

U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* The FMP governs the groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California (WOC).

This comprehensive Federal Fisheries data collection program includes recordkeeping and reporting requirements for fish processing vessels over 125 feet in length (at sea processors, which includes catcher/processors and motherships) and catcher vessels that deliver to motherships operating in the waters off WOC. This information is used by the observers at-sea to obtain fishing effort information and would also be used to estimate catch if observer data were not available (*i.e.*, illness or injury of the observer) or to verify observer data.

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

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: October 20, 2009.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

**Patent Cooperation Treaty**

**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 December 28, 2009.

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

- *E-mail:* [Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov](mailto:Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov). Include A0651-0021 *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, United States 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 Rafael Bacares, Office of PCT Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-3276; or by e-mail to [Rafael.Bacares@uspto.gov](mailto:Rafael.Bacares@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This collection of information is required by the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), which became operational in June 1978 and is administered by the International Bureau (IB) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva, Switzerland. The provisions of the PCT have been implemented by the United States in Part IV of Title 35 of the U.S. Code and Subpart C of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The purpose of the PCT is to provide a standardized filing format and procedure that allows an applicant to seek protection for an invention in several countries by filing one international application in one location, in one language, and paying one initial set of fees.

The information in this collection is used by the public to submit a patent application under the PCT and by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to fulfill its obligation to process, search, and examine the application as directed by the treaty. The USPTO acts as the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) for

international applications filed by residents and nationals of the United States. These applicants send most of their correspondence directly to the USPTO, but they may also file certain documents directly with the IB. The USPTO also serves as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA).

The USPTO is updating this information collection to reflect the current practice and fee structure for PCT applications entering the national stage at the USPTO. A form is being added to this collection for the previously approved information requirement for the withdrawal of an international application. This form (PCT/IB/372) is developed and maintained by the WIPO.

**II. Method of Collection**

By mail, hand delivery, or electronically to the USPTO. Electronic submissions are made through EFS-Web, the USPTO's online filing system for patent applications and related documents.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0651-0021.

*Form Number(s):* PCT/RO/101, PCT/RO/134, PCT/IB/372, PCT/IPEA/401, PTO-1382, PTO-1390, PTO/SB/61/PCT, PTO/SB/64/PCT.

*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:* 363,809 responses per year.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public from 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to 8 hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form or documents, and submit the information to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 341,840 hours per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$105,970,400 per year. The USPTO expects that the information in this collection will be prepared by attorneys. Using the professional rate of \$310 per hour for attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for submitting the information in this collection will be \$105,970,400 per year.

| Item   | Estimated time for response | Estimated annual responses | Estimated annual burden hours |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Request and Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex and Notes) (PCT/RO/101) .....   | 1 hour .....                | 53,527                     | 53,527                        |
| Description/claims/drawings/abstracts .....  | 3 hours .....               | 53,527                     | 160,581                       |
| Application Data Sheet .....   | 23 minutes .....            | 39,592                     | 15,045                        |
| Transmittal Letter to the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) (PTO-1382) .....  | 15 minutes .....            | 48,174                     | 12,044                        |
| Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Submission Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (PTO-1390) .....                  | 15 minutes .....            | 58,794                     | 14,699                        |
| PCT/Model of Power of Attorney .....   | 15 minutes .....            | 5,353                      | 1,338                         |
| PCT/Model of General Power of Attorney .....   | 15 minutes .....            | 536                        | 134                           |
| Extensions of time .....   | 15 minutes .....            | 21,000                     | 5,250                         |
| Priority documents .....   | 15 minutes .....            | 20                         | 5                             |
| Indications Relating to a Deposited Microorganism (PCT/RO/134) .....   | 15 minutes .....            | 20                         | 5                             |
| Response to invitation to correct defects .....  | 2 hours .....               | 18,524                     | 37,048                        |
| Request for rectification of obvious errors .....  | 30 minutes .....            | 589                        | 295                           |
| Demand and Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex and Notes) (PCT/IPEA/401) .....  | 1 hour .....                | 3,365                      | 3,365                         |
| Amendments .....   | 1 hour .....                | 3,365                      | 3,365                         |
| Fee Authorization .....  | 15 minutes .....            | 48,174                     | 12,044                        |
| Requests to transmit copies of international application .....   | 15 minutes .....            | 501                        | 125                           |
| Withdrawal of international application (PCT/IB/372) .....   | 15 minutes .....            | 1,306                      | 327                           |
| Translations .....   | 2 hours .....               | 1,655                      | 3,310                         |
| Petition for Revival of an International Application for Patent Designating the U.S. Abandoned Unavoidably Under 37 CFR 1.137(a) (PTO/SB/61/PCT) .....     | 8 hours .....               | 55                         | 440                           |
| Petition for Revival of an International Application for Patent Designating the U.S. Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (PTO/SB/64/PCT) ..... | 1 hour .....                | 1,027                      | 1,027                         |
| Petitions to the Commissioner for international applications .....   | 4 hours .....               | 581                        | 2,324                         |
| Petitions to the Commissioner in national stage examination .....  | 4 hours .....               | 3,287                      | 13,148                        |
| Acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority .....  | 2 hours .....               | 117                        | 234                           |
| Request for the restoration of the right of priority (37 CFR 1.78) .....   | 3 hours .....               | 720                        | 2,160                         |
| Totals .....   | .....                       | 363,809                    | 341,840                       |

*Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Resident Cost Burden:* \$282,024,234 per year. There are no capital start-up or maintenance costs associated with this information collection. However, this collection does have annual (non-hour) costs in the form of translations, drawings, fees, recordkeeping costs, and postage costs.

Under the terms of the PCT, the USPTO may require documents submitted for a PCT application to be translated into English when necessary. This requirement may carry additional costs for the applicant to contract for a translation of the documents in question. The USPTO believes that the average length of the documents to be translated will be 10 pages and that it will cost \$150 per page for the translation, for an average translation cost of \$1,500 per document. The USPTO estimates that it receives approximately 1,655 English translations annually, for a total cost of

\$2,482,500 per year for English translations of non-English language documents for PCT applications.

Applicants may also incur costs for drawings that are submitted as part of PCT applications. Some applicants may produce their own drawings, while others may contract out the work to various patent illustration firms. For the purpose of estimating burden for this collection, the USPTO will consider all applicants to have their drawings prepared by these firms. The USPTO estimates that drawings may cost an average of \$58 per sheet to produce and that on average 11 sheets of drawings are submitted per application, for an average total cost of \$638 to produce a set of drawings for an application. The USPTO expects that approximately 91% of the estimated 53,527 applications per year will have drawings filed with them, for a total of 48,710 sets of drawings at a total cost of \$31,076,980 per year.

The estimated filing fees for this collection are calculated in the accompanying table. The fees listed for Requests and Demands represent an estimate of the average fees for filing the appropriate items associated with those requirements for an international application. The basic national fee under 37 CFR 1.492(a) for an international application entering the national stage is fixed at \$330 (\$165 for small entities). The search and examination fees under 37 CFR 1.492(b)-(c) vary depending on the outcome of the written opinion prepared by the ISA/US, the international preliminary examination report prepared by the IPEA/US, and other related factors as noted in the accompanying table. The basic national fee, search fee, examination fee, and the fees for petitions to revive unavoidably or unintentionally abandoned international applications are discounted for small entities.

| Item  | Estimated annual responses | Fee amount | Estimated annual filing costs |
|---|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Request and Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex and Notes) (PCT/RO/101) .....            | 53,527                     | \$3,504.00 | \$187,558,608.00              |
| Description/claims/drawings/abstracts .....                                       | 53,527                     | 0.00       | 0.00                          |
| Application Data Sheet .....  | 39,592                     | 0.00       | 0.00                          |
| Transmittal Letter to the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) (PTO-1382) ..... | 48,174                     | 0.00       | 0.00                          |

