

discussion. The SSC will receive public comment at the end of the day.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., EDT

The SSC will discuss Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Modifications and receive a RESTORE Project Update on Projections Model Review. Next, the SSC will review *Regional and Sector-Specific Gulf of Mexico Age, Growth, and Age-length Key Estimation Derived from Otolith-based Ageing*, including presentations, background materials and SSC discussions. Then, the SSC will review the 2025–2028 Research and Monitoring Priorities.

Lastly, the SSC will receive public comment at the end of the day before discussing volunteers for the Ecosystem Technical Committee under Other Business.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the SSC meeting on the calendar.

The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on www.gulfcouncil.org as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take 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 should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348–1630, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: July 5, 2024.

Key Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 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 (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Trademark Petitions

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651–0061 (Trademark Petitions). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the information collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this information collection must be received on or before September 9, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651–0061 comment” in the subject line of the message.
- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information should be directed to Catherine Cain, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by telephone at 571–272–8946; or by email at Catherine.Cain@uspto.gov with “0651–0061 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under “Information Collection Review.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) administers the Trademark Act (Act), 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, which provides for the registration of trademarks, service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Individuals and businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce may file an application to register their marks with the USPTO.

This information collection covers various trademark-related communications to the USPTO, including letters of protest, requests to make special, responses to petition inquiry letters, petitions to make special, requests to restore a filing date, and requests for reinstatement. This information collection also incorporates petitions for ex parte expungement or reexamination (PTO–2312). Ex parte expungement and reexamination proceedings were established by the Trademark Modernization Act of 2020 (TMA), Public Law 116–260 (Dec. 27, 2020), to cancel, either in whole or in part, registered marks for which the required use in commerce was not made. The burden estimate for petitions for ex parte expungement or reexamination was previously contained in OMB Control No. 0651–0086, Changes to Implement Provisions of the Trademark Modernization Act, but is being transferred into this information collection for efficiency. Finally, this information collection consolidates into a single burden estimate the burden for responses to petition inquiry letters (PTO–2305), which was previously reflected in both OMB Control No. 0651–0086 and this information collection.

The information covered in this collection is used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights. Information relating to the registration of a trademark is made available to the public by the USPTO. However, the release of information in a letter of protest is controlled and may be available only upon request.

II. Method of Collection

Items in this information collection must be submitted electronically. In limited circumstances, applicants may also be permitted to submit the information in paper form, by mail, or by hand delivery.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0651–0061.
Forms:

- PTO–2303 (Letter of Protest Special)
- PTO–2304 (Request to Make Special)
- PTO–2305 (Response to Petition to Director Inquiry Letter)
- PTO–2306 (Petition to Make Special)
- PTO–2307 (Request to Restore Filing Date)
- PTO–2308 (Request for Reinstatement)
- PTO–2312 (Petition for Expungement or Reexamination Form)

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.
Affected Public: Private sector.
Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.
Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 5,813 respondents.
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Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately between 40 minutes (0.67 hours) and 4.5 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.
Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 7,893 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: \$3,528,171.

TABLE 1—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents (a)	Responses per respondent (b)	Estimated annual responses (a) × (b) = (c)	Estimated time for response (hours) (d)	Estimated burden (hour/year) (c) × (d) = (e)	Rate ¹ (\$/hour) (f)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden (e) × (f) = (g)
1	Letter of Protest (PTO–2303).	3,243	1	3,243	1.5	4,865	\$447	\$2,174,655
2	Request to Make Special (PTO–2304).	800	1	800	0.83 (50 minutes).	664	447	296,808
3	Response to Petition to Director Inquiry Letter (PTO–2305).	800	1	800	1	800	447	357,600
4	Petition to Make Special (PTO–2306).	300	1	300	0.83 (50 minutes).	249	447	111,303
5	Request to Restore Filing Date (PTO–2307).	40	1	40	0.83 (50 minutes).	33	447	14,751
6	Request for Reinstatement (PTO–2308).	400	1	400	1	400	447	178,800
7	Petition for Ex Parte Expungement (PTO–2312).	90	1	90	4.5	405	447	181,035
8	Petition for Ex Parte Reexamination (PTO–2312).	100	1	100	4.5	450	447	201,150
9	Response to Petition for Expungement or Reexamination Inquiry Letter (PTO–2312).	40	1	40	0.67 (40 minutes).	27	447	12,069
Totals		5,813		5,813		7,893		3,528,171

