

ecosystems and no longer need the protections of the ESA. NMFS believes it is critically important to base its recovery plans on the many state, regional, tribal, local, and private conservation efforts already underway throughout the region. The agency's approach to recovery planning has been to support and participate in locally led collaborative efforts involving local communities, state, tribal, and Federal entities, and other stakeholders to develop recovery plans.

On June 30, 2005, the Governor of Washington presented NMFS a locally developed recovery plan for Puget Sound Chinook salmon prepared by the Shared Strategy, a coalition of natural resource agencies, local governments, tribes, businesses, environmental groups, and other stakeholders. After review of the Shared Strategy's "Draft Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan", NMFS added a Supplement, which describes how the local plan satisfies ESA requirements, including additional actions that NMFS believes are necessary to support recovery. The Shared Strategy plan and the NMFS-prepared Supplement form a proposed Recovery Plan that meets the requirements of the ESA. The proposed Recovery Plan covers the range of the Puget Sound Chinook Salmon ESU (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), listed as threatened on March 24, 1999 (64 FR 14307). The area covered by the proposed Recovery Plan is the 16,000-square-mile (41,440 square km) Puget Sound Basin, the second largest estuary in the United States. It encompasses twenty major river systems originating in the Cascade mountain range to the east and the Olympic mountain range to the west. The recovery planning area ends at the Canadian border, but includes the San Juan Islands.

NMFS published notice of the availability of the proposed Recovery Plan for public comment in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2005 (70 FR 76445), with a comment period closing on February 27, 2005. At the request of several commenters, NMFS is reopening the comment period, which will now extend until March 16, 2006 to allow additional opportunity for public comment. The documents are available on the NMFS Northwest Region Salmon Web site at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Salmon-Recovery-Planning/index.cfm>.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

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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) 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).

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

Title: Electronic Response to Office Action and Preliminary Amendment Forms.

Form Number(s): PTO Form 1966 and PTO Form 1957.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0050.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 19,958 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 117,400 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The time needed to respond to the response to office action form and the preliminary amendment form is estimated to be 10 minutes (0.17 hours) each. This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed requests.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required by the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademarks and service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Individuals and businesses who use their marks, or intend to use their marks, in interstate commerce, may file an application to register their mark. In some cases, the USPTO may issue Office Actions requesting missing information, or advising applicants of the refusal to register the mark. Applicants may also submit additional information voluntarily by providing a Preliminary Amendment. The USPTO administers the Trademark Act through 37 CFR Part 2, which contains the rules that implement the Act.

This collection of information is a matter of public record, and is used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; the 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 any of the following methods:

- E-mail: Susan.Brown@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0050 copy request" in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.
- Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and 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 April 3, 2006 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 23, 2006.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

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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).

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

Title: Fastener Quality Act Insignia Recordal Process.

Form Number(s): PTO 16-11.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0028.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 6 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 37 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to complete a request for the recordal of an insignia or renewal of a recordal.