Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold its 92nd meeting.

DATES: The meeting will convene on Tuesday, May 30, 2006 through Thursday, June 1, 2006. The meeting will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, May 30, 2006, 8:30 a.m.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 91st Meeting
4. Insular Fisheries
A. Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Issues
1. Report on Hawaii Monitoring and Research Plan
2. Update on Bottomfish Stock Assessment
3. Plan Team Recommendations
B. Precious Corals
1. Draft Report on Black Coral Workshop
2. Plan Team Report
C. Public Comment
D. Discussion and Recommendations
5. Ecosystem and Habitat
A. Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) Fishing Regulations (ACTION ITEM)
B. Public Comment
C. Discussion and Recommendations

Wednesday, May 31, 2006, 8:30 a.m.

6. Protected Species
A. 26th Sea Turtle Symposium
B. Public Comment
C. Discussion and Recommendations
7. Pelagic Fisheries
A. American Samoa and Hawaii Longline 2005 Reports
B. Bigeye-Yellowfin Overfishing Measures (ACTION ITEM)
C. Options for Swordfish Seasonal Closure (ACTION ITEM)
D. International Fisheries
a. International Scientific Committee
b. SPC Heads of Fisheries Meeting
c. Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) Annual Meeting
d. WCPFC Scientific Committee
e. Council South Pacific Albacore Workshop
E. Shark Bycatch in Longline Fisheries
F. Public Comment
G. Discussion and Recommendations

Thursday, June 1, 2006, 8:30 a.m.

8. Other Business
A. 93rd SSC meeting – Paul Callaghan
9. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522–8220 (voice) or (808) 522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 11, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2006–0026]

Request for Comments on Patents Search Templates

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has developed and published patent search templates. Search templates define the field of search, search tools, and search methodologies that should be considered each time a patent application is examined in a particular classification. The USPTO is inviting public comment on the search templates.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent by electronic mail message over the Internet addressed to *STIC-SearchTemplate@uspto.gov*. Comments may also be submitted by mail addressed to: Mail Stop Patents Search Template Comments, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450. Although comments may be submitted by mail, the USPTO prefers to receive comments via the Internet.

The comments will be available for public inspection via the USPTO's Internet Web site (address: *http://www.uspto.gov*). Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information that is not desired to be made public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristin Vajs, Manager, Scientific and Technical Information Center (STIC), Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Resources and Planning, by telephone at (571) 272–3512.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Currently, patent applications filed in the USPTO, and the resulting United States patent application publications and United States patents, are classified into approximately 600 classes based upon technology and subject matter of the claimed invention. A patent examiner is responsible for reviewing prior patent documents, both domestic and foreign, and other printed literature related to an application's subject matter during the examination process. This review, called the search, is performed by consulting the appropriate classes, and their respective subclasses, in the United States classification system, other patent document databases, and any other printed media (also known as ''non-patent literature'' or ''NPL''), which might disclose the invention disclosed/claimed in a patent application under examination.

In determining the appropriate field of search for an invention, the examiner must consider three sources of information: (1) Domestic patent documents; (2) foreign patent documents; and (3) NPL. The current requirements for conducting that search are set forth in section 904.02 of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP). *See* MPEP § 904.02 (8th ed. 2001) (Rev. 3, August 2005). An examiner may not eliminate any of these resources from consideration unless the examiner can justify to a reasonable certainty that no more pertinent references will be found in a further search. *See* MPEP § 904.02. Although the general guidance set forth in the

MPEP is accurate, it provides little information on what resources should be searched, and which of the available search tools or methodologies, for a particular field of subject matter should be consulted. Detailed guidance on the choice and use of specific search tools were left to each Technology Center. *See* MPEP § 904.02(b)).

The USPTO has published ''search templates'' for each of the classes found in the USPTO's *Manual of Classification*. A search template will define the search field and resource areas of general subject matter, classes/subclasses, patent documents (both domestic and foreign) and NPL that an examiner should consider each time a patent application is examined in a particular classification. Additionally, the search template will indicate what search tools or methodologies should be considered when performing the search. These search templates are based upon input from patent examiners and other searchers at the USPTO and represent an attempt to capture their institutional knowledge of what are the most relevant prior art searches for determining the patentability of subject matter in the area of technology.

In an effort to ensure that each classification has an appropriately structured field of search and search strategy, the USPTO has published the search templates on the USPTO's Internet Web site at *http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/searchtemplates/*. The USPTO is publishing this request for comments to gather public feedback on the adequacy and completeness of the search templates.

Dated: May 10, 2006.

John Doll,

Commissioner for Patents.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[DOD–2006–OS–0086]

Notice of Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive License; PeopleMatter, Inc.

AGENCY: Office the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Security Agency hereby gives notice of its intent to grant PeopleMatter, Inc. a revocable, nonassignable, partially exclusive, license to practice the following Government-Owned invention as described in U.S. Patent NO. 6,904,564 entitle: ''Method of Summarizing Text Using Just the Text'', commonly known as KODA, issued 07 June 2005, in the field of Human Resource Management.

The above-mentioned invention is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the National Security Agency.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with any supporting evidence, if any.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Domestic Technology Transfer Program, 9800 Savage Rd, Ste 6541, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755–6541.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela L. Porter, Director, Domestic Technology Transfer program, 9800 Savage Road, Suite 6541, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755–6541, telephone (443) 479–0310.

Dated: May 10, 2006.

L. M. Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[DOD–2006–OS–0085]

Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive License; University of Michigan

AGENCY: Office the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Security Agency hereby gives notice of its intent to grant University of Michigan a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive, license to practice the following Government-Owned invention as described in U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/683,559 entitled: ''Ion Trap on a Semiconductor Chip,'' filed 23 May 2005, in the field of cryptography.

The above-mentioned invention is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the National Security Agency.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with any supporting evidence, if any.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Domestic Technology Transfer Program, 9800 Savage Rd., Ste. 6541, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755–6541.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela L. Porter, Director, Domestic Technology Transfer Program, 9800 Savage Road, Suite 6541, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755–6541, telephone (443) 479–0310.

Dated: May 10, 2006.

L.M. Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[DOD–2006–OS–0083]

Notice of Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive License; Visa USA, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Security Agency hereby gives notice of its intent to grant Visa USA, Inc. a revocable, nonassignable, partially exclusive, license to practice the following Government-Owned invention as described in U.S. Patent No. 6,947,978 entitled: ''Method for Geolocating Logical Network Addresses'', issued September 20, 2005, and Patent Application Serial Number 11/145,237 entitled: ''Method to Detecting Intermediary Communications Device,'' filed May 24, 2005, both in the field of credit card transactions over the Internet. The above-mentioned invention is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the National Security Agency.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with any supporting evidence, if any.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Domestic Technology Transfer Program, 9800 Savage Rd., Ste. 6541, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755–6541.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela L. Porter, Director, Domestic Technology Transfer Program, 9800 Savage Road, Suite 6541, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755–6541, telephone (443) 479–0310.

Dated: May 9, 2006.

L.M. Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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