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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items included in the tentative agenda are:

July 20, 2022

9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

—Welcome—Marcos Hanke

—Call to Order

—Adoption of Agenda

9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

—Federal and Local Regulations for

Deep-Water Snapper/Grouper

Fishing—Graciela García-Moliner

—Applicable Trap and Other Fishing

Gear Federal Regulations—Jocelyn

D'Ambrosio/María del Mar López-

Mercer

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

—Turning Fishing Knowledge into

Scientific Information—Jorge R.

García-Sáiz

—Life History Parameters of Deep-Water

Snappers—Stacey Williams

11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

—Experiences in Deep-Water Fishing

—Puerto Rico—Nelson Crespo

—St. Croix—Edward Schuster

—St. Thomas—Julian Magras

12 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

—Lunch Break

1:30 p.m.–4 p.m.

—Discussion of Topics Discussed in the Morning Session

—Recommendations to the CFMC and Local Governments

4 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

—Other Business

Other than the starting date and time the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items, at the discretion of the Chair. The meeting will begin on July 20, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. AST, and will end on June 20, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. AST.

Special Accommodations

For any additional information on this public virtual meeting, please contact Diana Martino, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 226–8849.

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

Dated: June 24, 2022.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Public Meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for a meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB). OEAB members will discuss and provide advice on the Federal ocean exploration program, with a particular emphasis on the topics identified in the section on Matters to Be Considered.

DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2022 from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (EDT) and Thursday, July 7, 2022 from 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. (EDT).

ADDRESSES: This will be an in-person meeting. The meeting will be held at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Silver Spring Metro Center in Building 3 (SSMC3) Room 5836, located at 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Information about how to participate, including COVID–19 related protocols and remote access, will be posted to the OEAB website at <https://oeab.noaa.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Turner, Designated Federal Officer, Ocean Exploration Advisory Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, David.Turner@noaa.gov or (859) 327–9661.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA established the OEAB under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and

legislation that gives the agency statutory authority to operate an ocean exploration program and to coordinate a national program of ocean exploration. The OEAB advises NOAA leadership on strategic planning, exploration priorities, competitive ocean exploration grant programs, and other matters as the NOAA Administrator requests.

OEAB members represent government agencies, the private sector, academic institutions, and not-for-profit institutions involved in all facets of ocean exploration—from advanced technology to citizen exploration.

In addition to advising NOAA leadership, NOAA expects the OEAB to help to define and develop a national program of ocean exploration—a network of stakeholders and partnerships advancing national priorities for ocean exploration.

Matters To Be Considered: The OEAB will deliberate about the rapid evolution of ocean exploration as a discipline; the rapidly emerging technological capabilities that are in many ways driving that evolution; and new opportunities that are revealed in the wake of that evolution. They will also receive updates from NOAA Ocean Exploration staff and engage in discussions about current and future programs; data integration and analysis capabilities currently being deployed by the private sector; and how NOAA mapping and exploration activities in the Pacific Ocean can support National strategic objectives. Portions of the meeting may be partially closed to the public based upon provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (Pub. L. 94–409). The agenda and other meeting materials will be made available on the OEAB website at <https://oeab.noaa.gov/>.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public via remote access and include a 30-minute public comment period on Thursday, July 7, 2022, from 11:00–11:30 a.m. (EDT). Please check the final agenda on the OEAB website to confirm the public comment period schedule.

The OEAB expects that public statements at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to three minutes. The Designated Federal Officer must receive written comments by June 27, 2022, to provide sufficient time for OEAB review. Written comments received after June 27, 2022, will be distributed to the OEAB but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Comments should be submitted to

Designated Federal Officer
David.Turner@NOAA.gov.

Special Accommodations: Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Designated Federal Officer by June 27, 2022.

Paul Johnson,

Acting Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2021-0037]

Fourth Extension of the Modified COVID-19 Prioritized Examination Pilot Program for Patent Applications

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: To further support the acceleration of innovations in the fight against COVID-19, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) is extending the modified COVID-19 Prioritized Examination Pilot Program, which provides prioritized examination of certain patent applications. Requests that are compliant with the pilot program's requirements and are filed on or before December 31, 2022, will be accepted. The USPTO will evaluate whether to terminate or further extend the program during this extension period.

