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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in the HCP

Species Under NMFS Jurisdiction

Threatened species include Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) Evolutionary Significant Unit (ESU) (Puget Sound ESU) and Steelhead (*O. mykiss*) distinct population segment (DPS) (Puget Sound DPS). The unlisted species is Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*) Evolutionary Significant Unit (ESU): (Puget Sound/Strait of Georgia ESU).

Species Under USFWS Jurisdiction

The threatened species is Bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*), distinct population segment (DPS) (Coastal Recovery Unit). Unlisted species include Pacific lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentatus*), distinct population segment, River lamprey (*Lampetra ayresii*) distinct population segment, and Western brook lamprey (*L. richardsoni*) distinct population segment.

Hereafter, these seven species are collectively referred to as the “covered species.”

Background

The USFWS and NMFS received incidental take permit (ITP) applications in November 2024 from Pierce County, in accordance with the requirements of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1532 *et seq.*). Pierce County prepared an HCP in support of its applications and are seeking 30-year ITPs for incidental take of seven covered species, three of which fall under NMFS jurisdiction. The ITPs, if issued, would authorize take of the covered species that may occur incidental to the maintenance and operations activities associated with Pierce County owned flood risk reduction structures in and along the Puyallup, White, and Nisqually Rivers in Pierce County, Washington. The HCP addresses potential impacts that will likely result from the taking of covered species and describes the steps the applicant will undertake to avoid, minimize, and mitigate such impacts. The HCP also

describes alternatives considered by the applicant, monitoring protocols, funding assurances, and procedures to account for unforeseen or extraordinary circumstances.

NMFS prepared a draft EA in response to the ITP applications in accordance with the requirements of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). NMFS is the lead agency and USFWS is a cooperating agency for the action. We are making the HCP and EA available for public review and comment.

Authority

Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the taking of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The ESA defines “take” to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue a permit, under limited circumstances, to take listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA and implementing regulations provide for authorizing incidental take of listed species.

NEPA requires Federal agencies to conduct an environmental analysis of their proposed actions to determine if the actions may affect the human environment. Therefore, NMFS is seeking public input on the scope of the required NEPA analysis in the EA, including the range of reasonable alternatives and associated impacts of any alternatives.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decision will not be made until after the end of the comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 18, 2025.

Jennifer Quan,

*Regional Administrator, West Coast Region,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patents External Quality Survey

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) 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. The USPTO invites comments on the information collection renewal of 0651-0057 (Patents External Quality Survey), which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on May 1, 2025 during a 60-day comment period (90 FR 18648). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before August 22, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, 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 either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651-0057. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0057 information request” in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.
- *Telephone:* Robyn Sirkis, Chief Patent Statistician Office, 571–270–0935

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Patents External Quality Survey.
OMB Control Number: 0651–0057.

Abstract: The USPTO Quality Survey is designed to measure opinions about the services the USPTO provides to its patent application customers. This information collection contains a survey that the USPTO uses to gauge customer satisfaction with patent examination quality.

The results from this voluntary survey will assist the USPTO in guiding improvements and enhancements in the

future. The USPTO conducts the Patents External Quality Survey as part of its quality improvement efforts. This survey narrows the focus of customer satisfaction to examination quality and uses a longitudinal, rotating panel design to assess changes in customer perceptions and to identify key areas for examiner training and opportunities for improvement. The USPTO uses this survey to identify problems with examination quality and works to resolve these issues in a timely manner. The USPTO surveys patent agents, attorneys, and other individuals from large domestic corporations (including those with 500+ employees), small and medium-sized businesses, independent inventors, and universities and other non-profit research organizations. This survey does not include foreign entities.

The random sample used in this survey is drawn from One Patent Service Gateway. The sample population is drawn from the top filing firms, which are entities that have filed more than five patent applications in a 12-month period. This ongoing survey is generally conducted twice a year. The USPTO uses a rotating panel design where participants take the survey twice in back-to-back survey periods (waves). Half the participants in each survey period are new and complete the survey for the first time and half return to complete the same survey for a second time. This design allows a precise measurement of changes in customer experience over time. The rotating panels and their impact on respondents are described in more detail in the table below.

TABLE 1—THE ROTATING PANEL

Panel 1	Holdover panel from the previous year, respondents are surveyed once in Wave 1.
Panel 2	Wave 1 and Wave 2 in the current year, respondents are surveyed in both waves.
Panel 3	New panel in the current year, respondents are only surveyed once in Wave 2.

The Patents External Quality Survey is a web-based survey. The USPTO sends potential respondents either an email or mailed pre-survey letter, depending on the respondent's preferred method of contact. At the beginning of each survey period, the USPTO provides respondents with instructions for accessing and completing the survey electronically. After a specified response period, the USPTO sends a reminder to all sample members who have not yet submitted a response. The USPTO also uses reminder/thank-you postcards and telephone calls to encourage a response from sample members.

Forms:

- PTO/2535 (External Quality Survey)
 - Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.
 - Affected Public:* Private sector.
 - Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.
 - Frequency:* On occasion.
 - Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 750 respondents.
 - Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 1,000 responses.
 - Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.
 - Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 171 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden: \$0. The USPTO covers the costs of all survey materials.

Justin Isaac,
Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Determination Under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (“CAFTA–DR”)

AGENCY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.
ACTION: Determination to add a product in unrestricted quantities to Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (“CITA”) has determined that certain 100 percent monofilament yarn, as specified below, is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the CAFTA–DR countries. The product is added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR in unrestricted quantities.
DATES:

Applicable Date: July 23, 2025.
ADDRESSES: <https://otexaproduct.trade.gov/otexacapublicsite/requests/cafta> under “Approved Requests,” File Number: CA2025003.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kayla Johnson, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–2532 or Kayla.Johnson@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The CAFTA–DR; Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (“CAFTA–DR Implementation Act”), Public Law 109–53; the Statement of Administrative Action accompanying the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act; and Presidential Proclamation 7987 (February 28, 2006).
Background: The CAFTA–DR provides a list in Annex 3.25 for fabrics, yarns, and fibers that the Parties to the CAFTA–DR have determined are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. The CAFTA–DR provides that this list may be modified pursuant to Article 3.25.4, when the United States determines that a fabric, yarn, or fiber is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. See Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR; see also section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act.