

I provided funding (\$266,400) to implement biological management and monitoring of tern colonies at Bird Island and Ram Island to restore populations of common terns and roseate terns. At Penikese Island, the project focused on reclaiming the island as a nesting site by managing gulls. Preliminary engineering work to stabilize Bird Island and toxicological analyses of tern eggs were also funded. Round II funding (\$853,600) continued the Round I management efforts at the three islands for an additional six years. Further work was done to assess what needed to be done to improve tern nesting habitat at Bird Island. Samples of unhatched tern eggs were collected for chemical analysis. Overall tern numbers on the islands have increased 59 percent since Trustee Council funding commenced.

The Trustee Council has preliminarily chosen to include the project as a preferred project for possible funding and implementation after consideration of public comment.

4. River Road Restoration Project
(Requested amount: \$954,453; Council suggested amount: \$195,000 for wetland restoration components and signage)

The project is located at 246 River Road, New Bedford, MA and is composed of 2.5 acres (1.0 hectares) of city-owned land along the Acushnet River. The project would return a former industrial site to open space including restoring a 23,000-square foot (2,137-square meter) salt marsh on filled tideland and creating walking trails, interpretative signs, canoe/kayak launch, picnic area, play area, lawn and parking area. The Acushnet River along this location has been the subject of EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recent cleanup activity involving the removal of bottom sediments and replanting along the shoreline.

The Trustee Council has preliminarily approved only the wetland restoration component of the project for possible implementation after consideration of public comment. The wetland restoration component will provide a direct benefit to injured natural resources.

5. Round Hill Salt Marsh Restoration Project
(Requested amount: \$164,000; Council suggested amount: \$164,000)

The project is located at Round Hill Point, Dartmouth, MA. The project would conduct an investigation exploring the feasibility of restoring up to 24 acres (9.7 hectares) of coastal salt marsh through the removal of significant amounts of fill material and re-grading to historic marsh elevations

at the Round Hill Salt Marsh Restoration Site. A phased approach would be taken with Phase I involving a feasibility study and Phase II involving the conceptual design of the proposed project.

Under Phase I, a contractor would be hired to complete a full feasibility study including development of historical background/site history, base mapping (vegetation, topographic and bathymetric maps as necessary), hydrologic and alternatives analyses and cut and fill calculations. Upon completion of Phase I, the feasibility study would be presented to the Trustees for their consideration and approval. If approved by the Trustee Council and project partners, the second Phase (Phase II) would proceed with conceptual design.

Conceptual design would include development of conceptual alternatives and estimates of project costs. Completion of conceptual designs and cost estimates will be used to further develop the project with partners and regulatory authorities and aid in identifying a potential preferred alternative. Upon successful completion through Phase II with a conceptual design, the project team would re-apply for additional Trustee Council funding through future funding opportunities to complete final design, permitting and construction.

The Trustee Council has preliminarily chosen to include the project as a preferred study for possible funding and implementation after consideration of public comment. Funding would be provided for the initial feasibility study. If the results are favorable and the Trustee Council approves, funding would then be provided for the second phase to produce the conceptual design and alternatives analysis.

6. West Island Beach
(Requested amount: \$162,000; Council suggested amount: \$162,000)

The project site is located at the entrance to West Island Beach in Fairhaven, MA. The project is intended to increase full tidal exchange to a tidally-restricted 8-acre (3.2-hectare) salt marsh by replacing an undersized culvert with a properly-sized culvert beneath the West Island Beach access road (Fir Street). Requested funds will be used to hire contractors to correctly size and design a culvert that will maximize tidal exchange with the West Island Beach marsh (without adversely affecting nearby properties), obtain all necessary permits and approvals, develop construction drawings, specifications and bid documents, construct the project, and install an

interpretive sign that recognizes the contribution of the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council and the project partners.

The Trustee Council has preliminarily approved the idea for possible funding and implementation after consideration of public comment. The Council would be interested in pursuing an expansion of the project through the relocation of the beach parking lot and by removing the fill that was used to create the parking lot and will discuss this alternative with the Town of Fairhaven. Such a project change would require the approval of the Town.

Classification

This notice does not contain a collection-of-information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. A draft environmental assessment has been prepared which provides further information on the preferred projects and a discussion of those ideas which are not considered preferred projects. The draft environmental assessment is available at the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) or by accessing the Council's website at <http://www.restorenbh.gov>.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* and 9601 *et seq.*

Dated: November 1, 2005.

Garry F. Mayer,

Acting Director, Office of Habitat Conservation, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Performance Review Board (PRB)

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office.

ACTION: Notice; Update membership list of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: In conformance with the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the United States Patent and Trademark Office announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of its Performance Review Board.

ADDRESSES: Director, Office of Human Resources, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Matthews at (571) 272-6200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The membership of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Performance Review Board is as follows:

Stephen M. Pinkos, Chair, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Term expires September 30, 2006.

Vickers B. Meadows, Vice Chair, Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Term expires September 30, 2007.

John J. Doll, Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Term expires September 30, 2007.

Lynne G. Beresford, Commissioner for Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Term expires September 30, 2007.

David J. Freeland, Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Term expires September 30, 2007.

James A. Toupin, General Counsel, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Term expires September 30, 2006.

Lois E. Boland, Director of International Relations, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Term expires September 30, 2007.

Howard N. Goldberg, Acting Chief Financial Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Term expires September 30, 2006.

Dated: November 2, 2005.

Stephen M. Pinkos,

Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Extension of Period of Determination on Request for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Action on Imports from China

November 4, 2005.

AGENCY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (the Committee).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Committee is extending through December 31, 2005, the period for making a determination on whether to request consultations with China regarding imports of cotton, wool and man-made fiber socks (Category 332/432 and 642 Part).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay Dowling, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agriculture Act of 1956, as amended; Executive Order 11651, as amended.

Background

On July 8, 2005, the Committee received a request from the Domestic Manufacturers Committee of The Hosiery Association, the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, the National Council of Textile Organizations, and the National Textile Association requesting that the Committee reapply a twelve-month limit that was established on October 29, 2004, on imports from China of cotton, wool, and man-made socks (Category 332/432 and 632 Part).

The Committee determined that this request provided the information necessary for the Committee to consider the request and solicited public comments for a period of 30 days. **See Solicitation of Public Comments on Request for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Action on Imports from China**, 70 FR 44565 (August 3, 2005).

The Committee's Procedures, 68 FR 27787 (May 21, 2003) state that the Committee will make a determination within 60 calendar days of the close of the public comment period as to whether the United States will request consultations with China. If the Committee is unable to make a determination within 60 calendar days, it will cause to be published a notice in the **Federal Register**, including the date by which it will make a determination.

The 60-day determination period for this case expired on November 1, 2005. On that date, the United States and

China signed an agreement to limit imports of socks from China from November 1 through December 31, 2005. The Committee decided to extend through December 31, 2005, the period for making a determination on this case because of consultations with the Government of China on a broader agreement on textiles.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 9, 2006.

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 Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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.