DATES: The COVID-19 Prioritized Examination Pilot Program is extended as of June 29, 2022, to run until December 31, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert A. Clarke, Director, Office of Patent Legal Administration (571-272-7735, robert.clarke@uspto.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 14, 2020, the USPTO published a notice on the implementation of the COVID-19 Prioritized Examination Pilot Program. See COVID-19 Prioritized Examination Pilot Program, 85 FR 28932 (May 14, 2020) (COVID-19 Track One Notice). On September 3, 2021, the USPTO published a notice extending the program to December 31, 2021, and modifying it by removing the limit on the number of patent applications that could receive prioritized examination. See Modification of COVID-19 Prioritized Examination Pilot Program, 86 FR 49522 (September 3, 2021). On

December 30, 2021, the USPTO published a notice extending the program to March 31, 2022. See Extension of the Modified COVID-19 Prioritized Examination Pilot Program, 86 FR 74406 (December 30, 2021) (Second Extension Notice). On March 25, 2022, the USPTO published a notice extending the program to June 30, 2022. See Third Extension of the Modified COVID-19 Prioritized Examination Pilot Program for Patent Applications, 87 FR 17073 (March 25, 2022) (Third Extension Notice).

The COVID-19 Track One Notice indicated that an applicant may request prioritized examination without payment of the prioritized examination fee and associated processing fee if: (1) the patent application's claim(s) covered a product or process related to COVID-19, (2) the product or process was subject to an applicable Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval for COVID-19 use, and (3) the applicant met other requirements noted in the COVID-19 Track One Notice. As of May 16, 2022, 261 patents had issued from applications granted prioritized status under the pilot program. The average total pendency, from filing date or later submission of a request for continued examination to issue date, for those applications was 280 days. The shortest pendency from filing date to issue date for those applications was 75 days.

The Third Extension Notice indicated that the pilot program would expire on June 30, 2022. In the current notice, the USPTO is further extending the pilot program by setting the expiration date as December 31, 2022. The Office will evaluate whether to terminate or further extend the program during this fourth extension period. If the USPTO determines that an additional extension of the pilot program is appropriate, the Agency will publish a subsequent notice to the public.

Unless the pilot program is further extended by a subsequent notice, following the expiration of this extension, the pilot program will be terminated, and patent applicants interested in expediting the prosecution of their patent application may instead seek to use the Prioritized Examination (Track One) Program. Patent applications accorded prioritized examination under the pilot program will not lose that status merely because the application is still pending after the date the pilot program is terminated but will instead retain prioritized examination status until that status is terminated for one or more reasons, as described in the COVID-19 Track One Notice.

The Track One Program permits an applicant to have a patent application advanced out of turn (accorded special status) for examination under 37 CFR 1.102(e) if the applicant timely files a request for prioritized (Track One) examination accompanied by the appropriate fees and meets the other conditions of 37 CFR 1.102(e). See § 708.02(b)(2) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (9th ed., rev. 10.2019, June 2020). The current USPTO fee schedule is available at www.uspto.gov/Fees.

The Track One Program does not have the restrictions of the COVID-19 Prioritized Examination Pilot Program regarding the types of inventions for which special status may be sought, as the Track One Program does not require a connection to any particular technology. Moreover, under the Track One Program, an applicant can avoid delays associated with the determination of whether a patent application presents a claim that covers a product or process related to COVID-19 and whether the product or process is subject to an applicable FDA approval for COVID-19 use.

Katherine K. Vidal,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2022-0019]

Extension of the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: On June 29, 2016, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) implemented the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program in support of the White House's National Cancer Moonshot initiative, which sought to accelerate cancer research. The program permits patent applications pertaining to cancer immunotherapy to be advanced out of turn for examination. To date, over 835 petitions requesting participation in the pilot program have been filed, and over 615 patents have been granted under the program. In view of the continued interest in the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program, as well as the White House's recent reinitiation of the National