

Public Comment” from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/>, and then selecting File No. 17095-01 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)427-8401; fax (301)713-0376; and Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978)281-9328; fax (978)281-9394.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. 17095-01 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on the application(s) would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm Mohead or Colette Cairns, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification to Permit No. 17095, issued on April 11, 2012 (77 FR 21750), is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Permit No. 17095 currently authorizes the Permit Holder to: Monitor shortnose and Atlantic sturgeon abundance and distribution through the Hudson River Biological Monitoring Program (HRBMP) in the Hudson River from River Mile 0 (Battery Park, Manhattan, NY) to River Mile 152 at Troy Dam (Albany, NY). Researchers are authorized to non-lethally capture, handle, measure, weigh, scan for tags, insert passive integrated transponder and dart tags, photograph, tissue sample, and release up to 82 shortnose sturgeon and 82 Atlantic sturgeon annually. Additionally, researchers are permitted to lethally collect up to 40 shortnose sturgeon and up to 40 Atlantic sturgeon eggs and/or larvae (ELS) annually.

To account for a higher than expected catch per tow sampling performed

authorized under Permit No. 17095, the Permit Holder now wishes to increase the takes authorized for of juvenile, sub-adult and adult Atlantic sturgeon to 200 fish per year. Take would not exceed a total of 600 Atlantic sturgeon captured over the permit life. The Permit Holder also requests that the sampling activities for juvenile, sub-adult and adult shortnose sturgeon and Atlantic sturgeon be expanded to include upper New York Harbor (~River Mile -2.0). The amount of lethal collection of Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon ELS would remain the same. The modification would be valid until the permit expires August 28, 2017.

Dated: January 23, 2013.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, 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. 35).

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

Title: Patent Processing (Updating).

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/08a/08b, eIDS, PTO/SB/17i, PTO/SB/21-22, PTO/SB/24-27, PTO/AIA/22, PTO/SB/24B, PTO/AIA/24, PTO/AIA/24B, PTO/SB/30-33, PTO/AIA/31-33, PTO/SB/35-39, PTO/SB/43, PTO/SB/61, PTO/SB/63-64, PTO/SB/64a, PTO/SB/67-68, PTO/SB/91-92, PTO/SB/96-97, PTO/AIA/96, PTO/SB/130, PTO-2053-A/B, PTO-2054-A/B, PTO-2055-A/B, PTOL/413A & 413C, and EFS-Web.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0031.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 11,972,191 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 4,827,580 responses per year, with an estimated 1,255,171 (26%) submitted by small entities.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public an average of 1 minute, 48 seconds (0.03 hours) to 10 hours to complete either the paper or the electronic versions of the information described in this

submission, depending on the nature of the information. This estimated time includes gathering the necessary information, creating the documents, and submitting the completed requests to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: During the pendency of a patent application or the period of enforceability of a patent, situations arise that require collection of information for the USPTO to further process the patented file or the patent application. This information can be used by the USPTO to continue the processing of the patent or application or to ensure that applicants are complying with the patent regulations. These situations involve responses filed by applicants to various USPTO actions and may include information disclosures and citations; requests for extensions of time; the establishment of small entity status; abandonment or revival of abandoned applications; disclaimers; appeals; expedited examination of design applications; transmittal forms; requests to inspect, copy and access patent applications; publication requests; and certificates of mailing/transmission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and non-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, email: Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at www.reginfo.gov.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0031 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States 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 February 28, 2013 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: January 23, 2013.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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