

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Salmon Fishery is a commercial fishery in Alaska State waters and adjacent Federal waters. It encompasses the commercial taking of salmon with purse seine gear and participation is limited to fishermen designated by the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

The Fishing Capacity Reduction Program was established under the Consolidations Act of 2005 (Section 209 of Title II of Division B of Pub. L. 108-447). This Federal law was subsequently amended by Section 121 of Public Law 109-479 (the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act of 2006) codified at 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* The authority for the SRA to conduct this program under Alaska law is AS 16.40.250.

Based on these Federal and state measures, the NMFS established regulations in the **Federal Register**, (76 FR 61986; October 6, 2011), to administer and implement the program.

The purpose of the program and this plan is to permanently reduce the number of limited entry fishing permits issued by the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) for the Fishery thereby promoting economic efficiency and improving the conservation and management of the Fishery.

Congress authorized a \$23.5 million dollar loan to finance a fishing capacity reduction program in the Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Salmon Fishery. NMFS published proposed program regulations on May 23, 2011 (76 FR 29707) and final program regulations on October 6, 2011 (76 FR 61986) to implement the reduction program.

In 2012, NMFS conducted a referendum to determine the remaining fishermen's willingness to repay a \$13.1 million fishing capacity reduction loan to remove 64 permits. After a majority of permit holders approved the loan, NMFS disbursed payments to the successful bidders and began collecting fees to repay the loan. Since only \$13.1 million was expended from the total loan amount, \$10.4 million in funds remained available.

In 2018, the SRA informed NMFS that they wished to access the remaining loan amounts to undertake a second buyback. To implement this next buyback, the SRA, on behalf of the reduction fishery, was required to draft and submit a reduction plan to NMFS. On June 21, 2018, the SRA submitted a reduction plan to access \$10.1 million

of the remaining \$10.4 million in funds to remove 36 permits. NMFS approved the proposed second fishing capacity reduction plan in November 2018.

NMFS published a notice of eligible voters on December 3, 2018 (83 FR 62302) informing the public of the permanent permit holders eligible to vote in the referendum and informing the eligible voters of the referendum voting period.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this notice is to announce the current fee rates for the reduction fishery in accordance with the framework rule at 50 CFR 600.1013(b). Section 600.1013(b) directs NMFS to recalculate the fee to a rate that will be reasonably necessary to ensure reduction loan repayment within the specified 40-year term.

For the 2022 fishing season, the fee rate for both Loan A and Loan B was one percent of the landed value and any subsequent bonus payment. Loan A is currently 13 years ahead of the scheduled amortization and will remain well ahead so we are leaving the rate at 1 percent of gross value of salmon sold. Loan B is 1.5 years behind the scheduled amortization and currently owes more than the original loan amount. Beginning June 1, 2022, the Loan B fee rate will be increased from 1 percent to 2.5 percent of gross value of salmon sold and is projected to be current at the end of the 2022 season.

Fish buyers may continue to use *Pay.gov* to disburse collected fee deposits at: <http://www.pay.gov/paygov/>. Please visit the NOAA Fisheries website for additional information at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/funding-and-financial-services/southeast-alaska-purse-seine-salmon-fishery-buyback-program>.

**Notice**

The new fee rate for the Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Salmon Fishery will begin on June 1, 2022.

From and after this date, all subsector members paying fees on the Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Salmon Fishery shall begin paying program fees at the revised rate.

Fee collection and submission shall follow previously established methods in § 600.1013 of the framework rule and in the final fee rule published in the **Federal Register** on October 6, 2011 (76 FR 61985).

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.*; Pub. L. 108-447.

Dated: May 9, 2022.

**Brian T. Pawlak,**

*Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, Director, Office of Management and Budget, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648-XC053]

**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of hybrid meeting open to the public offering both in-person and virtual options for participation.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a four-day meeting to consider actions affecting the Gulf of Mexico fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene Tuesday, June 21 through Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 8 a.m.–5:15 p.m., EDT, and Friday, June 24, 2022 at 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., EDT.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will take place at the Crowne Plaza at Bell Tower Shops, located at 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33907.

Please note, in-person meeting attendees will be expected to follow any current COVID-19 safety protocols as determined by the Council, hotel and the City of Ft. Myers, if any. Such precautions may include masks, room capacity restrictions, and/or social distancing. If you prefer to “listen in”, you may access the log-on information by visiting our website at [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org).

