

upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Swails or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 15, 2007, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 7419) that an amendment of Permit No. 984-1814, issued June 21, 2006 (71 FR 37060), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 984-1814 authorized the permit holder to capture up to 20 adult Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*) and disturb up to 30 adult and 10 juvenile seals annually in McMurdo Sound, Antarctica. The animals have a data logger/video system attached, muscle biopsies and blood samples collected, and blubber thickness measured. The permit also authorizes up to 3 research-related mortalities per year. The amendment changes the field season for this project from five August to December field seasons over 5 years to three back to back field seasons over the course of two research years. Researchers will capture 50 Weddell seals annually for 2 years instead of 20 annually over the course of 5 years. Researchers will attach data logger/video systems to 24 adult seals and another 24 seals will have time-depth recorders attached annually. Researchers will measure metabolic rates of all captured seals using open-flow respirometry.

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

Dated: April 5, 2007.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030507C]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 373-1868

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Point Reyes Bird Observatory (PRBO) Conservation Science (Dr. William J. Sydeman, Responsible Party), 3820 Cypress Drive, # 11 Petaluma, CA 94954 has been issued a permit to conduct scientific research on pinnipeds in California.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaclyn Daly or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 6, 2006, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 64943) that a request for a scientific research permit to take harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), and northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

A permit has been issued to PRBO to conduct scientific research on pinnipeds. A maximum of 300 harbor seals and 3,050 elephant seals will be captured or handled per year over a five year period, and an estimated 300 elephant seals, 5,150 harbor seals, 600 California sea lions, and five northern fur seals per year will be incidentally disturbed during pinniped research operations.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42

U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: April 4, 2007.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*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

#### Patent and Trademark Financial Transactions

**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 take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 11, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0043 comment" in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Fawcett.
- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Tamara McClure, Office of Finance, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-6345; or by e-mail to [Tamara.McClure@uspto.gov](mailto:Tamara.McClure@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Abstract

Under 35 U.S.C. 41 and 15 U.S.C. 1113, the USPTO charges fees for processing and other services related to patents, trademarks, and information products. Customers may submit payments to the USPTO by several methods, including by credit card,

deposit account, and electronic funds transfer (EFT). The provisions of 35 U.S.C. 41 and 15 U.S.C. 1113 are implemented in 37 CFR 1.16–1.28, 2.6–2.7, and 2.206–2.209.

The USPTO is developing a pilot program that will allow customers to access and manage their financial activity records online. Customers will be able to create a Financial Profile through the USPTO Web site by registering a username and password, providing contact information, and specifying the types of notifications and alerts they would like to receive. After establishing a Financial Profile, customers may then add the relevant account information to the profile in order to track their credit card, deposit account, and EFT transactions with the USPTO.

In the future, customers will also be able to use their Financial Profiles to perform transactions with the USPTO by using their previously stored account information. The Financial Profiles are being added to this information collection.

**II. Method of Collection**

By mail, facsimile, hand delivery, or electronically to the USPTO. Information for Financial Profiles will be collected electronically through the USPTO Web site.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0651–0043.  
*Form Number(s):* PTO–2038, PTO–2231, PTO–2232, PTO–2233, PTO–2234, PTO–2236.

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,929,205 responses per year, including 500 responses per year for Financial Profiles.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately two to four minutes (0.03 to 0.07 hours) to prepare and submit the existing items in this collection. The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately six

minutes (0.10 hours) to complete and submit a Financial Profile.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 58,166 hours per year, including 50 hours per year for Financial Profiles.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$2,617,470 per year. The USPTO expects that 75% of the submissions for this information collection will be prepared by fee administrators/coordinators and that 25% of the submissions will be prepared by paraprofessionals. Using those proportions and the estimated rates of \$30 per hour for fee administrators/coordinators and \$90 per hour for paraprofessionals, the USPTO estimates that the average rate for all respondents will be approximately \$45 per hour. Using this estimated rate of \$45 per hour, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for submitting the information in this collection will be approximately \$2,617,470 per year, including \$2,250 in respondent cost burden for the Financial Profiles.

Item	Estimated time for response (minutes)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Financial Profiles .....	6	500	50
Total .....	.....	500	50

*Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden:* \$237,168. This collection is currently approved with a total of \$237,168 in annual (non-hour) cost burden in the form of service fees for deposit accounts and returned payments, postage costs for mailing submissions to the USPTO, and recordkeeping costs related to electronic credit card payments and electronic deposit account replenishments. There are no additional annual costs associated with the Financial Profiles.

**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, e.g., the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: April 3, 2007.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**  
*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.*

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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) 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. Chapter 35).

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

*Title:* Post Allowance and Refiling.  
*Form Number(s):* PTO/SB/44/50/51/51S/52/53/56/57/58 and PTOL–85B.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651–0033.

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

*Burden:* 68,245 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 224,926 responses per year.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public from approximately 1.8 minutes (0.03 hours) to two hours to read the instructions, gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form or other document, and submit the information to the USPTO.

*Needs and Uses:* The USPTO is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 and 151 to examine applications and issue them as patents when appropriate. The applicant must then pay the required issue fee to receive the patent and avoid abandonment of the application. The USPTO can also correct errors in patents