DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XA442]

Marine Mammals; File No. 21476

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Lars Bejder, Ph.D., University of Hawaii at Manoa, 46–007 Liliopuna Road, Kanehoe, HI 96744, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 21476.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before September 30, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the “Features” box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov, and then selecting File No. 21476 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 21476 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McLenahan or Carrie Hubard, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 21476 is requested 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 and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Permit No. 21476, issued on August 27, 2019 (84 FR 48610; September 16, 2019), permits the permit holder to conduct research on 32 species of marine mammals including the following ESA-listed species: blue (Balaenoptera musculus), bowhead (Balaena mysticetus), fin (B. physalus), Hawaiian insular false killer (Pseudorca crassidens), humpback (Megaptera novaeangliae), sei (B. borealis), sperm (Physeter macrocephalus), and Western North Pacific gray (Eschrichtius robustus) whales. Authorized research activities include unmanned aerial surveys and vessel surveys in U.S. and international waters of the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii, Alaska, and U.S. territories. Permitted research activities include photography and video recording (above water and underwater), photogrammetry, counts, passive acoustic recording, biological sampling (skin and blubber biopsy, sloughed skin, exhaled air, and feces), and suction-cup tagging.

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to: (1) Increase the permitted takes from 2,000 to 4,000 annually for Level B harassment activities for spinner dolphins (Stenella longirostris) in Hawaii; and (2) increase the number of suction-cup tagging takes from 10 to 20 annually for humpback whale calves in Hawaii from the non-ESA-listed Hawaii distinct population segment. No changes to the permitted objectives, methods, or locations are proposed. The permit expires on August 31, 2024.

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

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.


Julia Marie Harrison,
Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

NTIA 2020 Spectrum Policy Symposium

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce, will host a virtual, online symposium on September 22, 2020, focusing on national spectrum policy development and the evolution of new technologies and policies for federal spectrum management including spectrum sharing.

DATES: The symposium will be held on September 22, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The symposium will be held online and will be accessible from NTIA’s public website. https://www.ntia.gov/other-publication/2020/2020-spectrum-policy-symposium-webcast.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Alden, Telecommunications Specialist, Office of Spectrum Management, NTIA, at (202) 482–8046 or spectrum symposium@ntia.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA’s Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482–7002; email: press@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NTIA serves as the president’s principal advisor on telecommunications policies pertaining to the nation’s economic and technological advancement and establishes policies concerning use of the radio spectrum by federal agencies. See 47 U.S.C. 902(b)(2)(D). NTIA is hosting a symposium that will focus on developing, implementing and maintaining sustainable, national spectrum policies and spectrum management techniques that will enable the United States to strengthen its global leadership role in the introduction of wireless telecommunications technology, services, and innovation, while also supporting the expansion of existing technologies and the nation’s homeland security, national defense, and other critical government missions. Speakers are expected to include representatives of the Department of Commerce, the Executive Office of the President, the U.S. Congress, Executive Branch agencies, and private sector and other non-government organizations. Prior to the event, NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its website at: https://www.ntia.gov/other-publication/2020/2020-spectrum-policy-symposium-webcast.

The symposium is open to the public and members of the press. NTIA asks registrants to provide first and last names, email addresses, and their organization (optional) for both
registration purposes and to receive updates on the symposium. Registration information, the agenda, and meeting updates, if any, and other relevant documents will be available on NTIA’s website at: https://www.ntia.gov/other-publication/2020/2020-spectrum-policy-symposium-webcast.

Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should notify Mr. Alden at the contact information listed above at least ten (10) business days before the event.


Kathy D. Smith,
Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) Surveys

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) 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. The USPTO invites comment on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on June 22, 2020 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.


Title: Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0065.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 750 respondents.

Average Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates 750 responses and that it will take the public approximately 15 minutes to complete this information collection, depending on the complexity of the submission. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate briefs, petition, and other papers, and submit the completed items to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 188 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Cost Burden: $0.

Needs and Uses: The USPTO surveys international and domestic participants of the USPTO’s GIPA training programs to obtain feedback from the participants on the effectiveness of the various services provided to them in the training programs. GIPA was established in 2006 to offer training programs on the enforcement of intellectual property rights, patents, trademarks, and copyright.

The training programs offered by GIPA are designed to meet the specific needs of foreign government officials (including judges; prosecutors; police; customs officials; patent, trademark, and copyright officials; and policymakers) concerning various intellectual property topics, such as global intellectual property rights protection, enforcement, and strategies to handle the protection and enforcement issues in their respective countries.

This information collection contains three surveys directed to separate audiences: Overseas-program participants, post-program participants, and alumni. The Overseas-Program Survey is designed for international participants at the conclusion of the GIPA training program conducted overseas. This survey replaces the existing Pre-Program Survey and is a shortened version of the Post-Program Survey. The Post-Program Survey is used to analyze the overall effectiveness of the program and is conducted at the conclusion of training programs held at U.S. locations. The Alumni Survey is used to determine the benefit of the GIPA training program for the future job performance of the participant. The data obtained from these three surveys will be used to evaluate the percentage of foreign officials trained by GIPA who have increased their expertise in intellectual property, enhanced their professional abilities and future job performance, and developed their own nation’s intellectual property program. All the surveys have updated questions and answer options.


Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov.

Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website 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 information collection or the OMB Control Number 0651–0065.

Further information can be obtained by:

• Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651–0065 information request” in the subject line of the message.

• Mail: Kimberly Hardy, Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

Kimberly Hardy,
Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Renewal of the Agricultural Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission) is publishing this notice to announce the renewal of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC). The Commission has determined that the renewal of the AAC is necessary and in the public’s interest, and the Commission has consulted with the General Services Administration’s Committee Management Secretariat regarding the AAC’s renewal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Summer Mersinger, AAC Designated Federal Officer, at 202–418–6074 or smersinger@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AAC’s objectives and scope of activities are to assist the Commission in assessing issues affecting agricultural producers, processors, lenders and others interested in or affected by the agricultural commodity derivatives