

floating line not to exceed one-third the overall length of the buoy line;

3. Fishermen are allowed to use two buoy lines per trawl; and

4. A weak link with a maximum breaking strength of 600 lb (272.4 kg) must be placed at all buoys.

Fishermen utilizing lobster trap/pot gear within the portion of the Offshore Lobster Waters Area that overlap with the DAM zone may be required to utilize all of the following gear modifications when a DAM zone is in effect:

1. Groundlines must be made of sinking line. Floating groundlines are prohibited;

2. All buoy lines must be made of sinking line, except the bottom portion of the line, which may be a section of floating line not to exceed one-third the overall length of the buoy line;

3. Fishermen are allowed to use two buoy lines per trawl; and

4. A weak link with a maximum breaking strength of 1,500 lb (680.4 kg) must be placed at all buoys.

#### **Anchored Gillnet Gear**

Fishermen utilizing anchored gillnet gear within the portions of the Other Northeast Gillnet Waters and Stellwagen Bank/Jeffreys Ledge Restricted Area that overlap with the DAM zone may be required to utilize all the following gear modifications when a DAM zone is in effect:

1. Groundlines must be made of sinking line. Floating groundlines are prohibited;

2. All buoy lines must be made of sinking line, except the bottom portion of the line, which may be a section of floating line not to exceed one-third the overall length of the buoy line;

3. Fishermen are allowed to use two buoy lines per string;

4. The breaking strength of each net panel weak link must not exceed 1,100 lb (498.8 kg). The weak link requirements apply to all variations in net panel size. One weak link must be placed in the center of the floatline and one weak link must be placed in the center of each of the up and down lines at both ends of the net panel. Additionally, one weak link must be placed as close as possible to each end of the net panels on the floatline; or, one weak link must be placed between floatline tie-loops between net panels and one weak link must be placed where the floatline tie-loops attach to the bridle, buoy line, or groundline at each end of a net string;

5. A weak link with a maximum breaking strength of 1,100 lb (498.8 kg) must be placed at all buoys; and

6. All anchored gillnets, regardless of the number of net panels, must be securely anchored with the holding power of at least a 22 lb (10.0 kg) Danforth-style anchor at each end of the net string.

Dated: October 2, 2008.

**John Oliver**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **United States 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:* Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) Actions.

*Form Number(s):* No forms.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-00xx.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Burden:* 773,895 hours annually. In the future, once this proposed collection and 0651-0031 are approved by the OMB, the USPTO expects to move the notices of appeal and requests for oral hearing before the BPAI into this collection. The USPTO estimates that this will add a minimum of 5,719 hours per year to this collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 31,828 responses per year. The USPTO estimates that once the notices of appeal and requests for oral hearing before the BPAI are moved into this collection, a minimum of 28,595 responses will be added to this collection.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately 5 to 30 hours to complete this information, depending on the brief, petition, or request. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the briefs, petitions, and requests, and submit them to the USPTO. The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately 12 minutes (0.20 hours) to complete the notices of appeal and requests for oral hearing before the BPAI. Needs and Uses: This collection

of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 134, 135, 306, and 315 and is implemented through the appeal rules found in Part 41. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences was established under 35 U.S.C. 6(b). This collection permits applicants and registrants to prepare appeal and reply briefs which set forth the claims, issues, and arguments on appeal to the BPAI and permits the filing of petitions requesting extensions of time to respond to the agency, petitions requesting an increase in the page limit of a brief, and requests for rehearing before the BPAI. The BPAI uses the information to aid in rendering a decision on the claims, issues, and arguments outlined in the appeal and reply briefs and to determine whether the petitions for extensions of time, the petitions to increase the page limit of a brief, and requests for rehearings before the BPAI should be granted. There are no forms associated with the items in this collection, but they are governed by the rules in Part 41. The Board publishes its opinions and decisions for publicly available files on the USPTO Web site.

*Affected Public:* Primarily businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

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

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail:

*Nicholas\_A.\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.*

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following:

- *E-mail:* Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov. Include "0651-00xx Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) Actions copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information 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 submitted on or before November 7, 2008 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail at *Nicholas\_A.\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov* or by fax (202) 395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: October 2, 2008.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group,*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 11 a.m. Thursday, October 9, 2008.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** DCIO Rule Enforcement Review Meeting.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Sauntia S. Warfield, 202-418-5084.

**Sauntia S. Warfield,**

*Staff Assistant.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Extension of Public Comment Period for the Proposed White Elk Military Operations Area Draft Environmental Impact Statement

**ACTION:** Extension of Public Comment Period for the Proposed White Elk Military Operations Area Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508), and Air Force's Environmental Impact Analysis Process as implemented by 32 CFR Part 989, the United States Air Force (Air Force) is issuing this notice to advise the public of our intent to provide an extension of the public comment period for the Proposed White Elk Military Operations Area (MOA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The original comment period was scheduled to close on 29 September 2008 (**Federal Register**: August 15, [Volume 73, Number 159] [Notices] [Page 47948-47949]. The comment period now ends on 13 November 2008.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please submit written comments to Ms. Sheryl Parker, White Elk MOA EIS Project Manager, HQ ACC/A7PP, 129 Andrews St., Ste. 122, Langley AFB, VA 23665-5399. For additional information, please contact Ms. Barbara Fisher at 75 ABW Public Affairs Office, Hill AFB, Utah, at (801) 775-3652.

**Bao-Anh Trinh,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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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 November 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit responses electronically by e-mail to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov) or via fax to (202) 395-6974. Commenters should include the following subject line in their response "Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., "Upward Bound Evaluation"]". Persons submitting comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information

collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: October 2, 2008.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Case Service Report.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary).

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 80.

*Burden Hours:* 3,600.

*Abstract:* As required by Sections 13, 101(a)(10), 106 and 626 of the Rehabilitation Act, the data are submitted annually by State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies. The data contain personal and program-related characteristics, including economic outcomes of persons with disabilities whose service records are closed.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3647. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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