

and cooperation;" the Council will receive a report of the 39th Stock Assessment Review Committee and review summary results of this report; the Council and ASMFC's Bluefish Board will review the Bluefish Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding 2005 harvest level and associated management measures, and recommend the 2005 harvest level and associated management measures.

On Wednesday, August 11, the Council and ASMFC's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards will review Monitoring Committee recommendations regarding the 2005, 2005 and 2006, or 2005, 2006, and 2007 harvest levels and commercial management measures, and recommend the 2005, 2005 and 2006, or 2005, 2006, and 2007 harvest levels and commercial management measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass.

On Thursday, August 12, the Ecosystems Committee will review the Council's grant Statement of Work (SOW) and develop additional options to be included in the proposed program. The Council will also receive and discuss committee and organizational reports including the Highly Migratory Species, the Trawl Survey Committee's report on items discussed at its meeting held July 7 and 8 in Philadelphia, the Executive Committee, Ecosystems Committee, New England Council's report regarding possible actions on herring, groundfish, monkfish, red crab, scallops, skates and whiting; the South Atlantic Council's report; and act on any new and/or continuing business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Debbie Donnangelo at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 22, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 070204C]

Endangered Species; Files No. 1472 and No. 1473

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

ACTION: Issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk (Ellen Riker, Principal Investigator), 10 North Water Street, South Norwalk, Connecticut 06854 and the Virginia Living Museum (Lory Scott, principle investigator), 524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, Virginia 23601, have been issued permits to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of enhancement through educational display.

ADDRESSES: The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Jefferies or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 4, 2004, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 10213) that requests for enhancement permits to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by the above-named organizations. The requested permits have been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 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).

The Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk and the Virginia Living Museum are authorized to receive and use 50

individual, captive-bred, non-releaseable shortnose sturgeon for educational display exhibits. These projects of displaying endangered cultured shortnose sturgeon respond directly to a recommendation of the NMFS recovery outline for this species. In addition, the facilities will formulate public education programs and exhibits to increase awareness of the shortnose sturgeon and its status. These projects will educate the public on shortnose sturgeon life history and the reason for its declining numbers.

Issuance of these permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits (1) were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 21, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,
Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education 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) 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: Patent Processing (Updating).

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/08a, PTO/SB/08b, PTO/SB/17i, PTO/SB/17P, PTO/SB/21-27, PTO/SB/30-37, PTO/SB/42-43, PTO/SB/61-64, PTO/SB/64a, PTO/SB/67-68, PTO/SB/91-92, PTO/SB/96-97, PTO-2053-A/B, PTO-2054-A/B, PTO-2055-A/B, PTOL/413A.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0031.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,731,841 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,281,439 responses.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 1 minute 48 seconds to 8 hours. The USPTO estimates that it will take 8 minutes (0.13) to complete the request to retrieve electronic priority application(s) and 6

minutes (0.10) to complete the authorization to permit access to application by priority offices. This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed request.

Needs and Uses: This proposed new electronic exchange of copies of priority applications will benefit applicants by reducing the cost of ordering paper certified copies of priority applications for filing in other participating intellectual property offices, and will benefit participating intellectual property offices by reducing the administrative costs associated with transferring paper copies of priority applications and scanning them into the electronic image record management systems. The USPTO is submitting this collection in support of a final rulemaking, "Changes to Implement Priority Document Exchange between Intellectual Property Offices" (RIN 0651-AB75). There are two forms associated with this final rulemaking, PTO/SB 33, Request to Retrieve Electronic Priority Application(s) Under 37 CFR 1.55(d), which will allow the applicant to request that the USPTO retrieve such documents from other participating intellectual property offices; and PTO/SB/34, Authorization to Permit Access to Application by Participating Offices Under 37 CFR 1.14(h), which will allow the applicant to authorize the USPTO to release confidential documents to other participating intellectual property offices that are important to the prosecution of the patent application.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms, the Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

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 "0651-0031 copy request" in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: 703-308-7407, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.

- Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration 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 August 26, 2004, to David

Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 21, 2004.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0078]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Make-or-Buy Program

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0078).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning make-or-buy programs. The clearance currently expires on October 31, 2004.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information,

including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0078, Make-or-Buy Program, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT Julia Wise, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 208-1168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Price, performance, and/or implementation of socio-economic policies may be affected by make-or-buy decisions under certain Government prime contracts. Accordingly, FAR 15.407-2, Make-or-Buy Programs (i) Sets forth circumstances under which a Government contractor must submit for approval by the contracting officer a make-or-buy program, i.e., a written plan identifying major items to be produced or work efforts to be performed in the prime contractor's facilities and those to be subcontracted;

(ii) Provides guidance to contracting officers concerning the review and approval of the make-or-buy programs; and

(iii) Prescribes the contract clause at FAR 52.215-9, Changes or Additions to Make-or-Buy Programs, which specifies the circumstances under which the contractor is required to submit for the contracting officer's advance approval a notification and justification of any proposed change in the approved make-or-buy program.

The information is used to assure the lowest overall cost to the Government for required supplies and services.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 150.

Responses Per Respondent: 3.

Total Responses: 450.

Hours Per Response: 8.

Total Burden Hours: 3,600.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VR), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0078, Make-or-Buy Program, in all correspondence.

Dated: July 20, 2004.

Ralph J. De Stefano

Acting Director, Contract Policy Division.

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