

including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying

information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XB153]

#### Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permits have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Skidmore (Permit No. 25500), Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D. (Permit No. 25581), and Jordan Rutland (Permit No. 25520); at (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the activities, go to [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov) and search on the permit number provided in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1—ISSUED PERMITS

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Issuance date
25500 .....	0648–XA943	University of Alaska Museum of the North, 907 Yukon Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99775 (Responsible Party: Link Olson, Ph.D.).	86 FR 14878; March 19, 2021 ....	May 6, 2021.
25581 .....	0648–XA959	Freedive Pictures, Ltd, St. Stephens Avenue Bristol, United Kingdom, BS1 1YL (Responsible Party: Sophie Morgan).	86 FR 15651; March 24, 2021 ....	May 6, 2021.
25520 .....	0648–XA958	BBC Natural History and Factual Productions Ltd., Broadcasting House, Whiteladies Road, Bristol, United Kingdom, BS8 2LR (Responsible Party: Daniel Rasmussen).	86 FR 15464; March 23, 2021 ....	May 25, 2021.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

**Authority:** The requested permits have been issued under the MMPA of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the ESA 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), as applicable.

Dated: June 4, 2021.

**Julia Marie Harrison,**

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 911 Grant Program Performance Closeout Report

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information

collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 2, 2021 during the 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

**Agency:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

**Title:** 911 Grant Program Closeout Performance Report Request.

**OMB Control Number:** 06XX–XXXX.

**Form Number(s):** None.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 36.

*Average Hours per Response:* 60 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 2,160 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* In 2012, the Next Generation 911 (NG911) Advancement Act of 2012 (Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, Pub. L. 112–96, Title VI, Subtitle E (codified at 47 U.S.C. 942)) enacted changes to this program. It reauthorized the 911 Implementation Coordination Office (ICO), a joint effort between the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). It delineated the responsibilities of the ICO to include a joint program to establish and facilitate coordination and communication between Federal, State, and local emergency communications systems, emergency personnel, public safety organizations, telecommunications carriers, and telecommunications equipment manufacturers and vendors involved in the implementation of 911 services.

The NG911 Advancement Act provided funding for grants to be used for the implementation and operation of 911 services, E911 services, migration to an IP-enabled emergency network, and adoption and operation of NG911 services and applications; the implementation of IP-enabled emergency services and applications enabled by NG911 services, including the establishment of IP backbone networks and the application layer software infrastructure needed to interconnect the multitude of emergency response organizations; and training public safety personnel, including call-takers, first responders, and other individuals and organizations who are part of the emergency response chain in 911 services. In August 2019, NTIA and NHTSA made \$109,250,000 in grant awards to 36 agencies.

The information collected for the closeout of this grant program will include various reporting requirements. The closeout performance report is a new collection instrument. All grantees will submit the closeout performance report, tangible property report and final financial report in accordance with 2 CFR part 200, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (OMB Uniform Guidance). It is important for NTIA and NHTSA to have this information so that they can effectively administer the grant program and account for the expenditure of funds.

*Affected Public:* Under this proposed effort, all grantees are required to submit the required report electronically via email. Reporting entities are the 36 grantees, making the total maximum number of respondents 36.

*Frequency:* One time. The reporting entities will be required to submit the Closeout Performance Report, Tangible Property Report and a final financial report.

*Respondents' Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 942.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering the title of the collection.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO–C–2021–0016]

#### New Implementation Date for Patent Practitioner Registration Statement and Continuing Legal Education Certification

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of revised implementation date.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) is delaying the implementation of the biennial mandatory registration statement required from registered patent practitioners and individuals granted limited recognition to practice before the USPTO in patent matters until November 1, 2024. However, beginning in the spring of 2022, registered patent practitioners and individuals granted recognition to practice before the USPTO in patent matters may voluntarily certify that they have completed six credit hours of

continuing legal education (CLE) in the preceding 24 months.

**DATES:** *New Implementation Date:* The USPTO anticipates that the registration statement will first be collected on November 1, 2024. The voluntary certification of CLE will commence in the spring of 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Covey, Deputy General Counsel and Director OED, at 571–272–4097. Please direct media inquiries to the USPTO’s Office of the Chief Communications Officer at 571–272–8400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the final rule, Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees During Fiscal Year 2020, 85 FR 46932 (Aug. 3, 2020), registered patent practitioners and individuals granted limited recognition to practice before the USPTO in patent matters may be required to biennially submit a mandatory registration statement. See 37 CFR 11.11(a)(2). The final rule also provided that registered patent practitioners and individuals granted limited recognition to practice before the USPTO in patent matters who have completed six credits of CLE in the preceding 24 months (including five hours of CLE in patent law and practice and one hour of CLE in ethics) may voluntarily certify such completion to the OED Director. 37 CFR 11.11(a)(3)(i). In the final rule, the USPTO anticipated that practitioners would first be required to submit a registration statement in the spring of 2022, and that patent practitioners would make the voluntary CLE certification, if desired, when submitting the registration statement. 85 FR 46932, at 46948.

On October 9, 2020, the USPTO published proposed CLE guidelines with a request for comments in the **Federal Register**, seeking public input on the guidelines. 85 FR 64128. The request for comments closed on January 7, 2021. The USPTO received 26 comments, addressing both the proposed CLE guidelines and the provisions of the final patent fee rule which establish the biennial electronic registration statement.

After considering numerous factors, the USPTO has decided to delay the implementation of the registration statement. The decision to delay is based, in part, on the USPTO’s consideration of public comments received regarding the registration statement in response to the request for public comments on the proposed CLE guidelines. The USPTO’s decision is also based on a close analysis of operational priorities and budget. The USPTO notes that delaying