

**Burden Hours:** Invention Disclosure Form: 30 hours. Inventor Information Form: 50 hours.

**Needs and Uses:** The NIST DN-45 Invention Disclosure Form is used to collect information pertaining to inventions created by Federal employees or by non-Federally employed individuals who have created an invention using NIST laboratory facilities as NIST Associates. The collection of this information is required to protect the United States rights to inventions created using Federal resources. The information collected on the form allows the Government to determine: (1) if an invention has been created; (2) the status of any statutory bar that pertains to the potential invention or that may pertain to the invention in the future. The information collected may allow the Government to begin a patent application process.

The Inventor Information Sheet is used to collect from individuals who have been named

as potential inventors on a NIST Invention Disclosure Form. The collection of this information is used for multiple purposes:

(1) Some of the information may be required to file a patent application, if NIST seeks to protect a federally owned invention, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 207.

(2) The form, in part, is a statement made by the respondent declaring whether the respondent considers herself/himself to be an inventor.

(3) Some of the information is needed for NIST to determine potential assignees with which NIST would potentially negotiate consolidation of rights and other patent related matters.

(4) Some of the information helps NIST determine under which statutory authority NIST may consolidate rights in an invention with other potential assignees.

(5) Country citizenship information is required to determine whether a Scientific and Technology agreement or treaty with the respondent's country may impact the U.S. Government's rights to the invention.

The information is collected by the Technology Partnerships Office and shared with the Office of Chief Counsel at NIST. The information may also be shared with non-Governmental entities that may have ownership rights to the potential invention. The Government collects this information to execute the policy and objective of the Congress expressed at 35 U.S.C. 200. 35 U.S.C. 207 authorizes Federal agencies to apply for, obtain, and maintain patents or other forms of protection . . . on inventions in which the Federal Government owns a right, title, or

interest. 35 U.S.C. 207 also authorizes each Federal agency to undertake all other suitable and necessary steps to protect and administer rights to federally owned inventions on behalf of the Federal government.

The information collected through the NIST DN-45 is necessary for NIST to execute the authority granted at 35 U.S.C. 207.

**Affected Public:** Individuals.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693-0085.

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This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**Title:** Pacific Coast Groundfish Trawl Rationalization Program Permit and License Information Collection.

**OMB Control Number:** 0648-0620.

**Form Number(s):** None.

**Type of Request:** Regular submission (revision and extension of a current information collection).

**Number of Respondents:** 359 unique respondents.

**Average Hours per Response:** QS Permit/Account Application & Renewal—10 minutes; First Receiver Site License Application Form: New Entrants—200 minutes; Mothership Permit Renewal Form—10 minutes; Mothership Permit Change of Vessel—35 minutes; Catcher/Processor Cooperative Permit Application Form—110 minutes; Mothership Cooperative Permit Application Form—230 minutes; Material Change to COOP—150 minutes; Trawl Identification of Ownership Interest Form: Renewal—3 minutes; Trawl Identification of Ownership Interest Form: New Entrants—45 minutes; Vessel Account Registrations & Renewal—11 minutes; QP Transfer from QS Account to Vessel Account—5 minutes; QP Transfer from Vessel Account to Vessel Account—5 minutes; Change of MS/CV—Endorsement—35 minutes; QS Transfer, QS Abandonment Request, and Shore based Scales/First Receivers Scale Reports—10 minutes; First Receiver Site License Application Form: Re-Registration—100 minutes.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 645 hours.

**Needs and Uses:** This request is for a revision and extension of a current information collection.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, authorizes Fishery Management Councils to prepare and amend fishery management plans (FMP) for any fishery in waters under its jurisdiction. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages the groundfish fishery in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), the area 3–200 mile zone off the Washington, Oregon, and California coasts.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) began developing a trawl rationalization program, a catch share program, for the Pacific coast groundfish limited entry trawl fishery in 2003. The program is composed of three

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Pacific Coast Groundfish Trawl Rationalization Program Permit and License Information Collection

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on August 7, 2025, during a 60-day comment period.

sectors, as follows: (1) the shore based individual fishing quota (IFQ) sector, (2) the at-sea whiting mothership (MS) sector, and (3) the at-sea whiting catcher/processor (C/P) sector. The shore based IFQ sector consists of quota share (QS) permit owners, catcher vessels that are registered to limited entry trawl permits, have vessel accounts, fish for quota pounds (QP), and first receiver site license (FRSL) holders who receive the shore based IFQ landings. The at-sea trawl fleets catch and process Pacific whiting (whiting) with midwater trawl gear. In the MS sector, mothership catcher vessels (MS/ CVs) harvest the whiting and deliver the catch to large MS vessels, where it is sorted and processed at-sea. One or more MS coops may form and/or vessels may fish in a non-cooperative fishery. Both coop and non-coop fishery vessels pool their harvest together. In the C/P sector, C/P vessels catch and process whiting at-sea under a single C/P coop.

This revision will include the removal of three ICs: Catch monitoring plans/ First Receivers Preparation & Submission, Catch monitoring plans/ First Receivers Inspection, & Shore based scales/First Receivers Inspection. The removal of these ICs is necessary because they are encompassed in the First Receiver Site License Application Form. This action decreases the duplicate actions and burden to fill out said forms.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions.

**Frequency:** On occasion, annually, quarterly, or once depending on the form.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

**Legal Authority:** Pub. L. 94-265 Sec. 303 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Native American Tribal Insignia Database

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereafter “USPTO” or “Agency”), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0048 (Native American Tribal Insignia Database). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comments preceding submission of the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before March 24, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include “0651-0048 comment” in the subject line of the message.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- *Telephone:* Cristiana Schwab, Office of Enrollment and Discipline, 571-272-3514.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Cristiana Schwab, Attorney Advisor, at: Office of the

Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; 571-272-3514; or [Cristiana.Schwab@uspto.gov](mailto:Cristiana.Schwab@uspto.gov) with “0651-0048 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov/> under “Information Collection Review.”

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Trademark Law Treaty Implementation Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-330, 302, 112 Stat. 3071) required the USPTO to study issues surrounding the protection of the official insignia of federally and state-recognized Native American tribes under trademark law. The USPTO conducted the study and presented a report to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees on November 30, 1999.<sup>1</sup> One of the recommendations made in the report was that the USPTO create and maintain an accurate and comprehensive database containing the official insignia of all federally and state-recognized Native American tribes. In accordance with this recommendation, the Senate Committee on Appropriations directed the USPTO to create this database. The USPTO published the final procedures for establishing and maintaining the tribal insignia database in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 2001 (66 FR 44603).<sup>2</sup>

The USPTO database of official tribal insignias provides evidence of what a federally or state-recognized Native American tribe considers to be its official insignia. Section 2(a) of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1052(a), disallows the registration of marks that falsely suggest a connection with a non-sponsoring person or institution, including a Native American tribe. The database thereby assists trademark examining attorneys in their examination of applications for trademark registration by serving as a reference for determining the registrability of a mark that may falsely suggest a connection to the official insignia of a Native American tribe. The database, included within the trademark search system, is available to the public on the USPTO website, and includes an online help program for using the system. More information about the program is available on the website at

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-105publ330/pdf/PLAW-105publ330.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2001-08-24/pdf/01-21479.pdf>.