¹ 2023 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); pp. F–41. The USPTO uses the average billing rate for intellectual property work in all firms which is \$447 per hour (<https://www.aipla.org/home/news-publications/economic-survey>).

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$313,260. There are no capital start-up, maintenance costs, or recordkeeping costs associated with this information

collection. However, the USPTO estimates that the total annual non-hour cost burden for this information collection, in the form of filings fees and postage, is \$313,260.

Filing Fees

There are fees associated with submitting the petitions and requests in this information collection for a total of \$313,250 per year.

TABLE 2—FILING FEES

Item No.	Fee code	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Non-hourly cost burden (a) × (b) = (c)
1	7011	Letter of Protest	3,243	\$50	\$162,150
4	7005	Petition to Make Special (Electronic)	299	250	74,750
4	6005	Petition to Make Special (Paper)	1	350	350
7	7014	Petition for Ex Parte Expungement	90	400	36,000
8	7014	Petition for Ex Parte Reexamination	100	400	40,000
Totals			3,733		313,250

Postage Costs

In limited circumstances, applicants may be permitted to submit the information in paper form by mail, fax, or hand delivery. Applicants and registrants incur postage costs when submitting information to the USPTO by mail through the United States Postal Service. The USPTO estimates that 1 item will be submitted by mail. The USPTO estimates that the average postage cost for a mailed submission, using a Priority Mail legal flat rate envelope, will be \$10.15. Therefore, the USPTO estimates the total mailing costs for this information collection will be \$10.

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. The USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold PII from public view, the USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

Per 45 CFR chapter XXI § 2102.3, the next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for July 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. and will be held via online videoconference. Items of discussion may include buildings, infrastructure, parks, memorials, and public art.

Draft agendas, the link to register for the online public meeting, and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our website: www.cfa.gov. Inquiries regarding the agenda, as well as any public testimony, should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address; by emailing cfastaff@cfa.gov; or by calling 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated July 3, 2024 in Washington, DC.

Zakiya N. Walters,

Administrative Officer.

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CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

[Docket No. CFPB-2024-0027]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) requests the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) revision of the existing information collection titled "Regulation F: Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, State Application for Exemption" approved under OMB Control Number 3170-0056.

DATES: Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before August 9, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to 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.

In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Anthony May, Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, at (202) 435-7278, or email: CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov. Please do not submit comments to these email boxes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Regulation F: Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, State Application for Exemption.

OMB Control Number: 3170-0056.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: State governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,730.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 858,345.

Abstract: Regulation F implements the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA)¹ and prescribes Federal rules governing the activities of debt collectors (as that term is defined in the FDCPA). Regulation F addresses communications in connection with debt collection and prohibitions on harassment or abuse, false or misleading representations, and unfair practices in debt collection. Regulation F includes information collections related to information that debt collectors must provide to consumers at various points during the debt collection process (such as at the outset of collections), before reporting a debt to a consumer reporting agency, and in response to certain consumer requests or actions. Regulation F also includes information collections related to recordkeeping and State applications to the CFPB for an exemption of a class of debt collection practices within the applying State from the provisions of the FDCPA and the corresponding provisions of Regulation F.

Request for Comments: The CFPB published a 60-day **Federal Register** notice on March 14, 2024 (89 FR 18606) under Docket Number: CFPB-2024-0011. The CFPB is publishing this notice and soliciting comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the CFPB, including

¹ 15 U.S.C. 1692.