| Item   | Estimated annual responses | Fee amount   | Estimated annual filing costs |
|--|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (PTO-1390)—U.S. was the ISA or IPEA and all claims satisfy PCT Article 33(1)–(4); includes \$330 basic fee, \$0 search fee, and \$0 examination fee .....   | 808                        | 330.00       | 266,640.00                    |
| Transmittal Letter to the DO/EO/US (PTO-1390)—U.S. was the ISA or IPEA and all claims satisfy PCT Article 33(1)–(4); includes \$165 basic fee, \$0 search fee, and \$0 examination fee for small entity .....  | 202                        | 165.00       | 33,330.00                     |
| Transmittal Letter to the DO/EO/US (PTO-1390)—U.S. was the ISA; includes \$330 basic fee, \$100 search fee, and \$220 examination fee .....  | 1,935                      | 650.00       | 1,257,750.00                  |
| Transmittal Letter to the DO/EO/US (PTO-1390)—U.S. was the ISA; includes \$165 basic fee, \$50 search fee, and \$110 examination fee for small entity .....  | 2,604                      | 325.00       | 846,300.00                    |
| Transmittal Letter to the DO/EO/US (PTO-1390)—International search report prepared by other than the U.S. and provided to the USPTO or previously communicated to the U.S. by the IB; includes \$330 basic fee, \$430 search fee, and \$220 examination fee ....                   | 40,994                     | 980.00       | 40,174,120.00                 |
| Transmittal Letter to the DO/EO/US (PTO-1390)—International search report prepared by other than the U.S. and provided to the USPTO or previously communicated to the U.S. by the IB; includes \$165 basic fee, \$215 search fee, and \$110 examination fee for small entity ..... | 9,667                      | 490.00       | 4,736,830.00                  |
| Transmittal Letter to the DO/EO/US (PTO-1390)—All other situations; includes \$330 basic fee, \$540 search fee, and \$220 examination fee .....  | 1,669                      | 1,090.00     | 1,819,210.00                  |
| Transmittal Letter to the DO/EO/US (PTO-1390)—All other situations; includes \$165 basic fee, \$270 search fee, and \$110 examination fee for small entity .....   | 915                        | 545.00       | 498,675.00                    |
| PCT/Model of Power of Attorney .....   | 5,353                      | 0.00         | 0.00                          |
| PCT/Model of General Power of Attorney .....   | 536                        | 0.00         | 0.00                          |
| Extensions of time .....   | 21,000                     | 0.00         | 0.00                          |
| Priority documents .....   | 20                         | 0.00         | 0.00                          |
| Indications Relating to a Deposited Microorganism (PCT/RO/134) .....   | 20                         | 0.00         | 0.00                          |
| Response to invitation to correct defects .....  | 18,524                     | 0.00         | 0.00                          |
| Request for rectification of obvious errors .....  | 589                        | 0.00         | 0.00                          |
| Demand and Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex and Notes) (PCT/IPEA/401) .....  | 3,365                      | 771.00       | 2,594,415.00                  |
| Amendments .....   | 3,365                      | 0.00         | 0.00                          |
| Fee Authorization .....  | 48,174                     | 0.00         | 0.00                          |
| Requests to transmit copies of international application .....   | 501                        | 0.00         | 0.00                          |
| Withdrawal of international application (PCT/IB/372) .....   | 1,306                      | 0.00         | 0.00                          |
| Translations .....   | 1,655                      | 0.00         | 0.00                          |
| Petition for Revival of an International Application for Patent Designating the U.S. Abandoned Unavoidably Under 37 CFR 1.137(a) (PTO/SB/61/PCT) .....   | 25                         | 540.00       | 13,500.00                     |
| Petition for Revival of an International Application for Patent Designating the U.S. Abandoned Unavoidably Under 37 CFR 1.137(a) (PTO/SB/61/PCT)—small entity .....  | 30                         | 270.00       | 8,100.00                      |
| Petition for Revival of an International Application for Patent Designating the U.S. Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (PTO/SB/64/PCT) .....   | 565                        | 1,620.00     | 915,300.00                    |
| Petition for Revival of an International Application for Patent Designating the U.S. Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (PTO/SB/64/PCT)—small entity .....  | 462                        | 810.00       | 374,220.00                    |
| Petitions to the Commissioner for international applications .....   | 581                        | 130.00       | 75,530.00                     |
| Petitions to the Commissioner in national stage examination .....  | 3,287                      | 200.00       | 657,400.00                    |
| Acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority .....  | 117                        | 1,410.00     | 164,970.00                    |
| Request for the restoration of the right of priority (37 CFR 1.78) .....   | 720                        | 1,410.00     | 1,015,200.00                  |
| <b>Totals .....</b>  | <b>363,809</b>             | <b>.....</b> | <b>243,010,098.00</b>         |

