

above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laura Morse or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act 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 Endangered Species Act 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 222-226).

The objectives of this research are to study the ecological importance of whales and characterize the impacts of whaling on animals nutritionally dependent on sunken whale remains in the Antarctic. Research will involve collection, import, export, possession, and analyses of bones of sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*) and minke (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*) whales which originated from Sweden and Chile. Collection would involve retrieval of a lander on which the whale bones have been placed on the bottom of the Weddell Sea, Antarctica by foreign researchers and under other authorizations. Bones would be imported into the U.S. for analyses. No live animals would be harassed or taken, lethally or otherwise, under the permit. The permit is requested for a five-year period.

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

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 22, 2011.

**P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits,**

*Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, 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. 35).

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

*Title:* Patent Examiner Employment Application.

*Form Number(s):* None.

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

*Burden:* 5,000 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 10,000 responses per year.

*Avg. Hours per Response:* The USPTO expects that it will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.50 hours) to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request, depending upon the type of request and the method of submission (electronic or paper).

*Needs and Uses:* The Patent Examiner Employment Application, as administered through Monster Hiring Management (MHM) provided by Monster Government Solutions, is used by the public to apply for entry-level patent examiner positions through a user-friendly process. The USPTO uses the electronic transmission of this information to review and rate applicants on-line almost instantaneously. It is also used by the USPTO to expedite the hiring process by eliminating the time used in the mail distribution process, thereby streamlining labor and reducing costs.

The information supplied to the USPTO by an applicant seeking a patent examiner position assists the Human Resources Specialists and hiring managers in determining whether or not an applicant possesses the basic qualifications for that position.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

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

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

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Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at <http://www.reginfo.gov>.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

• *E-mail:*

*InformationCollection@uspto.gov.*

Include "0651-0042 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

• *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States 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 August 29, 2011 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to *Nicholas\_A\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: July 25, 2011.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**Federal Register** Citation of Previous Announcement: Vol. 76, No. 142, Monday July 25, 2011, page 44307.

#### ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF OPEN MEETING:

10 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

#### CHANGES TO OPEN MEETING: REVISED

**AGENDA:** Matters to be Considered: (1) Decisional Matters: (a) Phthalates notice of requirements; (b) 100ppm lead enforcement statement; (2) Briefing Matter: Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act; Incorporation by reference of ANSI successor standard.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-7948.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

**INFORMATION:** Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504-7923.

Dated: July 26, 2011.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**

*Secretary.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**TIME AND DATE:** Wednesday, August 3, 2011; 10-11 a.m.

**PLACE:** Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Closed to the Public.