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Carrie Simmons, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022; 8 a.m.–5:15 p.m., EDT**

The meeting will begin with the Habitat Protection and Restoration Committee reviewing and discussing the

Essential Fish Habitat Generic Amendment, results of the Aquaculture Opportunity Area Atlas of the Gulf of Mexico, and Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Aquaculture Opportunity Areas in the Gulf of Mexico. The committee will receive updates on Ocean Era and Manna Fish Farms Projects in the Gulf of Mexico and American the Beautiful 30 x 30 Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Area-based Management Sub-committee update.

The *Coral* Committee will review the results from the *Coral* RFP: Gulf of Mexico Mesophotic and Deepwater Coral Assessment; and, discuss the Joint *Coral* Advisory Panel (AP) and *Coral* Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC) Recommendations and Proposed Next Steps.

The *Mackerel* Committee will review and discuss *Coastal Migratory Pelagics* Landings, Final Action Item: Framework Amendment 11: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico *Migratory Group King Mackerel* Catch Limits, Research Set Aside Presentations on Efforts from the Mid-Atlantic and New England Councils, and Draft Amendment 33: Modifications to the Gulf Migratory Group King Mackerel Sector Allocation.

The *Shrimp* Committee will receive an update on National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Pilot Testing of Cellular Electronic Logbook (ELB) Units on Gulf *Shrimp* Vessels, *Shrimp* Commercial Logbook Reporting Concepts and Improvements, updated Draft Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery; and SSC Recommendations.

At approximately 5 p.m. until 5:15 p.m., the Council will convene the Full Council in a Closed Session to finalize the selection of *Coral*, Data Collection, and *Spiny Lobster* Advisory Panel Members.

**Wednesday, June 22, 2022; 8 a.m.–5:15 p.m., EDT**

The *Reef Fish* Committee will convene to review *Reef Fish* Landings and Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Landings and Status of Revised Recreational *Red Snapper* Calibration Ratios. The committee will review Draft Options Amendment 54: Modifications to the *Greater Amberjack* Catch Limits and Sector Allocations, and other Rebuilding Plan Modifications, Draft Emergency Rule to Modify Recreational and Commercial *Greater Amberjack* Fishing Seasons, and Draft Options: Modification of Catch Limits for Gulf of Mexico *Red Snapper*. Following lunch, the committee will receive a

presentation and hold a discussion on the Gulf of Mexico *Gag Grouper* Interim Rule, receive an Update on Efforts of the IFQ Focus Group, review of Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Analysis of Historical *Red Grouper* Stock Assessments using Alternative Marine Recreational Information Program Landings Data, discuss *Goliath Grouper* Closure and Federal Catch Limits, and receive a presentation on Return 'Em Right.

The SEDAR Committee will receive a summary report from the May 9, 2022 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting.

**Thursday, June 23, 2022; 8 a.m.–5:15 p.m., EDT**

The Data Collection Committee will review Draft Framework Action: Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire Vessels, receive update on Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program, receive presentation on Framework Action to Modify For-Hire Trip Declaration Requirements, review Draft Options Joint Amendment to Require Electronic Reporting for Commercial Logbooks, and receive an overview and demonstration of new SERO-Permits system.

Approximately 11:30 a.m., EDT, the Council will reconvene with a Call to Order, Announcements and Introductions, Presentation of the 2021 Law Enforcement Team of the Year Award, and Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes. The Council will receive presentations on NOAA Fisheries' Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy; update on CCC informal-working group: Equity and Environmental Justice in Fisheries Management, Update from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico, and ICCAT Presentation.

The Council will hold public testimony from 2:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., EDT on Final Action Items Framework Action: Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire Vessels, Final Draft Framework Amendment 11: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group *King Mackerel* Catch Limits; comments on the Aquaculture Opportunity Areas in the Gulf of Mexico Notice of Intent; and open testimony on other fishery issues or concerns. Public comment may begin earlier than 2:45 p.m. EDT, but will not conclude before that time. Persons wishing to give public testimony in-person must register at the registration kiosk in the meeting room. Persons wishing to give public testimony virtually must sign up via the link on

the Council website. Registration for virtual testimony is open at the start of the meeting, Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 8 a.m., EDT and closes one hour before public testimony begins on Thursday, June 23, 2022 (1:45 p.m., EDT).