In addition to the filing fees listed in the table, applicants may also incur fees for late filings, multiple dependent claims, and lengthy applications. The fee for the late filing of search or examination fees under 37 CFR 1.492(h) is \$130 for large entities and \$65 for small entities. The USPTO estimates that it will receive approximately 20,053 of these late payment fees for large entities and 7,632 for small entities per year, for a total of \$3,102,970. The fee for the late filing of an English translation of an international application under 37 CFR 1.492(i) is \$130. The USPTO estimates that it will receive approximately 116 of these late translation fees per year, for a total of \$15,080. The fee for applications

containing a multiple dependent claim is \$390 for large entities and \$195 for small entities. The USPTO estimates that it will receive approximately 3,530 of these multiple dependent claim fees for large entities and 1,158 for small entities per year, for a total of \$1,602,510. Applications with specifications and drawings that exceed 100 pages may be subject to an application size fee of \$270 (\$135 for small entities) for each additional 50 pages or fraction thereof. The USPTO estimates that it will receive approximately 2,205 of the \$270 size fees from large entities and approximately 621 of the \$135 size fees from small entities per year, for a total of \$679,185. The total estimated fees for

this collection, including filing fees and other additional fees, will be approximately \$248,409,843 per year.

There are recordkeeping costs associated with filing PCT submissions online using EFS-Web. The USPTO recommends that customers print and retain a copy of the acknowledgment receipt after a successful online submission. The USPTO estimates that it will take five seconds (0.001 hours) to print a copy of the acknowledgment receipt and that approximately 309,238 PCT-related items per year will be submitted via EFS-Web, for a total of approximately 309 hours per year for printing this receipt. The USPTO expects that these receipts will be printed by paraprofessionals at an

estimated rate of \$100 per hour, for an estimated recordkeeping cost of \$30,900 per year.

Customers may incur postage costs when submitting the information in this collection to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO estimates that the average first-class postage cost for a mailed submission will be 44 cents and that up to 54,571 submissions will be mailed to the USPTO per year. The total estimated postage cost for this collection is \$24,011 per year.

The total annual (non-hour) respondent cost burden for this collection associated with translations, drawings, fees, recordkeeping, and postage is estimated to be \$282,024,234 per year.

#### 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: October 20, 2009.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Customer Input: United States Patent and Trademark Office Customer Surveys

**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 extension of a

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 December 28, 2009.

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

- *E-mail:* [Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov](mailto:Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov).

Include "0651-0038 Customer Input: United States Patent and Trademark Office Customer Surveys 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, Information Management Services, Data Management Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Martin Rater, Management Analyst, Office of Patent Quality Assurance, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-5966; or by e-mail at [martin.rater@uspto.gov](mailto:martin.rater@uspto.gov) with "Paperwork" in the subject line.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Abstract

This is a generic clearance for an undefined number of voluntary surveys that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) may conduct over the next three years. The USPTO uses telephone surveys, questionnaires, and customer surveys to collect feedback from their customers.

With the exception of the telephone surveys, the surveys are mailed to the USPTO's customers. The USPTO provides the option for customers to respond to the questionnaires and surveys electronically. Although the USPTO is moving to an electronic environment and would prefer to administer the questionnaires and customer surveys wholly via the Web to coincide with other e-government initiatives, the USPTO's customers have requested that the surveys be made available in paper format as well since many of them only find the time to complete the surveys during their commutes, on planes, etc., where they do not have Internet access. Consequently, the surveys are primarily answered in the paper format.

Customers either access the survey in question through the USPTO's Web site

or through the Web sites of the USPTO's survey contractors. Instructions for using the online surveys are provided in the cover letter that accompanies the survey. The cover letter also contains the username and password required to enter the survey site and the access code to activate the survey. The electronic version of the survey mirrors the paper version.

The surveys in this collection are designed to obtain customer feedback regarding products, services, and related service standards of the USPTO. At this time, the USPTO is unable to state precisely which survey vehicles will be used during the renewal period. As the USPTO's survey needs are determined, the USPTO will submit the specific survey instrument for approval.

#### II. Method of Collection

These surveys will either be conducted by telephone, mailed to the USPTO in a pre-addressed, self-stamped envelope, or completed electronically. A random sample is used to collect the data. Statistical methods will be followed.

#### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0651-0038.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

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

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profits.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,900 responses per year.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to complete the telephone surveys and 5 minutes (.08 hours) to complete the questionnaires and customer surveys, whether they are mailed to the USPTO or submitted electronically. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, complete the surveys, and submit them to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 220 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$57,420. The USPTO believes that both professionals and paraprofessionals will complete these surveys, at a rate of 76% of the current professional rate of \$310 (\$236) per hour and 25% of the paraprofessional rate of \$100 (\$25) per hour. Using a combination of these rates, the USPTO is using an hourly rate of \$261 to calculate the respondent costs. The USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for this collection will be \$57,420 per year.