January 20, 2022 and Friday, January 21, 2022

The LKTKS will discuss tools for identifying and cataloging LK, TK, and subsistence information like a search engine and further develop the protocol. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2735> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

**Connection Information**

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2735>. If you are attending the meeting in-person please note that all attendees will be required to wear a mask.

**Public Comment**

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2735> by 5 p.m. Alaska time on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. An opportunity for oral public testimony will also be provided during the meeting.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 30, 2021.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO–T–2021–0055]

**Trademarks Administrative Sanctions Process**

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO or Office) continuing efforts to protect the integrity of the U.S. trademark register, the Commissioner for Trademarks (Commissioner) has established an administrative process for investigating submissions filed with the USPTO in trademark matters that appear to violate the Trademark Rules of Practice, including the rules concerning signatures, certificates, and representation of others in trademark matters before the USPTO (collectively, the USPTO rules), and/or the USPTO website's Terms of Use; and imposing sanctions, as appropriate.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by January 20, 2022 to ensure consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this notice should be sent to [TMFRNotices@uspto.gov](mailto:TMFRNotices@uspto.gov) with the subject line "Trademarks Administrative Sanctions Process." If a submission by email is not feasible (e.g., due to a lack of access to a computer and/or the internet), please contact the USPTO for special instructions using the contact information provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Lavache, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy, at 571–272–5881 or [TMFRNotices@uspto.gov](mailto:TMFRNotices@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of the USPTO's continuing efforts to protect the integrity of the U.S. trademark register, the Commissioner has established an administrative process to investigate improper submissions filed with the USPTO in trademark matters. The USPTO Director has the authority to investigate submissions that appear to violate the USPTO rules and/or the USPTO website's Terms of Use and impose sanctions or actions as deemed appropriate. See 37 CFR 11.18. Sanctions may include terminating proceedings. See 37 CFR 11.18(c)(5). Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 3(a)–(b), the Director has explicitly delegated to the Commissioner for Trademarks the authority to impose such sanctions or actions permitted under 37 CFR 11.18(c), as deemed appropriate in trademark matters, and to otherwise exercise the Director's authority in trademark-related matters. The Director has also provided that such authority may be further delegated by the Commissioner. See generally Delegation of Authority to Issue Sanctions in Trademark Proceedings (January 14, 2020)<sup>1</sup> and Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure § 1701.

To promote transparency regarding the sanctions process for applicants or registrants who may be impacted by sanctions, as well as third parties who may be concerned about a particular application or registration, the USPTO will place documents associated with the process, including administrative orders to show cause and orders for sanctions regarding particular applications or registrations, in the electronic file record, which can be viewed by the public in the USPTO Trademark Status and Document Retrieval (TSDR) database. Further, examination may be suspended while the application is subject to a pending administrative investigation or order, and, if so, the TSDR record will reflect that as well.

**I. Reporting and Investigation of Suspicious Filings**

The administrative process begins when the USPTO identifies or otherwise learns of a suspicious submission in connection with a trademark application or registration, based on information communicated by internal sources, such as examining attorneys and data analytics personnel, or through external sources, such as Letters of

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the January 14, 2020 delegation of authority is available upon request. Please contact the USPTO using the contact information provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.