

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern standard time, on October 13, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the application may be sent via fax to 727-824-5308 or mailed to: Sarah DeVido, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is *Sarah.DeVido@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail document the following text: Comment on Patterson-Hartig EFP Application. The application and related documents are available for review upon written request to the address above or the e-mail address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah DeVido, 727-824-5305; fax 727-824-5308; e-mail: *Sarah.DeVido@noaa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EFP is requested under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745(b) concerning exempted fishing.

The described research is part of the cooperative research program (NMFS Cooperative Research Program Grant NA06NMF45400601). The Cooperative Research Program is a means of involving commercial and/or recreational fishermen in the collection of fundamental fisheries information. Resource collection efforts support the development and evaluation of fisheries management and regulatory options.

The proposed collection for scientific research involves activities otherwise prohibited by regulations implementing the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the South Atlantic Region. The applicants require authorization to harvest and possess undersized and out-of-season king mackerel for scientific research activities during the period from October 1, 2006, through July 31, 2008. Specimens would be collected from Federal waters off the southeast coast of Florida by trolling artificial lures and rigged dead baits during the specified sampling period. Sampling would occur year round when migratory fish are present, collecting up to 500 fish per year. Biological samples would be extracted from the specimens. Data collections for this study will support estimations of growth and age (from otolith thin sections), analyses of reproductive biology (from gonadal thin sections), and population and mixing dynamics (from shape and chemical analyses of otoliths).

NMFS finds this application warrants further consideration. Based on a preliminary review, NMFS intends to issue an EFP. Possible conditions the agency may impose on this permit, if it is indeed granted, include but are not limited to: The use of only artificial lures and rigged dead baits during trolling sampling trips; and prohibition of conducting research within marine protected areas, marine sanctuaries, or special management zones, or over artificial reefs, without additional authorization. A final decision on issuance of the EFP will depend on a NMFS review of public comments received on the application, consultations with the affected states, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and the U.S. Coast Guard, and a determination that it is consistent with all applicable laws.

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

Dated: September 8, 2006.

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

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081606A]

#### Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; U.S. Atlantic Swordfish Fishery Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice; additional public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** On August 31, 2006, NMFS published in the **Federal Register** a notice announcing five public meetings to obtain from U.S. Atlantic swordfish fishery participants and other members of the public recommendations regarding potential management measures so as to fully harvest the swordfish quota allocated to the United States by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). In response to requests from swordfish fishery participants in South Florida, NMFS is adding an additional meeting in Fort Lauderdale, FL, in September 2006.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on September 27, 2006, from 7-9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the Broward County Main

Library, 100 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sari Kiraly at (301) 713-2347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A notice announcing five public meetings (in Houma, LA; Manahawkin, NJ; Peabody, MA; Manteo, NC; and Panama City, FL) to obtain recommendations regarding potential management measures so as to fully harvest the Atlantic swordfish quota allocated to the United States by ICCAT was published in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2006 (71 FR 51803). This notice announces an additional meeting.

#### Background

The U.S. Atlantic swordfish fishery is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish and Sharks, and regulations at 50 CFR part 635 under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA) (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). Regulations issued under the authority of ATCA implement the recommendations of ICCAT. In the last several years, the U.S. Atlantic swordfish fishery has not fully harvested the available quota allocated by ICCAT. The adjusted 2005 North Atlantic swordfish total quota was 6,336.1 mt dw, which included a baseline quota of 2,937.6 and a quota carry-over of 3,398.5 mt dw. The total U.S. North Atlantic quota allocation for the 2006 fishing year is 2,937.6 mt dw, and the carry-over is yet to be determined. NMFS anticipates that the pending September 2006 stock assessment may identify the North Atlantic swordfish stock as fully rebuilt. Fishermen and others have asked NMFS to assist in revitalizing this fishery. Also, at its November 2006 meeting ICCAT will likely review swordfish management measures and quota allocations. Therefore, NMFS is considering potential management measures for the U.S. Atlantic swordfish fishery that would address factors limiting the ability to catch the allocated quota, and to aid in revitalizing the fishery so that swordfish are harvested in a sustainable and economically viable manner, while bycatch is minimized to the extent practicable. At the September 27, 2006 public meeting NMFS wishes to obtain recommendations from swordfish fishery participants and other members of the public regarding potential management measures for the fishery to fully harvest the available quota.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Sari Kiraly at (301) 713-2347, no later than September 20, 2006.

Dated: September 7, 2006.

**James P. Burgess,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 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. Chapter 35).

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

*Title:* Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0024.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 17,297 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 15,382 responses per year.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately ten minutes (0.17 hours) to one hour and 20 minutes (1.33 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare the sequence listing, and submit it to the USPTO, depending on whether the listing is submitted on paper, on compact disc (CD), or electronically.

*Needs and Uses:* Patent applications that contain nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosures must include a copy of the sequence listing in accordance with the requirements in 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. Applicants may submit sequence listings for both U.S. and international patent applications. The USPTO uses the sequence listings during the examination process to determine the patentability of the associated patent application. Sequence listings are also disclosed as part of the published application or issued patent. Applicants use sequence data when preparing biotechnology patent applications and may also search sequence listings after publication.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions.  
*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](mailto:Susan.Brown@uspto.gov).

Include "0651-0024 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 October 13, 2006 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 6, 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 DEFENSE****Department of the Air Force****Proposed Navy Air-to-Ground Training at Avon Park Air Force Range, FL**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, Headquarters Air Combat Command.

**ACTION:** Record of Decision.

**SUMMARY:** On August 21, 2006 the United States Air Force signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Proposed Navy Air-to-Ground Training at Avon Park Air Force Range, Florida, and has selected Alternative 6 (Utilize Alpha Plus Impact Area for High Explosive Delivery) for implementation. This ROD states the Air Force decision to allow the Navy to conduct all components of air-to-ground ordnance delivery and training at integrated and sustainment levels of Fleet Forces Command's Fleet Readiness Training Program at APAFR, Florida. The proposed action includes an increase in current common elements training and adds air-to-ground readiness training, including delivery of inert and high explosive (HE) ordnance from the

Navy's tactical jets. Alternative 6 was selected because it provides the best balance between readiness training and environmental concerns. The Air Force participated as a cooperating agency in preparation of the Navy Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and ROD, which the AF ROD incorporated by reference. The Navy FEIS and ROD provide detailed information on the Navy proposal and the selection of alternatives that were considered by the Air Force in reaching its decision. The EIS and ROD also describe in detail impacts of the proposed action to the human and the natural environment in 13 resource areas and measures that will be taken to mitigate those impacts. The Air Force decision was based on matters discussed in the ROD, the FEIS, inputs from the public, inputs from regulatory agencies, and other relevant factors. The FEIS was made available on November 18, 2005 in the **Federal Register**: (Vol. 70, Number 222, page 69967) with a waiting period ending December 18, 2005. The ROD documents only the decision of the Air Force, as a cooperating agency, with regard to the proposed Navy actions analyzed in the FEIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Headquarters Air Combat Command, Integrated Planning Office, 129 Andrews St, Suite 103 Langley AFB VA 23665 or call (757) 764-9197.

**Bao-Anh Trinh,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 13, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Rachel Potter, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New