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Dated: March 3, 2006.

**William Jeffrey,**  
Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Joint State Fish and Game Department Directors and Saltwater Sportfishing Community Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of NMFS with the state fish and game department directors and saltwater sportfishing community. This 3-day meeting is held to solicit stakeholder and constituent input on NOAA's recreational fishing data collection program. Agenda topics are provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. All sessions will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held March 28, 2006, from 12 noon to 5 p.m., March 29, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and March 30, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, 300 Army-Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202; Phone: (703) 416-4100.

Requests for special accommodations may be directed to Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Meyers, State/Federal Liaison; telephone: (301) 713-2334.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, notice is hereby given of meetings between NOAA and members of the public.

#### Matters to be Considered

March 28, 2006

The meeting will begin with remarks from Dr. William T. Hogarth, Assistant

Administrator for Fisheries. The group will be briefed on the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act reauthorization, offshore aquaculture, and the NOAA budget.

March 29, 2006

In the morning, the group will be given a briefing on the National Research Council's independent review of NOAA's recreational fishing data collection program. In the afternoon, the group will be updated on a proposal to create a saltwater angler registry.

March 30, 2006

The group will reconvene to receive an update on progress made on the implementation of NOAA's recreational fisheries strategic plan.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Steve Meyers, State/Federal Liaison; telephone: (301) 713-2334.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

**Alan Risenhoover,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted 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. Chapter 35).

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

**Title:** Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees.

**Form Number(s):** PTO/SB/45/47/65/66.

**Agency Approval Number:** 0651-0016.

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

**Burden:** 30,362 hours annually.

**Number of Respondents:** 374,706 responses per year.

**Avg. Hours Per Response:** The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 20 seconds (0.006 hours)

to eight hours to complete this information, depending on the form or petition. This includes time to gather the necessary information, prepare the form or petition, and submit the completed request.

**Needs and Uses:** Under 35 U.S.C. 41 and 37 CFR 1.20(e)-(i) and 1.362-1.378, the USPTO charges maintenance fees for keeping utility patents in force.

Maintenance fee payments are due at 3½, 7½, and 11½ years after the date the patent was granted. If the payment of the appropriate maintenance fee is not received within a grace period of six months following each of the above intervals, the patent will expire and no longer be enforceable. The public uses this collection to submit patent maintenance fee payments, to file petitions regarding delayed or refused payments, and to designate an address to be used for fee-related correspondence. The USPTO uses this information to process and record maintenance fee payments, to consider related petitions, and to send fee correspondence to the correct address. This information collection includes forms for submitting a maintenance fee payment, filing a petition to accept an unavoidably or unintentionally delayed maintenance fee payment, and designating a separate address for fee correspondence with the USPTO. The USPTO does not provide an official form for petitions to review refusals to accept payments of maintenance fees prior to patent expiration or for petitions to review refusals to accept delayed payments of maintenance fees in expired patents.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions, farms, the Federal Government, and state, local or tribal governments.

**Frequency:** On occasion and three times at four-year intervals following the grant of the patent.

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

**OMB Desk Officer:** David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [Susan.Brown@uspto.gov](mailto:Susan.Brown@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0016 copy request" in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.
- Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division, U.S. 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 April 12, 2006, to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 3, 2006.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[No. DoD-2006-OS-0043]

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 12, 2006.

*Title and OMB Number:* TRIWEST/ TRICARE Provider Satisfaction Survey; OMB Number Control 0720-TBD.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Number of Respondents:* 850.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 850.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 6 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 85.

*Needs and Uses:* This survey data will be used to improve services and relationship between providers and TriWest to ensure that TriWest is delivering upon the commitment to provide beneficiary satisfaction at the highest possible level.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Hillary Jaffe.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Jaffe at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer, for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/EDS/ Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209-2133.

Dated: March 6, 2006.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Renewal of 16 Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Department of Defense gives notice that the following Federal Advisory Committees, which are determined to be in the public interest, are hereby renewed on the dates indicated:

February 28, 2006—

Board of Visitors National Defense University

Defense Science Board

March 2, 2006—

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board  
Department of Defense Wage Committee

Naval Research Advisory Committee  
U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group

March 3, 2006—

Army Educational Advisory Committee

Board of Advisors to the President,  
Naval Postgraduate School

Board of Advisors to the President,  
Naval War College

Scientific Advisory Board of the  
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology  
U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory

Board

March 6, 2006—

Air University Board of Visitors  
Chief of Engineers Environmental  
Advisory Board  
Chief of Naval Operations Executive  
Panel

Defense Advisory Committee on  
Military Personnel Testing  
U.S. Army Science Board

These committees provide necessary and valuable independent advice to the Secretary of Defense and other senior Defense officials in their respective areas of expertise. They make important contributions to DoD efforts in research and development, education, and training, and various technical program areas. Some of them are authorized by statute.

It is a continuing DoD policy to make every effort to achieve a balanced membership on all DoD advisory committees. Each committee is evaluated in terms of the functional disciplines, levels of experience, professional diversity, public and private association, and similar characteristics required to ensure a high degree of balance is obtained.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank Wilson, DoD Committee Management Officer, 703-601-2554.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Missile Defense Advisory Committee (MDAC)

**AGENCY:** Missile Defense Agency (MDA), Department of Defense DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Missile Defense Advisory Committee will meet in closed session on April 4-5, 2006, in Washington, DC.

The mission of the Missile Defense Advisory Committee is to provide the Department of Defense advice on all matters relating to missile defense, including system development, technology, program maturity and readiness of configurations of the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) to enter the acquisition process. At this meeting, the Committee will receive classified status reports on capability-based acquisition and international cooperation strategy.