

Management Council to rebuild this stock.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Transboundary Management Guidance Committee and Steering Committee Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the proposed schedule and agenda of the October 1–2, 2024, Transboundary Management Guidance Committee (TMGC) and U.S./Canada Transboundary Resources Steering Committee meetings. The members will meet and discuss concerns regarding transboundary resources outlined in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: The TMGC meeting will be held October 1–2, 2024, and the Steering Committee meeting will be held on October 3, 2024. Daily start and end times are included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

ADDRESSES: The hybrid meeting is being held at the Courtyard Boston Downtown/North Station Marriott, 107 Beverly Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114. Space in the building is very limited, and any members of the public looking to attend in-person should reach out to Anjali Bhardwaj (Anjali.Bhardwaj@noaa.gov, 978-281-9293) for more information. Conference call and webinar access information for the TMGC meeting can be found here: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/oct-1-3-2024-transboundary-management-guidance-committee-tmgc-meeting>. Conference call and webinar access information for the Steering Committee meeting is located here: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/oct-3-2024-u-s-canada-transboundary-resources-steering-committee-meeting>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Agenda

The below agenda is subject to change.

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 From 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- 9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m., Introductions and Discussion of Agenda
- 9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m., Management Update
- 10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m., Review and Discuss Domestic Science Information: 2024 Allocation Shares
- 10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m., 2024 Domestic Science Information: Yellowtail Flounder
- 10:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m., 2024 Domestic Science Information: Atlantic Cod
- 11:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m., Break
- 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m., 2024 Domestic Science Information: Haddock
- 12:45 p.m.–2 p.m., Lunch
- 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m., Discussion of Guidance for 2025 Fishing Year
- 3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m., Break
- 3:45 p.m.–5 p.m., Continued Discussion of Guidance for 2025 Fishing Year
- 5 p.m., Adjourn

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 From 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- 9:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m., Preparation of Guidance Document for 2025 Fishing Year
- 10:45 a.m.–11 a.m., Break
- 11 a.m.–12 p.m., Preparation of Guidance Document for 2025 Fishing Year
- 12 p.m.–1 p.m., Lunch
- 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m., CY 2025 Scientific Process Discussion
- 2:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m., Break
- 2:45 p.m.–4:30 p.m., Other Business
- 4:30 p.m., Adjourn

Thursday, October 3, 2024 From 8:30 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.

- 8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m., Introductory Remarks from Steering Committee Co-Chairs
- 8:45 a.m.–9:15 a.m., Species at Risk Working Group Updates
- 9:15 a.m.–9:45 a.m., Domestic Stock Assessment Summaries
- 9:45 a.m.–10:30 a.m., Scientific Coordination Discussion
- 10:30 a.m.–11:15 a.m., TMGC Report
- 11:15 a.m.–11:35 a.m., Other Business as Needed
- 11:35 a.m.–11:55 a.m., Closing Remarks

Since the delineation of the international maritime boundary line in 1984, also known as the Hague Line, the United States and Canada have collaborated closely to sustainably

manage shared transboundary fisheries resources, including Eastern Georges Bank cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder stocks. In 2000, the TMGC was established to provide guidance to both countries on the management and shared catch advice for these transboundary fish stocks. The arrangement also allows for collaboration and the opportunity to provide feedback on domestic scientific processes while also coordinating research and enforcement activities.

Representatives from NOAA Fisheries and the New England Fishery Management Council serve on the U.S. delegation to the TMGC to recommend shared catch advice annually. Catch advice is based on the best scientific information available and an agreed upon resource sharing allocation formula that considers historical proportions of fishery landings by U.S. and Canadian fishermen, as well as resource distribution based on trawl surveys. The 2023 Transboundary Management Committee Guidance Document, which summarizes last year's meeting, can be located online at <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/sep-11-12-2023-transboundary-management-guidance-committee-tmgc-meeting>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees

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 comments 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 July 17, 2024 during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 58138).

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

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

Title: Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0016.

Needs and Uses: Under 35 U.S.C. 41 and 37 CFR 1.20(e)–(h), 1.362, 1.363, 1.366, 1.377, and 1.378, the USPTO charges fees for maintaining in force all patents based on applications filed on or after December 12, 1980, except for plant and design patents. Furthermore, maintenance fees are required for a reissue patent unless the patent being reissued did not require maintenance fees. Payment of these maintenance fees is due at 3½, 7½, and 11½ years after the date the patent was granted. See section 2504 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) (9th Edition, Rev. 07.2022, February 2023) for more information.

If the USPTO does not receive payment of the appropriate maintenance fee and any applicable surcharge within a grace period of six months following each of the above due dates (at 4, 8, or 12 years after the date of grant), the patent will expire at that time. After a patent expires, it is no longer enforceable. Payments of maintenance fees that are submitted during the 6-month grace period before patent expiration must include the appropriate surcharge as indicated by 37 CFR 1.20(h). Submissions of maintenance fee payments and surcharges must include the relevant patent number and the corresponding United States application number in order to identify the correct patent and ensure proper crediting of the fee being paid. See MPEP 2506, 2510, and 2515 for more information.

If the USPTO refuses to accept and record a maintenance fee payment that was submitted prior to the expiration of a patent, the patentee may petition the Director to accept and record the maintenance fee under 37 CFR 1.377. This petition must be accompanied by the fee indicated in 37 CFR 1.17(g), which may be refunded if it is determined that the refusal to accept the maintenance fee was due to an error by the USPTO.

If a patent has expired due to nonpayment of a maintenance fee, the patentee may petition the Director to accept a delayed payment of the maintenance fee under 37 CFR 1.378(b). The Director may accept the payment of a maintenance fee after the expiration of the patent if the petitioner shows to the satisfaction of the Director that the delay in payment was unintentional. Petitions to accept unintentionally delayed

payment must also be accompanied by the required maintenance fee and the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m). If the Director accepts the maintenance fee payment upon petition, then the patent is reinstated. If the USPTO denies a petition to accept delayed payment of a maintenance fee in an expired patent, the patentee may petition the Director to reconsider that decision under 37 CFR 1.378(d).

This information collection covers maintenance fee petition information, including the electronic interface and form provided by the USPTO to assist the public with maintenance fee petitions. To pay a maintenance fee after patent expiration, the maintenance fee payment and the petition fee, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m), must be filed together with a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of the maintenance fee in an expired patent under 37 CFR 1.378(b). The USPTO offers two different versions of the form for petitions to accept unintentionally delayed payments of maintenance fees: a web-based ePetition and form PTO/SB/66 (a fillable PDF). The USPTO recommends the use of the web-based ePetition. The USPTO does not offer forms for the petitions to review the refusal to accept the payment of a maintenance fee prior to the expiration of the patent under 37 CFR 1.377 or the petitions for the reconsideration of decisions on petitions refusing to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee in an expired patent under 37 CFR 1.378(d).

The fee address indication form (PTO/AIA/47 and PTO/SB/47) available at www.uspto.gov/patents/apply/forms was previously associated with this information collection. This form permits applicants, patentees, assignees, or their representatives of record to specify a “fee address” for correspondence related to maintenance fees that is separate from the correspondence address associated with a patent or application. This item is considered by OMB to be exempt from the PRA and therefore, though this item remains available, it is no longer included in this information collection.

Forms: (SB = Specimen Book).

- PTO/SB/66 (Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(b))

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

Affected Public: Private sector.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 2,616 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,616 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately between 1 hour and 8 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 3,424 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden: \$2,577,316.

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, 0651–0016.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651–0016 information request” in the subject line of the message.

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

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AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.