**Friday, June 24, 2022; 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., EDT**

The Council will receive Committee reports from *Coral*, Habitat Protection and Restoration, *Mackerel*, *Shrimp*, *Reef Fish*, Data Collection, Gulf SEDAR Management Committees; and, a Closed Session report. The Council will receive updates from the following supporting agencies: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Florida Law Enforcement Efforts; NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE); Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Department of State.

The Council will discuss any Other Business items.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting; both in-person and virtual participation available. You may register for the webinar to listen-in only by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and click on the Council meeting on the calendar.

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the website as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348–1630, at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 18, 2022.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-T-2022-0017]

#### USPTO To Accelerate Transition To Issuance of Electronic Trademark Registration Certificates; Issuing Next Certificates on May 24, 2022

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is accelerating the transition date for issuance of electronic trademark registration certificates to May 24, 2022. On and after that date, the electronic registration certificate will be the official registration certificate. Because of a nationwide shortage of the specialized paper, and a recent vendor disruption, the USPTO will not issue registration certificates between May 10 and May 23, 2022, while the USPTO transitions to this new program. The new program will make the issuance of registration certificates more resilient. After the USPTO begins issuing electronic registration certificates, trademark owners will have the option to order paper “presentation” copies. Registrants will also continue to be able to order certified copies of their trademark registrations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine Cain, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy, USPTO, at 571-272-8946 or [TMFRNotices@uspto.gov](mailto:TMFRNotices@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USPTO published a notice in the **Federal Register** on May 2, 2022 (87 FR 25623), notifying the public that it would begin issuing trademark registration certificates electronically via the Trademark Status and Document Retrieval (TSDR) system on June 7, 2022. The USPTO is accelerating the transition date for issuance of electronic trademark registration certificates to May 24, 2022. The new date accelerates the benefits of the electronic certificates, quickly adjusts for a paper vendor disruption that recently presented, and improves the resiliency of the USPTO to issue trademark registrations going forward.

The USPTO will not issue registration certificates between May 10 and May 23, 2022, while it transitions to the new, electronic process. In the course of addressing the issue caused by the paper shortage, the status of some applications was inadvertently changed to registered on May 10. The USPTO corrected the status of those applications to pending on May 11.

As stated in the May 2, 2022 notice, upon implementation of electronic trademark registration certificates, all registration certificates issued by the USPTO will be made under the electronic signature of the Director and with a digital seal, which will authenticate the registration. The USPTO will upload the official registration certificate to the TSDR database, and an electronic notice will be emailed to the trademark owner and all email addresses of record with a link to access the certificate upon issuance. Trademark owners will be able to use the emailed link to view, download, and print a complete copy of the registration certificate at no charge at any time. Trademark owners who file an initial application on or after the implementation date will be able to order presentation copies for \$25 per copy through the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). Trademark owners who filed an initial application before the implementation date will be able to order one presentation copy for free. Trademark owners will continue to be able to order certified copies of their trademark registration for a fee. The certified copy certifies the status and title of the registration and includes the signature of an authorized certifying officer.

**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

[OMB Control No. 0651-NEW; Docket No. PTO-C-2022-0018]

#### Information Collection; Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A-11, Section 280 Implementation)

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Agency) as

part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, is announcing an opportunity for public comment on a new proposed collection of information by the Agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on new collection proposed by the Agency.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before: July 25, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by Information Collection 0651-NEW, Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A-11, Section 280 Implementation), by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments to <https://www.regulations.gov>, will be posted to the docket unchanged.

*Mail:* Kimberly Hardy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. 0651-NEW, Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A-11, Section 280 Implementation).

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 0651-NEW, Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A-11, Section 280 Implementation), in all correspondence related to this collection. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), approximately 2-3 business days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Charles Thomas, Customer Experience Administrator for Trademarks, and/or Toni Krasnic, Customer Experience Administrator for Patents, via email to [Charles.Thomas1@uspto.gov](mailto:Charles.Thomas1@uspto.gov) and/or [Toni.Krasnic@uspto.gov](mailto:Toni.Krasnic@uspto.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

Under the PRA, (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520) Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes Agency requests