

## II. Method of Collection

State governors and Indian treaty tribes submit written nominations to the Secretary of Commerce, together with recommendations and statements of candidate qualifications. Designations of state officials and requests for reinstatement of state authority are also made in writing in response to regulations. No forms are used.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0314.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 54.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour to designate a principal state fishery official(s); 80 hours for a nomination for a Council appointment; 16 hours for background documentation from nominees; and 2 hours for a request to reinstate state authority.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,543.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$3,052.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 27, 2002.

### Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Federal Consistency Appeal by Millennium Pipeline Company From an Objection by the New York Department of State

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Department of Commerce (Commerce).

**ACTION:** Reopening public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice reopens the period for the public to comment on the administrative appeal filed with the Department of Commerce by the Millennium Pipeline Company (Consistency Appeal of Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P.).

**DATES:** Public comments on the appeal must be received by January 8, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent by mail to the Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Materials from the appeal record will be available at the Internet site <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm> and at the Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Branden Blum, Senior Counselor, Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services, via e-mail at [gcos.inquiries@noaa.gov](mailto:gcos.inquiries@noaa.gov), or at (301) 713-2967, extension 186.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Millennium Pipeline Company filed an administrative appeal with the Department of Commerce, pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, asking that the Secretary of Commerce override the State of New York's objection to Millennium's proposed natural gas pipeline. The pipeline would extend from the Canadian border in Lake Erie and cross the Hudson River, affecting the natural resources or land and water uses of New York's coastal zone.

On September 9, 2002, NOAA published a notice in the **Federal Register** inviting the public to comment on any of the issues that the Secretary may consider in deciding the appeal. The deadline for submitting comments was December 2, 2002.

NOAA has been requested to provide additional time to allow for adequate comment on the issues raised within the appeal. The State of New York submitted its brief and supporting materials on October 16, 2002;

additional materials and briefs were submitted by three amici on October 23, 2002. In response to the public requests, and in recognition of the complex issues and information reflected in these and other filings, NOAA is reopening the public comment period and will accept comments through January 8, 2003. Comments received after the end of the initial comment period on December 2, 2002, but before publication of this notice will be considered to be timely filed.

Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to [millennium.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:millennium.comments@noaa.gov) or forwarded via mail to the Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services. Comments must be received by January 8, 2003. Comments will be made available to the parties; they are also expected to be posted on the Department of Commerce Web site at <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>.

[Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog No. 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Assistance.]

Dated: November 26, 2002.

**James R. Walpole,**  
General Counsel.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112702A]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 473-1433

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Janice Straley, Assistant Professor of Marine Biology, University of Southeast Alaska, 1332 Seward Avenue, Sitka, Alaska 99835-9498, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 473-1433-02.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and

Alaska Region, NOAA Fisheries, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jill Lewandowski, Lynne Barre or Trevor Spradlin, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 473-1433-02, originally issued on February 23, 2001 (66 FR 11274), has been granted 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 (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

The permit holder requested authorization to extend Permit No. 473-1433-02 for an additional 12 months. The new expiration date for the permit is November 30, 2003, and the permit number has been changed to No. 473-1433-03 to reflect that the permit has been amended.

Dated: November 29, 2002.

**Eugene T. Nitta,**

*Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Fastener Quality Act Insignia Recordal Process

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 3, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division, USPTO, Suite 310, 2231 Crystal Drive, Washington, DC 20231; by telephone at (703) 308-7400; or by electronic mail at [susan.brown@uspto.gov](mailto:susan.brown@uspto.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information

should be directed to Lynne Beresford, Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, USPTO, Washington, DC 20231; by telephone at (703) 306-3109; or by electronic mail at [lynne.beresford@uspto.gov](mailto:lynne.beresford@uspto.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

##### I. Abstract

Under Section 5 of the Fastener Quality Act (FQA), 15 U.S.C. 5401 *et seq.* (as amended by Pub. L. 104-113, Pub. L. 105-234, and Pub. L. 106-34), certain industrial fasteners are required to bear an insignia identifying the manufacturer. The manufacturer must record this insignia with the USPTO. The procedures for the recordal of insignias under the FQA are set forth in 15 CFR 280.300 *et seq.*

This information collection was previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in February 2000 in conjunction with a proposed rule implementing the changes contained in the FQA Amendments that were enacted on June 8, 1999 (Pub. L. 106-34). The final rule notice entitled "Procedures for Implementation of the Fastener Quality Act" was published in the **Federal Register** on June 28, 2000 (Vol. 65, No. 125). Under the current rules of practice, only manufacturers of certain fasteners are required to record insignias. Previously, private label distributors were also required to record fastener insignias. The purpose of this collection is to ensure that a fastener can be traced to its manufacturer.

It is mandatory for manufacturers of fasteners covered by the FQA to submit an application to the USPTO for recordal of an insignia on the Fastener Insignia Register. The insignia may be either a unique alphanumeric designation that the USPTO will issue upon request, or a trademark that is either (1) registered at the USPTO or (2) the subject of an application to obtain a registration. Upon successful application for recordal of a fastener insignia, the USPTO will issue a Certificate of Recordal, which must be renewed every five years. If ownership of a recorded alphanumeric designation is assigned to another entity, the designation becomes "inactive" and the new owner must submit an application in order to reactivate the designation within six months of the date of assignment. If the recordal is based on a trademark application or registration that is assigned to a new owner, the

recordal becomes "inactive" and cannot be reactivated. Instead, the new owner of the trademark application or registration must apply for a new recordal.

This information collection includes one form, the Application for Recordal of Insignia under the Fastener Quality Act (PTO-1611), which provides manufacturers with a convenient way to submit a request for the recordal of a fastener insignia or to renew or reactivate an existing Certificate of Recordal. Use of form PTO-1611 is not mandatory, and applicants may instead prepare requests for recordal using their own format. In November 2001, OMB approved a change worksheet submitted by the USPTO that reduced the burden for this information collection due to the USPTO receiving fewer Applications for Recordal of Insignia under the Fastener Quality Act than previously estimated.

The USPTO uses the information in this collection to maintain the Fastener Insignia Register, which is open to public inspection. The Fastener Insignia Register may be downloaded from the USPTO web site, and printed copies may be purchased from the USPTO.

##### II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, or hand delivery to the USPTO.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0651-0028.

*Form Number(s):* PTO-1611.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 150 responses per year.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare the form, and submit the request for recordal or renewal of a fastener insignia to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 26 hours per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$780 per year. The USPTO expects that the information in this collection will be prepared by paraprofessionals at an estimated rate of \$30 per hour. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for this collection will be \$780 per year.