

3. Tentative Adoption of 2009 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis

4. Clarify Council Direction on 2009 Management Measures

5. Methodology Review Process and Preliminary Topic Selection for 2009

6. Update on Mitchell Act Hatchery Environmental Impact Statement

7. Final Action on 2009 Management Measures

I. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Incidental 2009 Catch Regulations for the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries

Advisory entities are scheduled to meet April 2–9, 2009 in conjunction with the Pacific Council as follows: Thursday, April 2, 2009

Highly Migratory Advisory Subpanel—1:00 p.m.

Highly Migratory Management Team—8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 3, 2009

Highly Migratory Advisory Subpanel—8:00 a.m.

Highly Migratory Management Team—8:00 a.m.

Scientific and Statistical Committee—8:00 a.m.

Habitat Committee—8:30 a.m.

Legislative Committee—3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4, 2009

Pacific Council Secretariat—7:00 a.m.

Washington State Delegation—7:00

a.m.

Oregon State Delegation—7:00 a.m.

California State Delegation—7:00 a.m.

Highly Migratory Advisory Subpanel—8:00 a.m.

Highly Migratory Management Team—8:00 a.m.

Scientific and Statistical Committee—8:00 a.m.

Tribal Policy Group—8:00 a.m.

Tribal and Washington Technical

Group—8:00 a.m.

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—1:00

p.m.

Groundfish Management Team—1:00

p.m.

Enforcement Consultants—4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Pacific Council Secretariat—To be determined

Washington State Delegation—To be determined

Oregon State Delegation—To be determined

California State Delegation—To be determined

Enforcement Consultants—10:00 a.m.

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—10:00

a.m.

Groundfish Management Team—10:00

a.m.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel—10:00

a.m.

Salmon Technical Team—10:00 a.m.

Tribal Policy Group—10:00 a.m.

Tribal and Washington Technical Group—10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 6, 2009:

Pacific Council Secretariat—7:00 a.m.

Washington State Delegation—7:00

a.m.

Oregon State Delegation—7:00 a.m.

California State Delegation—7:00 a.m.

Enforcement Consultants—8:00 a.m.

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8:00

a.m.

Groundfish Management Team—8:00

a.m.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8:00 a.m.

Salmon Technical Team—8:00 a.m.

Tribal Policy Group—8:00 a.m.

Tribal and Washington Technical

Group—8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 7, 2009:

Pacific Council Secretariat—7:00 a.m.

Washington State Delegation—7:00

a.m.

Oregon State Delegation—7:00 a.m.

California State Delegation—7:00 a.m.

Enforcement Consultants—8:00 a.m.

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8:00

a.m.

Groundfish Management Team—8:00

a.m.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8:00 a.m.

Salmon Technical Team—8:00 a.m.

Tribal Policy Group—8:00 a.m.

Tribal and Washington Technical

Group—8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 8, 2009:

Pacific Council Secretariat—7:00 a.m.

Washington State Delegation—7:00

a.m.

Oregon State Delegation—7:00 a.m.

California State Delegation—7:00 a.m.

Enforcement Consultants—8:00 a.m.

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8:00

a.m.

Groundfish Management Team—8:00

a.m.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8:00 a.m.

Salmon Technical Team—8:00 a.m.

Tribal Policy Group—8:00 a.m.

Tribal and Washington Technical

Group—8:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 9, 2009:

Pacific Council Secretariat—7:00 a.m.

Washington State Delegation—7:00

a.m.

Oregon State Delegation—7:00 a.m.

California State Delegation—7:00 a.m.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8:00 a.m.

Salmon Technical Team—8:00 a.m.

Tribal Policy Group—8:00 a.m.

Tribal and Washington Technical

Group—8:00 a.m.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Pacific Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically

listed in this notice 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 final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 17, 2009.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XO18**

### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Marine Mammal Advisory Committee (MMAC).

**DATES:** The MMAC meeting will be held on April 6–7, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MMAC will review recent research and activities related to cetacean interactions and depredation in longline fisheries, and produce recommendations for future research and activities.

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These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids

should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: March 16, 2009

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application

**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 this new 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 May 18, 2009.

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

- *E-mail:* Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0060 collection comment" in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. 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.
- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Jennifer Lo, Program Manager, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-

1450; by telephone at 571-272-7640; or by e-mail at [nmti@uspto.gov](mailto:nmti@uspto.gov) with "Paperwork" in the subject line.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The National Medal of Technology is the highest honor awarded by the President of the United States to America's leading innovators. Established by an Act of Congress in 1980, the Medal of Technology was first awarded in 1985. The Medal is given annually to individuals, teams, and/or companies/divisions for their outstanding contributions to the Nation's economic, environmental and social well-being through the development and commercialization of technology products, processes and concepts, technological innovation, and development of the Nation's technological manpower.

The purpose of the National Medal of Technology is to recognize those who have made lasting contributions to America's competitiveness, standard of living, and quality of life through technological innovation, and to recognize those who have made substantial contributions to strengthening the Nation's technological workforce. By highlighting the national importance of technological innovation, the Medal also seeks to inspire future generations of Americans to prepare for and pursue technical careers to keep America at the forefront of global technology and economic leadership.

The National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee, a distinguished, independent committee appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, reviews and evaluates the merit of all candidates nominated through an open, competitive solicitation process. The committee makes its recommendations for Medal candidates to the Secretary of Commerce, who in turn makes recommendations to the President for final selection. The National Medal of Technology and Innovation Laureates are announced by the White House and the Department of Commerce once the Medalists are notified of their selection.

The public uses the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application to recognize through

nomination an individual's or company's extraordinary leadership and innovation in technological achievement. The application must be accompanied by six letters of recommendation or support from individuals who have firsthand knowledge of the cited achievement(s).

##### II. Method of Collection

The nomination application and instructions can be downloaded from the USPTO Web site. Nomination files should be submitted by electronic mail. Alternatively, letters of recommendation may be sent by electronic mail, fax or overnight delivery.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0651-0060.

*Form Number(s):* None.

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

*Affected Public:* Primarily business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 26 responses per year.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take approximately 40 hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the nomination form, write the recommendations, and submit the request for the nomination to the USPTO. This collection contains one form.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 1,040 hours per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$36,067. The USPTO is calculating an estimated respondent hourly rate through an estimate of earnings obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 edition. The USPTO estimates that half of the submissions will be filed by public relations specialists and half by research engineers. The USPTO estimates that it will cost public relations specialists \$23.68 per hour and research engineers \$45.68 per hour, for an average hourly rate of \$34.68. Considering these factors, the USPTO estimates \$36,067 per year for labor costs associated with respondents.

Item	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Form .....	40 hours	26	1,040
Total .....	.....	26	1,040